

TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESSNESS COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

“The purpose of the Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee is to serve the County Board of Supervisors by advising on policy and practices related to services and programs that affect the County’s residents who are currently or at risk of experiencing homelessness.”

Date/Time: Thursday, February 13, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m.

Location: Tuolumne County Committees & Commissions Room, 48 Yaney Avenue, 3rd Floor - Sonora, CA 95370

Email &/or U.S. Mail comments to: Annie Hockett at ahockett@co.tuolumne.ca.us or: CAO Office 2 S. Green St. Sonora CA 95370
no later than 8:00 AM on the morning of the meeting.

CHAIRPERSON

Supervisor Ryan Campbell

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

#1 Colette Such

#2 Shelley Muniz

#3 Dawn Lien

#4 Stephanie Foster

#5 Jeanette Lambert

OTHER MEMBERS

ATCAA

-Joe Bors

City of Sonora

-Andy Merrill

Chicken Ranch Rancheria of
Me-Wuk Indians of California

-LeeAnn Hatton

Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians

-Darla Merlin

Tuolumne County Business Council

-Tom Crosby

Local Service Providers

-Larry Brunel

Lived Experience

-Phil Hickenbottom

NON-VOTING ADVISORS

Tuolumne County Sheriff

Tuolumne County District Attorney

STAFF

HHSA Director

-Annie Hockett

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions during roll call

- Confirm quorum requirements are met [*Quorum = 7 members*]

III. APPROVAL OF 11/09/2024 MEETING MINUTES

[*Committee Chair/Attachment/5 minutes*]

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

[*Committee Chair/Community Members/15 minutes*]

- Members of the public may be heard on any item **not** on the Committee’s agenda. A person addressing the Committee will be limited to three minutes. Comments by members of the public on any item on the agenda will only be allowed during consideration of the item by the Committee.

V. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

[*HHSA Team Members/ Committee Members/15 minutes*]

- Staff will report on Homeless Services projects and initiatives and answer questions from Committee members and the public.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VI. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

[*Committee Members/Community Members/15 minutes*]

- Members of the Committee will be given the opportunity to share updates on community projects addressing homelessness in Tuolumne County.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VII. HOMELESS SERVICES COMMITTEE STRUCTURE DISCUSSION

[*Committee Chair/ Committee Members/45 minutes*]

- Committee will review and discuss current Homeless Services Committee Structure.

Public Comment (limited to three minutes per person)

VIII. FUTURE MEETINGS

[*Committee Chair/2 minutes maximum*]

- Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, April 10, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, May 8, 2025 @ 9 a.m. – Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS & ADJOURNMENT



Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

Minutes of December 12, 2024, Meeting

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<u>2024 TCHC Membership</u>	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug. 2024	Oct. 2024	Nov. 2024	Dec. 2024
Supervisor: David Goldemberg - Chair	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Colette Such, District 1 Rep.	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Shelley Muniz, District 2 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	A	A	A
Dawn Lien, District 3 Rep.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓
Stephanie Foster, District 4 Rep.	V	✓	✓	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jeanette Lambert, District 5 Rep.	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	A	A	A
ATCAA, Joe Bors	✓	✓	✓	✓	E	✓	✓	✓	✓	A
Andy Merrill, City of Sonora Rep.	✓	✓	✓	A	A	✓	A	A	✓	✓
LeeAnn Hatton, Rep. Chicken Ranch Rancheria of Me-Wuk Indians of California	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Darla Merlin, Rep. Tuolumne Band of Me-Wuk Indians	E	A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓
Thomas Crosby, Rep. Tuolumne County Business Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local Service Provider Larry Brunel (8/24)	✓	✓	E	E	V	V	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lived Experience Phil Hickenbottom	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NON-VOTING ADVISORS REP.										
Tuolumne County Sheriff			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	A
Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office	✓	✓	✓	E	A	A	A	A	A	A

Present = ✓ Absent = A Excused = E Vacant = V

13 Committee Members = 7 Quorum

<u>Tuolumne County Staff in Attendance</u>	<u>Guests in Attendance</u>
Annie Hockett, HHSA Director Lindsey Lujan, Behavioral Health Deputy Director Jenn Guhl, BHSA Agency Manager Will Vanderheiden, Homeless Services Coord. Julie McNair, DSS Social Worker III Pandora Armbruster, TCBH Admin. Support	Jason Revord, One Pile at a Time Chris Neves, Homeless Outreach-Sonora Jeff Klay, UUFTC Cheryl Locke Mary Anne Schmidt Several other unidentified community members

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Goldemberg, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order promptly at 9:01 am.

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

Committee Members and staff introduced themselves. There were 9 members present to secure a quorum for the committee. Members present were Supervisor Goldemberg, Colette Such, Dawn Lien, Stephanie Foster, Joe Bors, LeeAnn Hatton, Merci Rust for Darla Merlin, Thomas Crosby, Larry Brunel, and Phil Hickenbottom. Members absent were Shelley Muniz, Jeanette Lambert, Joe Bors. Andy Merrill was not yet in attendance.

III. APPROVAL OF 11/14/2024 MEETING MINUTES

Colette Such moved, and Phil Hickenbottom seconded a motion to approve the November 14, 2024, Meeting Minutes. Motion passed. (Ayes: 9 Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Members absent: 4-Shellie Muniz, Jeanette Lambert, Joe Bors and Andy Merrill)

IV. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Jenn Guhl, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Agency Manager, shared information about the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) community survey and encouraged all in attendance to participate. She explained that this important survey is available electronically on the County's website, via Facebook page, as well as in paper form. Feedback is needed from all community members on the mental health needs of the diverse populations within the community. That community input helps the department to focus funding on relevant programs. Jenn shared that paper copies of the survey are available, and anyone interested can complete one immediately following today's meeting.

V. TUOLUMNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES STAFF REPORT

Will Vanderheiden, Tuolumne County Social Worker, reported out that all four FEMA trailers are now currently occupied. Winterization efforts continue at Camp Justice. Waddles, and extra gravel near the trash cans have all been put in place to address problem areas. The camp transitioned to a monthly rotation for moving for cleanup versus the weekly requirement previously in place. The new schedule appears successful as the same amount of trash was generated as was during the weekly timeframe. He noted that Behavioral Health is a great partner, visiting the camp weekly and Public Health is now also scheduling regular outreach hours there. Employers are stopping out looking for day laborers with some positive outcomes shared. Several small businesses have hired residents from the camp. Motherlode Job Training is also committed to coming out soon. There are plans in place to install a bulletin board which will allow community partners to post information on available services and donations. Will reported that there are 45-50 residents currently residing at Camp Justice. There is currently a waiting list of five trailers to get into the Camp and tent sites are full to overflowing. Many community partners, the HOST team, and City of Sonora all praised the efforts being made there and hoped to see Camp Justice continue.

Phil Hickenbottom has been working with My Mother Lode to share some of the positive outcomes being reported. The group discussed utilizing media to improve the public's view of the work being done and lives being changed. Supervisor Goldemberg encouraged that these efforts and positive outcomes also be shared at Board of Supervisors meetings regularly.

Julie McNair, Case Manager - Oak Terrace Navigation Center, reported that last month, 5 more rooms were filled with 10 people, ranging in age from 8 months to 82 years of age. Currently, all residents have some type of income, though that is not a requirement. Tenants participate in workshops, active case management, and are pursuing stable housing. It is a very friendly family atmosphere. Christmas trees are decorated, ornaments and cookies were made for the holidays. Residents share puzzles and time together. There is an amazing commercial kitchen which was used to cook Thanksgiving turkey last month. The second building is close to opening. Next steps will be adding more residents, partnering

with community services like ATCAA, Motherlode Job Training, etc. The review team meets to plan and choose incoming tenants. We are still looking to add another staff member. Work is still under way on the pet policy. There are no volunteers at this time, but it is something being looked at for the future.

Lindsey Lujan, Tuolumne County Behavioral Health Deputy Director, provided a year end recap of the expansion to Behavioral Health's Housing Continuum through a Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) grant received this last year. This funding allowed the department to expand housing for those who meet behavioral health medical necessity criteria. Just under forty individuals were housed over the last year. Five were moved into permanent community housing. This number does not include rent subsidies, or emergency housing placements, etc. Housing availability ranges from interim to supportive permanent. Efforts have been so successful in this program and staff have been excited to see the positive outcomes. More numbers surrounding rental assistance and emergency housing placements will be shared at the next meeting. Currently, the Parrotts Ferry property purchased this last year has two units fully occupied with two more to be ready within the next 30 days.

Cheryl Locke, current resident at Camp Justice, introduced herself and shared her appreciation of the opportunity to stay at Justice Camp.

VI. COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS REPORTS

Chris Neves reported for Joe Bors, ATCAA that thirty-four people were housed through their shelter so far in 2024.

Larry Brunel, GSAC Rep., shared that the shower bus, laundry vehicle, and food donation services continue. We are at the Red Church on Fridays. Compassion Outreach has an upcoming "Stuff the Bus" event looking for donations of tents, sleeping bags, and other items for colder weather.

Stephanie Foster, TCHC District 4 Rep., informed the group that The Refuge Recovery Center is currently serving fifty-eight clients. The next step is to transition twenty-five of those people into the housing program. The Refuge is working with the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to get data collection processes set up.

LeeAnn Hatton, Me-Wuk Indians of CA rep., noted that they have their first employee going through backgrounds for the Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Housing Program. She recapped the tribe's efforts to assist the homeless and shared their plan to expand programs into more permanent housing. LeeAnn announced that her last day is tomorrow. She has accepted a position with the State of California to write policy on homelessness and housing.

Phil Hickenbottom, Lived Experience Rep., announced that a very nice car is ready to be donated within the next week or so to a young mom at Resiliency Village. Multiple local businesses have contributed to the repair and maintenance of the vehicle getting it ready.

Chris Neves, HOST, shared that in November they have had twenty encounters with people. Of those twenty, seven did not engage. The remaining thirteen received 17 referrals. No housing assistance was provided. Narcan, health kits, and behavioral health referrals, etc., were all distributed.

VII. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY FUNDING REPORT

Annie Hockett, Health, and Human Services Agency Director shared a detailed overview of the available programs and the dedicated funding that was used to support homeless services priorities. A copy of that PowerPoint presentation will be included within these minutes.

The group discussed various gaps in funding and potential opportunities for additional grant funds.

VIII. HOMELESS SERVICES PRIORITIES DISCUSSION

Tom Crosby, Tuolumne County Business Council Rep., continued the group's discussion on the Homeless Services Priorities, sharing a presentation and working spreadsheet with those in attendance.

Due to time constraints the focus of discussion was narrowed to the financial pieces of the committee's priorities. The spreadsheet was built to assist in identifying and prioritizing costs associated with completing housing projects and ongoing administrative costs. The group reviewed the spreadsheet providing important feedback. A copy of that spreadsheet, including the committee's edits and input will be included within these minutes.

Based on this committee's priorities discussion, a suggestion was made for a future agenda item on how to expand capacity at Camp Justice and Oak Terrace.

IX. FUTURE MEETINGS

- Thursday, January 9, 2025 @ 9 a.m.—Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, February 13, 2025 @ 9 a.m.—Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor
- Thursday, March 13, 2025 @ 9 a.m.—Committees & Commissions Room/48 Yaney/3rd Floor

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Goldemberg thanked the committee for their hard work and expressed his appreciation of working alongside the committee on such an important undertaking for the community. The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 am.

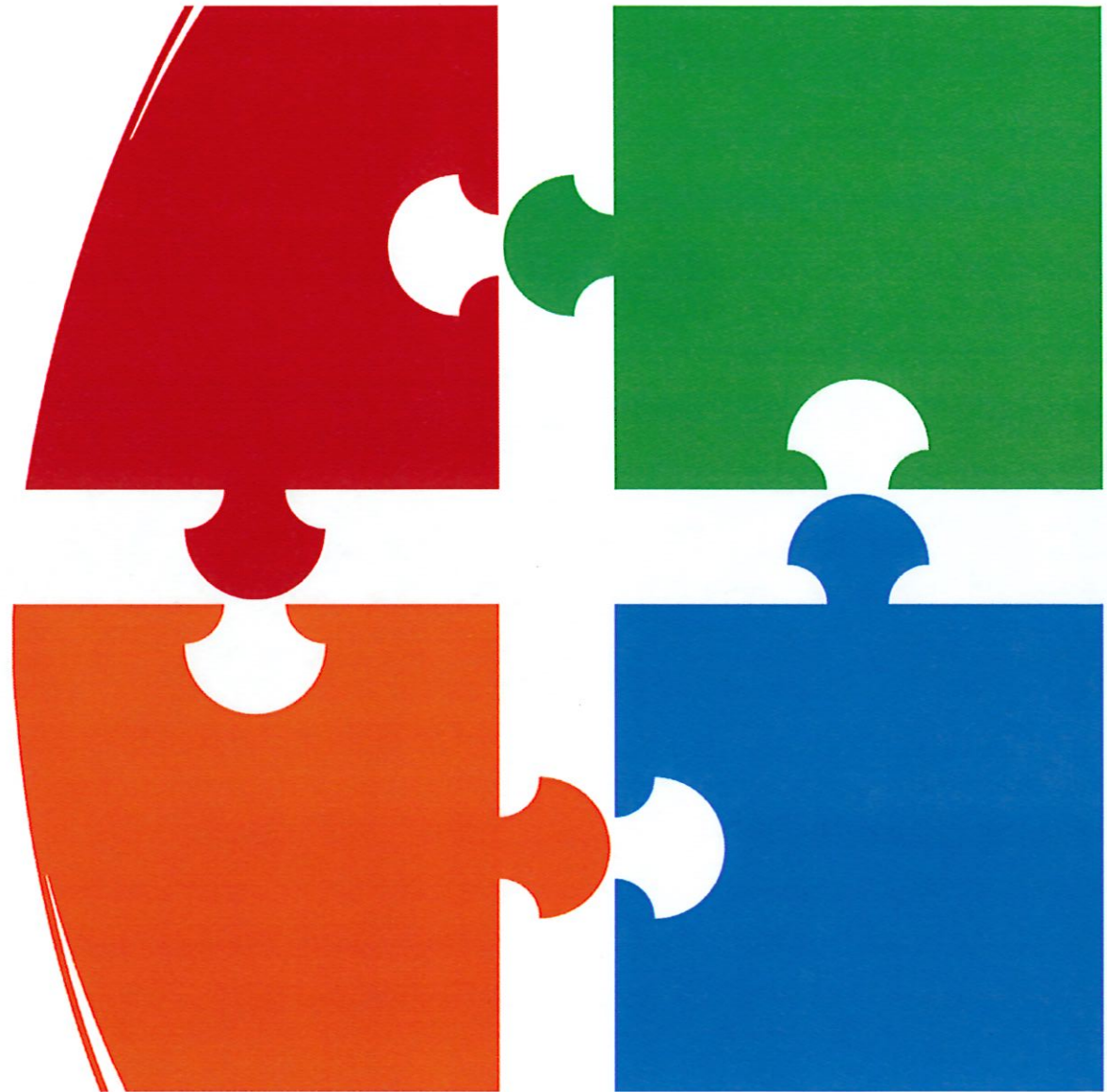
HHSA Programs & Funding Overview

Tuolumne County Homeless Services Committee

December 11, 2024

Funding Matrix

- CDSS Allocations
- Local Allocations
- Competitive Grants
- Other





CDSS Allocations

- ❖ Bringing Families Home
- ❖ Home Safe
- ❖ Housing and Disability Advocacy Program
- ❖ Housing Support Program
- ❖ Transitional Aged Youth

CDSS Allocations

Bringing Families Home

- Funding aimed at reducing the number of families in the Child Welfare System experiencing, or at risk of homelessness. Goal to increase family reunification and prevent foster care placement.

Home Safe

- Funding aimed at preventing or addressing homelessness to support the safety and housing stability of individuals involved in Adult Protective Services (APS).

Housing Disability Advocacy Program

- Provides assistance to people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who are likely eligible for disability benefits by providing advocacy for disability benefits as well as housing supports.

Housing Support Program

- Offers financial assistance and housing-related wraparound supportive services for families at risk or experiencing homelessness in the CalWORKS program.

Transitional Age Youth

- Funding dedicated to support youth aged 18-24; priority given to those with history of foster care placement

Data
Methodology &
Limitations



Bringing Families Home

- Total funding received: **\$509,622**
- Remaining as of Oct. 1st 2024: **\$26,106**
(must be expended by 6-30-25)
- Expenditures - **\$483,516**
 - **\$322,102** - Direct Services (67%)
 - **\$161,413** – Staff Time (33%)
- Family units served: **34**





Home Safe Summary

- Total funding received: **\$500,000**
- Remaining as of Oct. 1st 2024: **\$99,929**
(must be expended by 6-30-25)
- Expenditure Breakdown
 - **\$303,925** - Client Services **(76%)**
 - **\$96,145** – Staff Time **(24%)**
- Clients served: **58**

Housing Disability Advocacy Program

- Total funding received: **\$669,552**
- Remaining as of Oct. 1st 2024: **\$117,103**
(must be expended by 6-30-25)
- Future allocation: \$115,000 approx.
- Expenditure breakdown
 - **\$538,583**-Client Services **(92%)**
 - **\$43,864**-Staff Time **(6%)**
- Clients served: **54**



Housing Support Program

State-funded, locally administered initiative designed to help families enrolled in CalWORKS who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The program emphasizes securing permanent housing quickly and providing supportive services to help families achieve stability and self sufficiency.

Key program features:

- Housing First Approach
- Wraparound Services
- Rapid Rehousing
- Collaboration



Housing Support Program

• Allocation Amounts

- FY 21/22
 - \$602,377
- FY 22/23
 - \$605,514
- FY 23/24
 - \$291,913
- FY 24/25
 - \$308,650

❖ Contract with ATCAA \$261,000/FY

- Avg. 51 clients served over past 3 years

Expenditures

- FY 21/22
 - \$127,838 – Client Services
 - \$19,755 – Staff Time
- FY 22/23
 - \$255,149 – Client Services
 - \$110,030 – Staff Time
- FY 23/24
 - \$292,180 – Client Services
 - \$320,419 – Staff Time
- FY 24/25 (Q1)
 - \$33,032 – Client Services
 - \$49,907 – Staff Time

Remaining as of 10-1-24: \$910,917

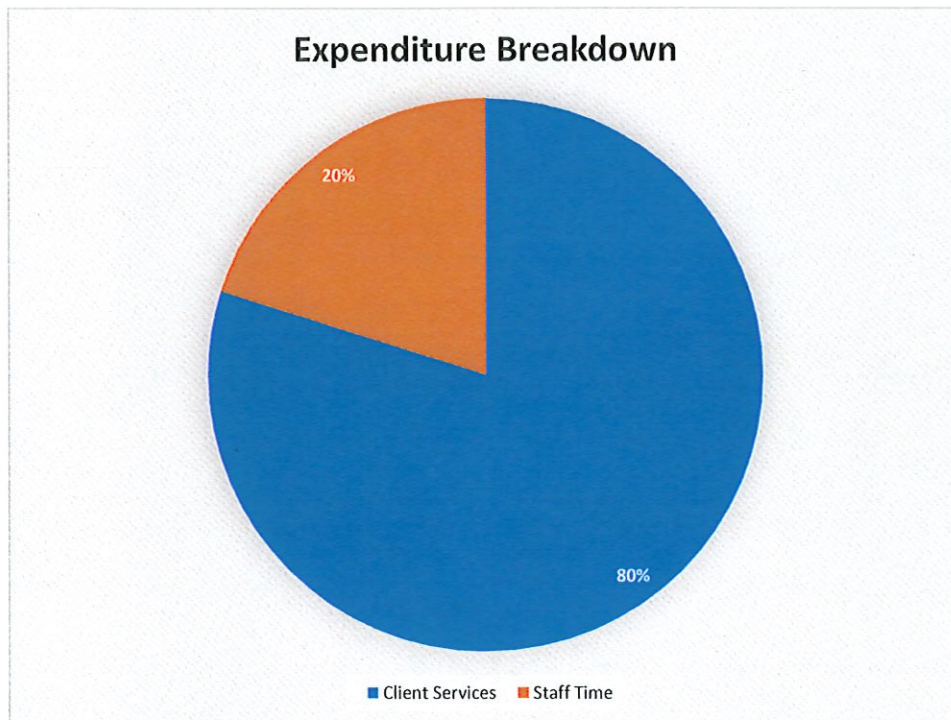
- *Must be expended by: 6-30-2025*



Transitional Aged Youth Specific Funding

- Funding received (FY 23/24):
 - **\$110,576**
- Remaining as of Dec. 1st 2024:
 - **\$30,986**
- Future allocation: \$30,000 anticipated
- Expenditure breakdown
 - **\$70,254-Client Services (81%)**
 - **\$9,335-Staff Time (12%)**
- Total clients served: **13**

Summary of DSS Expenditures



<u>Program</u>	<u>Direct</u>	<u>Time Study</u>	<u>Total</u>
BFH	\$322,102	\$161,413	\$483,515
HS	\$303,925	\$96,145	\$400,070
HDAP	\$538,583	\$43,846	\$582,429
TAY	\$70,254	\$9,335	\$79,589
Total:	\$1,234,864	\$310,739	\$1,545,603

Summary of remaining DSS funds

- \$26,106 (BFH)
- \$99,929 (HS)
- \$117,103 (HDAP)
- \$910,917 (HSP)
- \$30,986 (TAY)

Total: \$1,185,041

- Does not account for Oct-Dec. expenditures.
- Bringing Families Home and Home Staff ending this fiscal year
- Expenditure deadline of 6-30-2025 for all these funds.
- Clients must meet program requirements to expend funds.
- Ideas for additional funding

Need as evidenced
by estimated cost
per client

Bringing Families Home

Housing Disability Prevention Program

Housing Support Program

Home Safe

Encampment Resolution Grant

Transitional Aged Youth

Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP)

- Signed into law July 31, 2019
- Flexible funding to prevent and end homelessness in California.
- Funding divided into three categories
 - Continuum of Care entities
 - Large Cities (pop. Over 300,000)
 - Counties
- 4 prior rounds used for a variety of programs/projects
- Rounds 5
 - County Portion
 - \$394,901
 - Complete Hwy 108 conversion
 - Competitive RFP
 - \$360,454
 - RFP due January 22, 2025



Notice of Funding



Encampment Resolution Funds (ERF)

Program designed to address homelessness by moving individuals from encampments into safe and stable housing.

Grant Activities	Grant Amount
Sanctioned Parking Program	\$125,000
Pet Services	\$30,000
Hotel Vouchers	\$300,000
Rental Subsidy	\$180,000
Interim Sheltering	\$1,500,000
Permanent Housing	\$3,250,000
Staffing	\$600,000
Administrative Allowance	\$269,250

ERF Continued

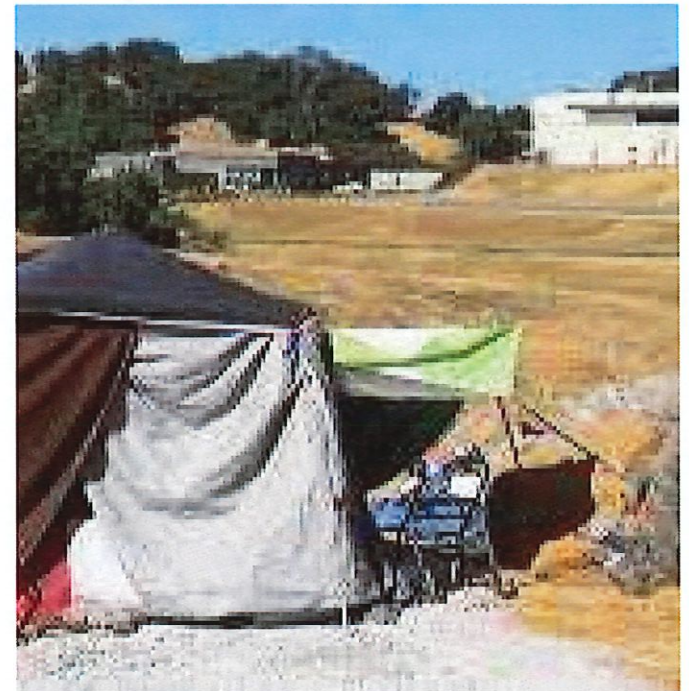
- Hotel Vouchers
 - Expended:
 - **\$223,210.69** – Client Services (76%)
 - **\$70,495.94** – Staff (24%)
 - Remaining: **\$82,789.16** as of Oct. 1
 - Clients served: **43**
 - Avg. length of stay: **69** days



Sanctioned Camp

- \$125,000 for one year pilot program
- Expenditures (12/10/2024):
 - Site Preparation: \$37,859
 - Garbage Removal: \$14,620
 - Garbage Service: \$1,237*
 - Water/Pop Ups: \$2,502
 - Water Set up: \$20,531*
 - Monthly Water Rate: \$83
 - Portable Toilets: \$7,971
 - Fencing/signage/materials: \$4,954
 - Total: \$89,851**
- Budget for remaining pilot period:
 - Winterization: \$5,865
 - Water service: \$700
 - Portable Toilets: \$3,791
- Estimated balance at end of pilot: **\$24,792**

**May be reimbursed*



Pending Project Completion

- Snell Street
 - Transitional Housing
 - 12 beds
 - Highway 108 House
 - Transitional Housing
 - 16 beds
 - Highway 108 Apartments
 - Permanent Supportive Housing
 - 30 beds
 - Columbia Way
 - Permanent Supportive Veterans Housing
 - 12 beds
- Snell Street
 - Encampment Resolution Funding
 - Highway 108 House
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 - Highway 108 Apartments
 - Encampment Resolution Funding
 - Columbia Way
 - Opioid Settlement
 - Additional funding needed

Questions



TCHC 2025 Advisement Priorities

Discussion:

Objectives and Structure for Evaluation of Initiatives and Solutions to Address Homelessness in Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee

A. Hockett & T. Crosby, November 14, 2024

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Acquiring Grant (Public Money) to Purchase and Renovate Capital Assets and Make Beds (“Housing First”)

Root Causes of Homelessness: (UCSF)

Vulnerabilities:

History of trauma (violence)[72%], mental health [82%], alcohol and/or drugs [62%], income/poverty, physical health, justice involved [30%]

Barriers to Housing:

Housing Cost [89%], Prior evictions, poor credit history, physical or behavioral conditions, space for children, pets.

Policy Recommendations:

Housing Choice Vouchers, Services; healthcare, domestic violence, justice involved transition, Mental Health, Substance Use, Case Management, Employment.

In 2024, California is expected to spend \$12B to address homelessness, servicing 171,000 - 571,000 people. Tuolumne County has ~850 people, what is our budget?

Current Initiatives / Activities / Projects

<i>Homeless Management Information System</i>
<i>Coordinated Entry</i>
<i>Medical Respite Housing</i>
<i>Distributive Housing</i>
<i>Homeless Services Data Dashboard</i>
<i>Community Advisory Teams</i>
<i>Ordinances</i>
Recruit & Recognize <i>Volunteers</i>
Organizing Community-Based Solutions
Faith-based Organizations
Homelessness Committee
Grants Management
Transitional Age Youth Housing
Community Toolkit on Homelessness
Navigation Center
Transitional Housing
Sanctioned Camping/Parking

... Continued

Landlord Education & Engagement
Increase in Permanent Housing
Strategy to Reduce Homelessness
Life Skills Training
Sanitation & Fire Abatement in Encampments
Outreach
Bed Capacity
House Share Program
Homelessness Prevention
Homeless Services Coordinator
Public Education & Awareness
Encampment Management & Leadership Training
Pet Support Program Development
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Community Strategy Goals & Timelines
Homeless Services

How does it address root cause?



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What Can A Community Do?

Access to food, clothing, hot showers and shelters.

Access to technology to connect to family, research jobs, apply for jobs.

Tips, Education, Skills to help with survival.

What Does Society (residents) Need?

Clear and clean sidewalks, streets & parks

Relief on economic burden for public services, law enforcement, shelters & hospitals.

A focus on Public safety, sanitary issues, crime and trash.

Impact on desirability as a place to visit or live and the hit to prosperity that drives revenue that pays for everything on this page.

TCHC 2025 Advisement Priorities

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How does it address root cause?

Root Causes of Homelessness: (UCSF)

Vulnerabilities; history of trauma (violence)[72%], mental health [82%], alcohol and/or drugs [62%], income/poverty, physical health, justice involved [30%],

Barriers to Housing: Housing Cost [89%], Prior evictions, poor credit history, physical or behavioral conditions, space for children, pets.

Policy Recommendations: Housing Choice Vouchers, Services; healthcare, domestic violence, justice involved transition, Mental Health, Substance Use, Case Management, Employment.

What Can A Community Do?

- Access to food, clothing, hot showers and shelters.
- Access to technology to connect to family, research jobs, apply for jobs.
- Tips, Education, Skills to help with survival.

What Does Society (residents) Need?

- Clear and clean sidewalks, streets & parks
- Relief on economic burden for public services, law enforcement, shelters & hospitals.
- A focus on Public safety, sanitary issues, crime and trash.
- Impact on desirability as a place to visit or live and the hit to prosperity that drives revenue that pays for everything on this page.

Tuolumne County Homeless Services Committee Priorities

Rank	Title	Description	Map to Root Cause	Activity Type	Status	Organizational Lead	Funding Sources	Linkages/ Dependencies	Cross over value (org)	Impact / ROI	Mandated	Committee Role	Committee Vote 2024
2	Homeless Management Information System	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), local information used to collect client-level data and provision of housing and services. CoC is responsible for selecting an HMIS solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards. Regional partners are obligated to use the HMIS.	Access	Service	Operational	CoC-ATCAA, HHSA	State(CoC & HHSA)					Low	Low
	Coordinated Entry	The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a system-wide process to quickly and equitably coordinate the Housing & Urban Development (HUD) requirements of access, assessment, prioritization and referrals to housing and services for people experiencing or at imminent risk of homelessness. HHSA staff has been trained and the system is being developed consistent with the programs offered. Other regional service providers input their project information to this system to help create accurate data-driven assessments and reports.	Access	Service	Operational	CoC-ATCAA, HHSA							
	Medical Respite Housing	Post-surgical rehabilitation housing for the unhoused who need medical procedures that are currently being denied because of their housing status and lack of safe and healthy housing to heal in.	Health Care	Service	Operational	Private Market?	Public Funded?					Research need, advocate	7
	Distributive Housing	Homes designated for specific purposes and distributed around the County used for Veteran's, women, families, recovery, recuperation, or support to those with a mental health diagnosis. Shared housing agreements and rent amounts are structured fairly. For those who need personal, or housing supports, services would flow through HHSA and community-based service providers. In addition, active participation in a care plan is required.	?	Program	Operational	HHSA	Allocation & Grant					Research need, advocate	
	Homeless Services Data Dashboard	Data dashboard has been developed to show referral information, supportive service for both transitional and permanent housing as well as other social service needs. The dashboard can be found at tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1505/homeless-services-virtual-bulletin-board	?	Program	Operational	HHSA, GIS						Is it meeting the needs? Viewership	
	Community Advisory Teams	In neighborhoods where housing initiatives are being developed, advisory teams made up of members of that specific communities have been and are being developed to share updates, progress and problem-solving of issues that have arisen.	?	Program	Operational	HHSA, BoS						None	
	Ordinances	Two new ordinances (Critical Infrastructure and Clean & Clear) have been developed and enacted to better support law enforcement efforts to abate unsafe and unhealthy encampments.	Societal	Ongoing	Ongoing	BoS/City Council						High	
	Recruit & Recognize Volunteers	Volunteers from the community have served at several housing initiatives locations by completing cleaning, organizing and minor repair tasks. An email list has been created to easily recruit volunteers for future needs.	Community	Program	Ongoing	TCHC						High	
	Organizing Community-Based Solutions	Tuolumne County Homeless Services continues to seek partnership with local service providers to reduce homelessness. To that end, regular participation in the Central Sierra Continuum of Care as members of the governance committee is a priority. Rapid Rehousing grant funds have been contracted with Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency for administration through their programs. Support for funding through CalAIM initiatives for delivery of services for Refugee Recovery has been consistent. Collaboration with Ipileatime is on-going.	Community	Program	Operational	HHSA, ATCAA						Explore how to best manage this.	
	Faith-based Organizations	Several faith-based organizations have contributed to the many volunteer opportunities to serve at the various housing initiatives as well as helped to kick off the "Sponsor-A-Room" program at the Navigation Center. Efforts to support and partner in homeless services in the community will continue.	Community	Program	Operational	HHSA						Explore how to best manage this.	
	Homelessness Committee	Staff supports the committee chair to create the agenda, post meeting notifications, agendas and final documents as well as support the membership. Several efforts to more greatly align the work of the group with what is expected of a policy advisory committee to the County Supervisors have been completed.	?	Legislative	Operational	BoS							
	Grants Management	Staff effort and collaboration across most County departments is essential in applying for, managing and reporting on grants. In the last two years, Tuolumne County Homeless Services has been awarded approximately \$12 million in grants for housing and services through the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention grants, Permanent Local Housing Allocation, Encampment Resolution Funds grant, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing grant, and Mental Health Services Act. Researching and applying for future grants is an on-going task.	?	Legislative	?	HHSA, ?						Matching priorities to grants opportunities	
	Transitional Age Youth Housing	Development and provision of supportive housing for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-25 years. Chicken Ranch Rancheria in Jamestown. They recently acquired a triplex and are seeking community service providers to bring services to program participants.	?	Program	Operational	HHSA Chicken Ranch Rancheria,						Research, Advocate	9
	Community Toolkit on Homelessness	A community toolkit will address County policy and practice related to citizen rights, law enforcement efforts and homelessness as well as next steps for both businesses and private priority owners	Societal	Legislative	Operational	HHSA, County, City						Review, update and Support	
	Navigation Center	Navigation Centers provide intensive case management to connect people to the unique care and housing solutions they need. Clients receive personalized support to help address housing barriers such as lack of personal identity documents, employment opportunities, or histories of eviction. The Tuolumne County Navigation Center has a housing component which is temporary (up to six months) and low barrier with on-site case management, streamlined access to social services and medical care, and coordinated entry into pathways to permanent housing. The County purchased a 50-bed facility in July of 2023 and anticipates opening to services in July of 2024.	Access	Services	Operational	HHSA						Monitor, oversight	
	Transitional Housing	Transitional housing is temporary housing for up to two years and is offered with supportive services for individuals who need longer housing to support better long-term outcomes of self-sufficiency and permanent housing. Tuolumne County has purchased three homes for use as transitional housing that are currently in the architectural design and construction planning stage.	?	Program	In Development	HHSA, County							
	Sanctioned Camping/ Parking	A Sanctioned Camping program intended for adults who are using their vehicles or tents as housing. The Sanctioned Camping Program provides an environment on County property where County and community-based service providers make contact with campers to discuss eligibility and service options as a way to move into more stable housing. The site currently located near the Tuolumne County Law & Justice Center includes portable toilets, garbage service and potable water and regularly patrolled by staff from the Tuolumne County Sheriff's Department. This initiative also support law enforcement efforts to restrict use of public lands for parking and camping by unhoused individuals consistent with the establishment of new County ordinances.	Access	Program	Operational	HHSA, County, LE						Monitor & Evolve	3
	Landlord Education & Engagement	Private market landlords are critical partners in the work to help people quickly exit homelessness. Strong connections to landlords are even more important in high-cost, low-vacancy markets, where affordable housing options are limited and even those with a voucher may find themselves unable to locate a unit. A Homelessness Committee work group is seeking to engage landlords through collaboration with property management companies and the Tuolumne County Association of Realtors to encourage house share programs—a concept built on the principle of leasing rooms instead of a whole house to maximize bed capacity.	?	Program	Investigation	Homeless Committee							3
	Increase in Permanent Housing	Increased capacity for permanent housing in Tuolumne County is paramount to solutions for homelessness. Homeless housing initiative include developing permanent supportive housing. Tuolumne County Community Development is also in collaboration with Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority to coordinate efforts for acquiring grant funds as well as creating partnerships with developers and other stakeholders that are attractional and supportive and that will yield an increase in permanent housing capacity. Recent updates to Title 17 address long-term needs and development of housing of all kinds.	?	Program	Investigation	Homeless Committee							
	Strategy to Reduce Homelessness	County staff across departments worked with an organization called ChangeWell to establish a continuum of housing that is service enriched in an effort to support those who want supportive services. This continuum includes outreach, interim housing, transitional housing, and permanent housing. County staff is mid-way through a second training round with ChangeWell to determine staffing needs and the necessary funding.	?	Strategic Planning	Ongoing	Homeless Committee							
	Life Skills Training	A Homelessness Committee work group is seeking to gather community partners to establish a resource list of services providers in Tuolumne County that offer services that would help develop skills necessary to be housed. These services may include the development of day labor programs, job boards, internships, health, education, and vocational training programs.	Community	Program	Investigation	Homeless Committee							9
	Sanitation & Fire Abatement in Encampments	Compassion Outreach and IPileatime are providing garbage pick-up service at encampments. For those camps that are on public land the Tuolumne County Solid Waste department is partnering to provide free garbage disposal through a County agreement with CalSierra Waste Management. Future discussion about providing potable water and fire-extinguishers will take place as a part of the scope of work for the Homelessness Committee work group.	Societal	Program	Operational	Code-Compliance, Compassion Outreach, IPileatime						Monitor, oversight	3
	Outreach	County Social Services staff teams continue to be involved in outreach efforts and to connect the unhoused to eligible benefits and services. Involvement includes participation in encampment abatements and the City of Sonora HOST (Homeless Outreach Support Team) program.	Access	Program	Operational	HOST, Sactioned Camping							
	Bed Capacity	Tuolumne County homeless housing bed capacity under development is 105 and is delineated as follows: Interim Housing (up to 6 months) =50 beds, Transitional Housing (up to 18 months) =18 beds, Permanent Supportive Housing (more than 18 months): 37 beds.	?	Program	Operational	HHSA						Monitor, Advocate	
	House Share Program	Development of matching system for available bedrooms in homes to connect homeowners and those in need of housing.	?	Program	?	?							2
	Homelessness Prevention	Identifying funding sources and program development to prevent homelessness for those who are vulnerable to homelessness.	?	Program	?	?							3
	Homeless Services Coordinator	As of June 3, 2024, Michael Roberson is serving in the staff capacity as the Assistant Director of the General Services Agency which oversees capital projects, procurement, Information Technology and Facilities Management. His homeless services related responsibilities will continue to be the oversight of the development of the interim, transitional and permanent homeless housing properties. He will continue in collaboration with HHSA to work on transitioning responsibilities for support of the Homelessness Committee and involvement in the Central Sierra Continuum of Care to HHSA. His responsibilities were not related to direct services.	?	?	?	HHSA							
	Public Education & Awareness	Creating mechanisms to educate the public on solutions for reducing homelessness	Community	?	?	?							2
	Encampment Management & Leadership Training	Developing protocols and leadership for management of encampments with those living in the encampment	?	?	?	?							1
	Pet Support Program Development	Creating and implementing programs to support unhoused pet-owners and their pets	?	?	?	?							1
	Post-incarceration re-entry	Creating/supporting housing programs and other supports for those being released from jail/prison	Policy	?	?	?							1
	Emergency Shelter	Creating/partnering/supporting a walk-in shelter	?	Service	Missing, needed	ATCAA?						Research, Advocate	2
	Community Strategy Goals & Timelines	Organizing a community wide strategy with all service providers	Community										0
	Homeless Services	Direct services will continue to be the responsibility of HHSA under the leadership of Annie Hockett, Agency Director. Plans include the development of a Homeless Services division of Social Service to streamline services and better align staff with clients, available resources, and service delivery.	?	Services	Operational	HHSA							