



Board of Governance (BoG) Meeting

TAMMY MARINE, CHAIRPERSON

LETICIA DELARA, VICE-CHAIRPERSON

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2019

9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

DPSS: STAFF DEVELOPMENT OFFICE – ROOM 101

22690 CACTUS AVENUE, MORENO VALLEY, CA 92553

1.0 Call to Order

Welcome & Introductions

Roll Call (Sign off)

Tammy Marine, BoG Chair

COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE CONTINUUM OF CARE

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE MEMBERS

PUBLIC SECTOR

Chuck Washington, District 3 Board Supervisor, County of Riverside

Greg Rodriguez, Government & Public Policy Advisor for Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

Chad Bianco, Sheriff, Riverside County Sheriff's Department

Robin Gilliland, Community Services Manager, City of Temecula

Rusty Bailey, Mayor, City of Riverside

Sabby Jonathan, Councilmember, City of Palm Desert

PRIVATE SECTOR

Leticia DeLara, CEO, Regional Access Project (RAP) Foundation

Bill Blankenship, Business Consultant

Tammy Marine, Executive Director, Habitat for Humanity, Inland Valley

NON-PROFIT SECTOR

Angelina Coe, Executive Director, Shelter From The Storm, Inc.

Cordell Thomas, Chief Impact Officer, United Way of the Inland Valleys

Susan Larkin, Grant Administrator, Valley Restart Shelter

FORMERLY HOMELESS

Tim Brown, Formerly Homeless Representative

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

CoC Chairperson: **Michelle Davis**, Housing Authority Manager, City of Riverside

Riverside County Executive Office: **Natalie Komuro**, Deputy County Executive Officer, Homelessness Solutions

Secretary: **Jennifer Claar**, DPSS Assistant Director - Adult Services, County of Riverside

Youth Advisory Committee Representative: Vacant

2.0 Minutes Approval

2.1 August 29, 2019 meeting

Recommended Motion: Approve the August 29, 2019 Board of Governance meeting minutes.

3.0 Public Comment on Any Item Not Listed on Agenda

Members of the Public are encouraged to address the Board. Anyone who wishes to speak must submit a comment request card to the board clerk. Each speaker should begin by identifying themselves for the record and is allowed up to three (3) minutes.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Update on Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)

Tony Ortego, DPSS

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Update on Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)

- HEAP requires 50% of the awarded funds to be contractually obligated by January 2020 and 100% to be expended by June 30, 2021.
- As of October 30, 2019, a total of \$5,853,901 or 60% of the total HEAP award has been contractually obligated.

4.0 Old Business

4.1 Update on HEAP & CESH

HEAP	CESH
<p><u>Service Projects (14)</u> 10 – fully executed 2 – routing for review and approval 1 – contract being drafted 1 – BoG approval of amendment</p> <p><u>Capital Improvement Projects (6)</u> 1 – fully executed 1 – for Board of Supervisor for approval (11/19/19) 1 – for BoG approval of amendment 3 – finalizing contracts</p>	<p>CESH 1 – SWAG project finalizing contract – CVAG project: finalizing scope of work</p> <p>CESH 2 – Request for Proposal pending BoG priorities</p>

4.0 Old Business

4.2 Update on 2019 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition

Rowena Concepcion, DPSS

4.0 Old Business

4.2 Update on 2019 U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition

Background: On August 29, 2019, the BoG approved projects for DPSS to submit for the FY 2019 HUD CoC Program Competition. On September 26, 2019, DPSS successfully submitted the FY 2019 HUD CoC Program Consolidated Application with a total amount of \$11,389,189, for the following:

- 19 renewal projects -\$8,361,840
- 5 new projects - \$2,675,192 (includes DV and CoC Bonus projects)
- 1 Planning grant - \$352,157

Result of the HUD funding competition is expected to be released in January 2020

Note: In Process--Transition Plan for Step Up's 2 reallocated projects; and Performance Improvement Plan for 3 projects that scored below threshold (>80%)

4.0 Old Business

4.3 CoC Letter to U.S. Representatives and Senators Requesting a Change in PIT Count Regulations

Greg Rodriguez

Government & Public Policy Advisor for
Riverside County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez

4.0 Old Business

4.3 CoC Letter to U.S. Representatives and Senators Requesting a Change in PIT Count Regulations

Background: The State of California is awarding California CoCs that are reporting large numbers of homelessness in their Point in Time count data, while HUD continues to decrease points to CoCs with any increase in their homeless population. On August 29, 2019, the BoG discussed filing a Riverside CoC-wide petition to amend federal laws that negatively affect California CoCs. Greg Rodriguez offered to draft a letter to change federal laws that negatively affect California CoCs, particularly, in providing low scores for CoC's that increased their Point-in-Time (PIT) Count numbers.

4.0 Old Business

Recommended Motion:

4.3a Approve the BoG letter and send to HUD Officials, U.S. Representatives and Senators

4.3b Request the Board of Supervisors to jointly sign a similar letter and send to elected officials (U.S. Representative and Senators)

Public comment for this item only.

4.0 Old Business

4.4 Update on BoG Strategic Planning

Tammy Marine, BoG Chair

4.0 Old Business

4.4 Update on BoG Strategic Planning

Background: On March 21, 2019, the BoG approved releasing a Request for Information/Qualification (RFI/RFQ) for a strategic planning consultant. DPSS received 14 responses, interviewed the top two bidders, and selected LeSar Development Consultants.

Consultant Qualification: Has extensive experience working with CoCs: San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless, City of Riverside Housing First Permanent Supportive Housing Strategy, Brilliant Corners, Los Angeles Homelessness Planning for 17 Cities in the San Gabriel Valley

Summary of Scope: Provide a strategic planning process that will provide the Board of Governance (BoG) for Riverside County and the Continuum of Care (CoC) with a roadmap and organizational structure that transforms the CoC network into a high-functioning, high-impact network with clear goals and strategies that works seamlessly to implement objectives to address regional homelessness

Projected contract start date is November 15, 2019

4.0 Old Business

4.4 Update on BoG Strategic Planning

Proposed Timeline for 2019: November: Special BoG Meeting for Retreat Kick-off (BoG and CoC Committee Leads)

- November-December: Work group discussions, focus group, surveys
- December: Special BoG Meeting: Retreat for Strategic Planning

(*Staff sent doodle poll for Nov & Dec. mtg dates)

5.0 New Business

5.1 City of Riverside Bridge Housing Project

Tony Ortego, DPSS

5.0 New Business

5.1 City of Riverside's Bridge Housing Project

Background: On March 4, 2019, the BoG approved the City of Riverside's Bridge Housing Renovation Project to provide housing for 52 clients at 2800 Hulen Street, Riverside. The City submitted their proposed project changes to DPSS on November 7, 2019, proposing to use 2881 Hulen Street facility and provide services to 45 clients. No changes are requested on the HEAP allocation amount of \$606,575.

Recommended Motion: Approve the change in location and decrease in clients served for the City of Riverside Bridge Housing Project.

Public comment for this item only.

City of Riverside Bridge Housing Project

	Original Proposal	New Proposal
Total Project Budget including funds leveraged from other sources	<u>\$606,575</u>	<u>\$606,575</u> (total leveraged project budget \$996,500)
Location	2800 Hulen Place, Riverside, CA 92507	2881 Hulen Place, Riverside, CA 92507
Building Permits	May 2019	April 2020
Conditional Use Permit (CUP)	Not required as property is located in an emergency shelter overlay zone	Not required as the property is located in an emergency shelter overlay zone
Number of Units & Configuration	52	45
Number of Participants to be Served	125	180
Housing Quality Standards (HQS)	Will comply with HQS standards	Will comply with HQS standards
Supportive Services	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Safe temporary housing with meals, shower, laundry, mail and case management services; 2) Housing navigation using the VI-SPDAT; 3) Employment support services through Path of Life’s Employment Pipeline program; 4) Behavioral health care service through Path of Life’s Mobile Connections Behavioral Health Team; 5) Assistance with obtaining mainstream services and community resources. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Safe temporary housing with meals, shower, laundry, mail and case management services; 2) Housing navigation using the VI-SPDAT; 3) Employment support services through Path of Life’s Employment Pipeline program; 4) Behavioral health care service through Path of Life’s Mobile Connections Behavioral Health Team; 5) Assistance with obtaining mainstream services and community resources.
Use Restriction Covenant	Consistent with HEAP program guidelines	Consistent with HEAP program guidelines
Timeline and total # of days to receive the clearance for occupancy	March 2019 – December 2020 – Receive occupancy in January 2021	January 2020 - December 2020 Receive occupancy in January 2021

5.0 New Business

5.2 Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homeless Prevention Agreement

Background: On June 20, 2019, the BoG approved \$200,000 for Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) to provide homeless prevention services. On October 30, CVAG requested to change the scope of work from homeless prevention services to supportive services only - navigation center operations to better suit the needs of their clients.

Recommended Motion: Approve CVAG's revised scope of work for the HEAP Homeless Prevention Agreement from homeless prevention services to supportive services only - navigation center operations.

Public comment for this item only.

HEAP CVAG Homeless Prevention		
	CVAG Homeless Prevention & Diversion	CVAG SSO Homeless Access Center Operations
Total Project Budget including funds leveraged from other sources	<u>\$200,000</u>	<u>\$200,000</u> – Leveraged funding: Partner: City of Palm Springs. In-kind location space will be provided by the City
Scope of Work	Homeless Prevention and diversion services Street Outreach services with an encampment response priority. 1 FTE Program Manager Operate (2) 2-person (1 FTE each) Street Outreach teams. Purchase 2 vehicles, including fuel and maintenance costs.	Operations of a Homeless Access Center in Palm Springs, CA, that includes flexible operations schedule . Subcontractor will operate the facility. 1 FTE Lead Coordinator 1 FTE Support Staff Operate a 3-person (.5 FTE each) Street Outreach team
Service Area	Proposed services will be offered valley-wide	Proposed services will be offered valley-wide
Population Served	Priority 1) Unsheltered individuals and families, including those accessing services directly through hospitals and encampments. (Priority 2) Individuals and families at-risk of homelessness from the Coachella Valley	Unsheltered homeless individuals from the Coachella Valley.
Project Activity	Homeless Prevention (HP) and Diversion	Access Center (SSO)

5.0 New Business

5.3 HUD 2020 Program Competition: Implement Project Rating and Ranking Tool in June 2020

Background: HUD published a Rating and Ranking Tool in 2017 to help CoCs design and implement a comprehensive annual CoC competition application review process. In 2018, the BoG approved using HUD's tool to evaluate project performance for all projects (new and renewal) starting with the 2020 HUD-CoC Program Competition. To assist subrecipients in understanding how the tool works, DPSS conducted a mandatory training for all CoC subrecipients on Thursday, October 17, 2019. Standards and Evaluation Committee is reviewing the Tool for customization and scoring thresholds. DPSS will provide on-going technical assistance and reports to the subrecipients.

Public comment for this item only.

5.0 New Business

5.4 New Funding Resources and Recommendations

**Dr. Joe Colletti, CEO Urban Initiatives
DPSS Consultant**

PROGRAM	SUMMARY
No Place Like Home Program	A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the next competitive round of \$400 million was released and applications are extended from November 2019 to January 8, 2020.
Multifamily Housing Program	Approximately \$250 million ; NOFA released in June, 2019. Applications were due in August, 2019 and award announcements are expected in December, 2019. Another NOFA in January, 2020 and applications due in March, 2020. Awards are anticipated in June, 2020.
Supportive Housing Multifamily Housing Program	Applications including permanent supportive housing projects may be submitted during the next round of funding for the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) in March, 2020.

NOTE: For a detailed description, see Handout – **Summary of Upcoming Funding Resources for 2020**. Note that eligible applicant for a majority of these funding sources will be county departments. Once state funds are received by county departments, possible RFP’s will be released to receive funding applications from community agencies.

PROGRAM	SUMMARY
Permanent Local Housing Allocation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NOFA to be released approx. February 2020 • Non-competitive allocation for County, \$3,157,666 • Applications submitted “over-the-counter” between April – June 2020
Housing for a Healthy California Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications due 8/13/19; Awards expected end of 2019 • Riverside County: Total award limit is \$6,463,230. • NOFA for \$33 million to be released in Feb-2020 • Applications due by May-2020.
Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program	<p>Grant funds will be provided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuums of Care (estimated allocation \$3,532,190) • Counties (estimated allocation \$3,269,821) • Cities with a total population of 300,000 persons or more (estimated allocation for the City of Riverside \$7,401,489)

Funding Considerations

During the past couple of years, California counties, largest cities, and continuums of care have received an unprecedented amount of funding for homeless assistance from the State of California that included \$500 million from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), \$53 million in the first round of California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Program, and approximately \$29 million in the second round of the CESH program.

The Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) will provide an additional \$650 million for homeless assistance to California counties, largest cities, and continuums of care. By the end of the year, a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released and applications due by February 15, 2020.

Funding Considerations

HEAP and CESH funds have undoubtedly helped, and unspent funds to date will continue to help, persons languishing on the streets and prevent premature deaths.

Directing HHAP funding would include designating funds to solely assist and house homeless persons languishing on the streets with life-threatening and terminal illnesses, especially those who have also been aging on the streets and/or experienced homelessness for the first time later in life.

Funding Considerations

Life-threatening Illnesses

Life-threatening illnesses are chronic and often incurable and have the effect of limiting a person's ability to carry out daily physical needs and reducing a person's life expectancy. Such illnesses include diabetes, neurological conditions including Parkinson's disease and dementia, and heart disease.

Terminal Illnesses

Terminal illnesses or progressive end-stage diseases are incurable and expected to result in premature death. Cancer, advanced heart disease, leukemia, HIV/AIDS, and chronic lung conditions are some of these progressive diseases.

Funding Considerations

Aging on the Streets

A preponderance of research on aging on the streets has revealed that Adults age 55 and older who are homeless have mortality rates four times higher than the general population. Also, cognitive and mobility impairments are likely to increase for seniors while languishing on the streets.

Homeless Prevention

Directing HHAP funding can also include designating funds to prevent persons with life-threatening and terminal illnesses from becoming homeless.

Supplementing not Supplanting Funds

One notable difference in legislation for HHAP compared to HEAP and CESH concerns supplanting funds, which was not called out in legislation for HEAP and CESH.

“The intent of HHAP program funds is to expand or increase services and housing capacity. HHAP funds cannot replace local funds that are committed to an existing or developing homeless assistance program. However, if funds previously supporting a service or project end or are reduced for reasons beyond the control of the grantee and services or housing capacity will be lost as a result of these funds ending, HHAP program funds may be used to maintain the service or program and are not considered supplanting. Examples include, but are not limited to, a time-limited city and/or county tax or one-time block grant, such as HEAP.”

Directing HHAP funding to include designated funds to assist and house homeless persons languishing on the streets with life-threatening and terminal illnesses would not supplant funds.

Eligible Activities

Eligible activities within the HHAP Program to prevent premature deaths include:

- ❖ *Assist(ing) vulnerable populations in accessing permanent housing stability in supportive housing;*
- ❖ *Rental assistance and rapid rehousing; and*
- ❖ *Landlord Incentives (including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees).*

Obligating and Expending Funds

HHAP Program legislation states that:

- *CoCs and large cities must contractually obligate no less than 50% of program allocations on or before May 31, 2023;*
- *Counties must contractually obligate their full program allocation on or before May 31, 2023; and*
- *funds must be fully expended by June 30, 2025.*

Thus, directing HHAP funding to include designated funds to assist and house homeless persons languishing on the streets with life-threatening and terminal illnesses could occur for up to a five-year period of time.

5.0 New Business

5.5 Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program (HHAP) Funding Priorities

Tammy Marine, BoG Chair

5.0 New Business

5.5 Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention Program (HHAP) Funding Priorities

Background: Governor Newsom signed HHAP into law on 7/31/19. Funding application due 2/15/2020

- block grant to provide cities and counties with one-time grant funds
- support regional coordination
- expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges
- support best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families.

Recommended Motion:

5.5a Approve DPSS to submit the HHAP application for all HHAP eligible activities.

Public comment for this item only

5.0 New Business

5.6 2020 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count Planning

Tony Ortego, DPSS

5.0 New Business

5.6 2020 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count Planning

Background: On August 29, 2019, the BoG discussed alternative count schedule, including the weekend. DPSS surveyed city leaders, community partners and volunteers who elected to keep the 2020 Point in Time Count original date of Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Three community meetings were scheduled to plan the homeless count with the PIT Planning Committees: 10/22/19, 11/4/19, 11/15/19

- Methodology, Data Analysis and Reporting
- Service-Based Count
- Volunteer Recruitment and Training
- Location Mapping/Deployment Sites
- Technology
- Communication
- Incentives
- Youth Point in Time Count

6.0 Consent Items

6.1 CoC Grant Expenditures Report

Connie Hill

DPSS, Management Reporting Unit

6.0 Consent Items

6.1 CoC Grant Expenditures Report

The report includes:

- HUD CoC and State Emergency Solutions Grant
- Total Expended to Date
- Projection on Unspent Funds
- 2017 HUD CoC Award Spending Analysis

Public comment for this item only.

CoC Grant Expenditures Report

As of 10/31/2019 there are **20 active HUD CoC projects totaling \$9,875,571**

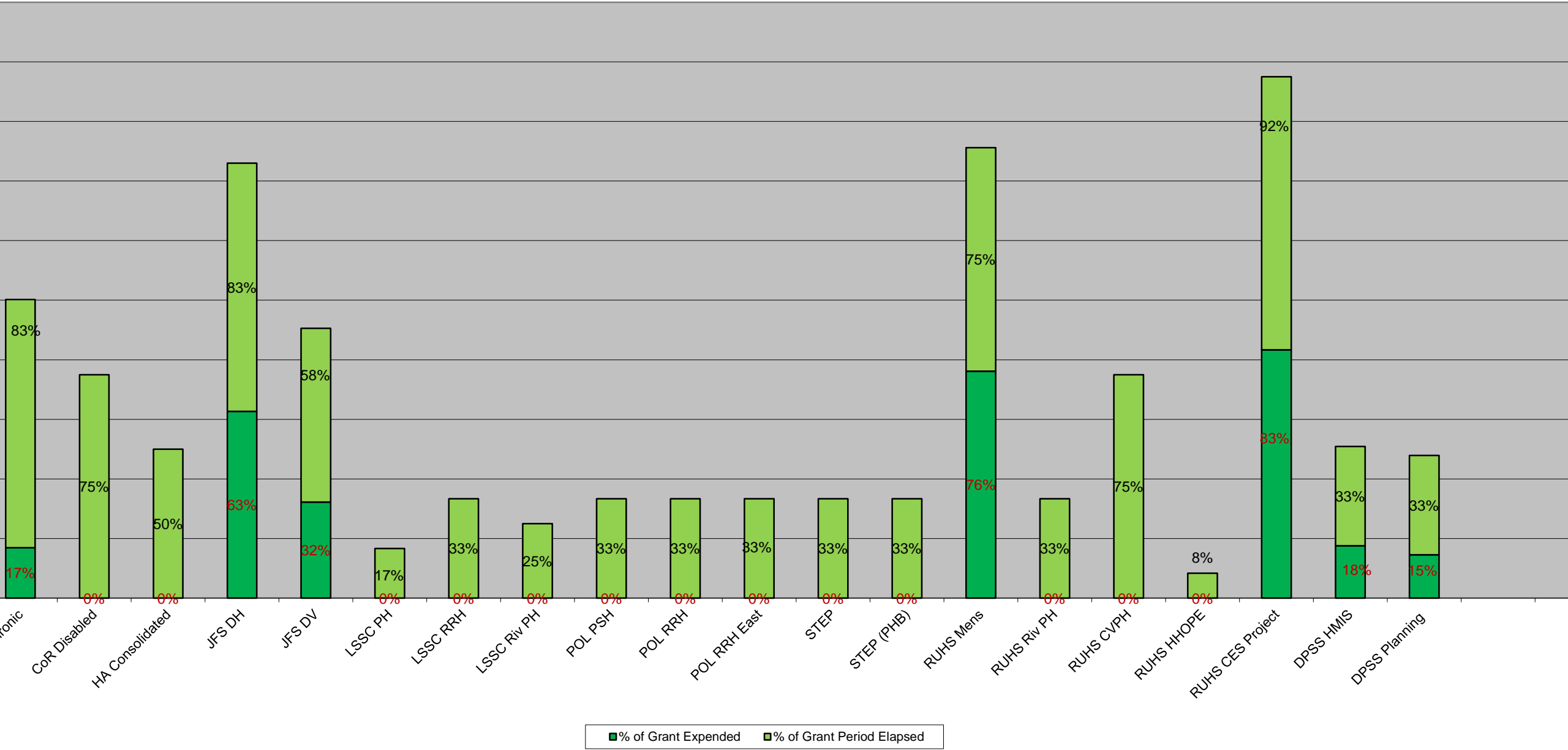
These are current projects regardless of NOFA or FY. This report is a monthly snapshot of active CoC grants.

**There is currently no state ESG contract in place*

	HUD CoC	State ESG*
Total expenditures on active grant as of October 31, 2019	\$1,450,501	\$0.00
Projection of unspent funds on current/active grants	\$387,818	\$0.00

NOTE: CoC and ESG grants do not follow the county fiscal year nor do they all follow the same grant period. The numbers above are not based on NOFA year nor Fiscal Year. They are based on the current/active CoC and ESG grants that are on your handout (Monthly Grant Report).

October 2019- % of Grant Expended



■ % of Grant Expended
 ■ % of Grant Period Elapsed

2017 HUD CoC Award Spending Analysis

Total Award	Total Expended	Percent Expended	Total Unexpended	Percent Unexpended
\$9,978,890	\$9,278,323	93%	\$700,566	7%

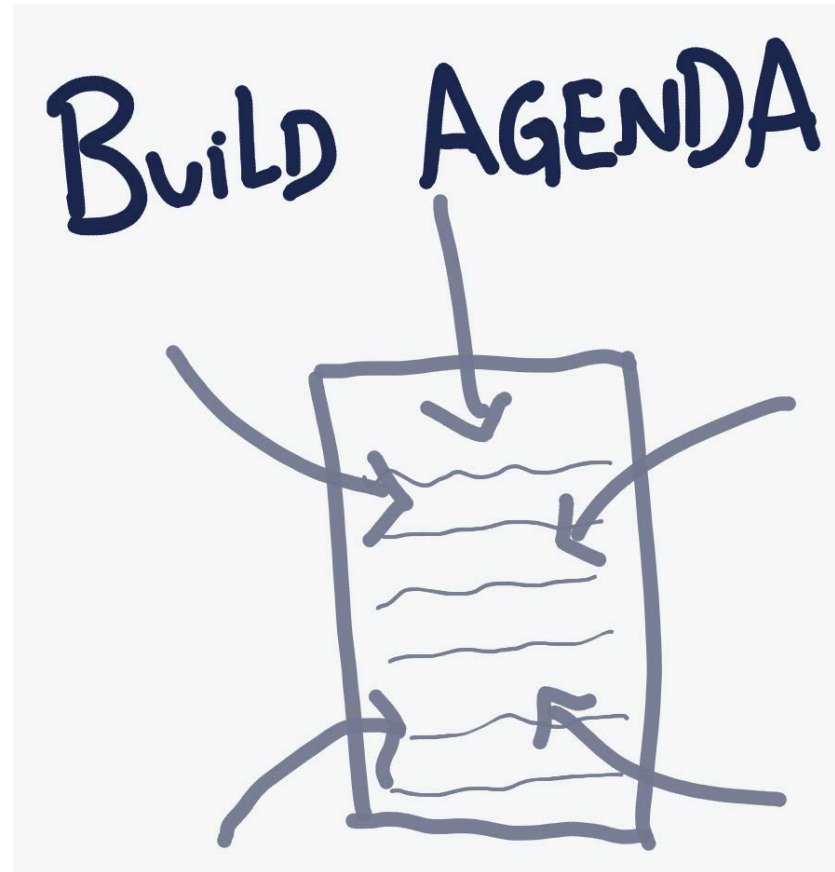
Refer to Handout - Riverside City & County CoC Project Listing - 2017 Awards for details

7.0 Announcements

7.1 Longest Night of the Year--Homeless Memorial Day Celebration

- The County will issue a proclamation on December 17, 2019 commemorating Homeless Memorial Day

8.0 Call for Agenda Items for Next Meeting



9.0 Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled BoG meeting is:

Thursday, February 20, 2020

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

DPSS Staff Development Office – Room 101

22690 Cactus Avenue

Moreno Valley, CA 92553

10.0 Adjournment

Thank You