

AGENDA

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1.0 Call Meeting to Order and Introductions

Board Present: Anna Scott, Jennifer Kreitz, Amanda Greenberg, and Marilyn Mann

Board Absent: Kris Kuntz, Patricia Robertson, Nichole Williamson, and Kathy Peterson

Other: Melissa Best-Baker, Vanessa Ruggio, Morningstar Willis-Wagoner, Heidi Dougherty, Amy Wyatt, Garrick Wong, Isaiah Rich, N. Kumar, Isaura Ocampo, Cathreen Richards, Kara – Reno VA, Rebecca Samaha, Monica Kyle, Greg Wilkinson, Kimberly Ryan, Olya Egorov, Sookaaki Charley,

2.0 Public Comment: This time is set aside to receive public comment on matters not calendared on the agenda.

CoC planning competitive grant NOFA has been released and Amy Wyatt of Thurmond Consulting is working on the planning grant on behalf of the ESCoC. Deadline is September 28. The CoC also discussed hosting domestic violence trainings as part of an upcoming meeting related to the planning grant.

3.0 Approval of Minutes (Action Item): Review and consider approval of draft minutes from June 12, 2023

Motion made by Ms. Mann and seconded by Ms. Kreitz to approve.

Ayes: Ms. Scott, Ms. Kreitz, Ms. Greenberg, and Ms. Mann

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Kuntz, Ms. Robertson, Ms. Williamson, and Ms. Peterson

4.0 HHIP Implementation (Informational Item): Receive update on HHIP implementation with Managed Medi-Cal Plans

Ms. Scott provided an overview of HHIP funding with clarification regarding the County dollars and CoC dollars. Narrative reporting responses have been submitted for the last year. Representative from California Health and Wellness stated that they could likely provide an extension on the expenditure deadlines.

5.0 Alpine County Summer PIT Count (Informational Item): Receive overview of Alpine County's plan for a PIT count this summer

Ms. Egorov provided a general overview. The date for the summer PIT count has been pushed back as a result of some of the flooding and closed areas.

6.0 IRS Rural Symposium (Informational Item): Receive information on the Internal Revenue Service's virtual Rural Symposium scheduled for July 12, 2023, 11:00 am PST

The Symposium requires pre-registration. Monica Kyle (monica.a.kyle@irs.gov) and Greg Wilkinson (Michael.g.wilkinson@irs.gov) with the IRS provided an overview. On page 7 of the agenda, the IRS has provided some informational overview documents of the various programs available to residents. The symposium will provide information regarding the various resources available, including those services designed to meet the needs of rural residents who do not have the ready access to IRS like those living in more urban areas where there are IRS offices. The IRS is trying to grow these programs in rural communities.

7.0 HIC/PIT Count Submission (Informational Item): Receive update on January 2023 HIC/PIT data validation

Amy Wyatt has been helping the CoC to validate its HIC/PIT Count data and she is finalizing the CoC's numbers with HUD. We did have 5 unsheltered veterans and one

transitional housing resident that we were able to incorporate into the data. The numbers for the count were lower than the prior year count. Continue to work towards using a consistent methodology for the PIT/HIC to ensure that the data from year to year is based on same markers.

- 8.0 CSAC AT HOME Plan Letter of Support (Informational Item):** Receive update on submission of a ESCoC letter of support and summary of state budget actions related to homelessness
Ms. Scott provided an overview of the request for support for the CSAC AT HOME plan. We were able to provide a letter of support that was approved via an email polling of the Board.
- 9.0 HHAP 1, 2 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 1 and Round 2 funds
See 11.0
- 10.0 HHAP 3 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 3 funding
See 11.0
- 11.0 HHAP 4 (Informational Item):** Receive update on HHAP Round 4 funding
Ms. Scott provided an update on HHAP 1-4. The agreements to add Inyo County as an additional party to the HHAP 1 and 2 contracts between the CA Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) and IMACA have been submitted to the state and the Inyo County Board of Supervisors granted Ms. Mann signing authority on these contracts. Once the agreements are fully executed, IMACA can transfer funds to Inyo County as the Collaborative Applicant. The HHAP 4 agreement was approved by the Inyo Board of Supervisors on 6/10/23 and Inyo County will receive the funds on behalf of the CoC once the agreement is executed by the state. No expenditures or updates to report for HHAP 3.
- 12.0 Collaborative Applicant Planning Grants (Informational Item):** Receive an update regarding 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 planning grants
Still awaiting confirmation that the planning grants for 2019 and 2020 can be transferred to Inyo County given that Inyo County was not engaged in CoC activities at that time.
- 13.0 Governance Charter Workgroup (Informational Item):** Update on annual Governance Charter revisions
Inyo County continues to work with the HUD consultants to revise our Governance Charter. Current goal is to complete all updates by the end of July.
- 14.0 HMIS/CES Update (Informational Item):** Subcommittee to meet briefly following this meeting to discuss meeting cadence and schedule
Ms. Best-Baker reported having no updates at this time. The workgroup will remain on-line following today's meeting to coordinate the cadence of meetings. Ms. Wyatt will discuss her ability to participate with Scott Thurmond.
- 15.0 Roundtable**
Anthem is launching an RFP for recuperative care and will be hosting an informational workshop. Request for update on the Section 8 voucher process with the Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority. Kimberly Ryan provided the contact who is currently Michele Gonzales with Stanislaus RHA michele@stanregionalha.org
- 16.0 Future Agenda Items**
1. Update on ESCoC Board Vacancies – pending updated Governance Charter
 2. Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority MOU
- Request for Stanislaus RHA to provide a presentation – Ms. Scott will reach out to arrange if possible.
- 17.0 Next meeting – August 14, 2023 1:00-2:30**
- 18.0 Adjournment**



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- Tax return prepared for free and filed accurately
- Access to resources to increase financial stability



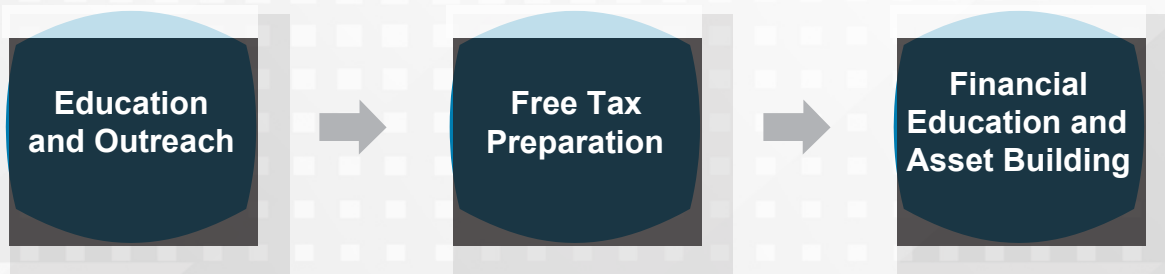
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- Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE)
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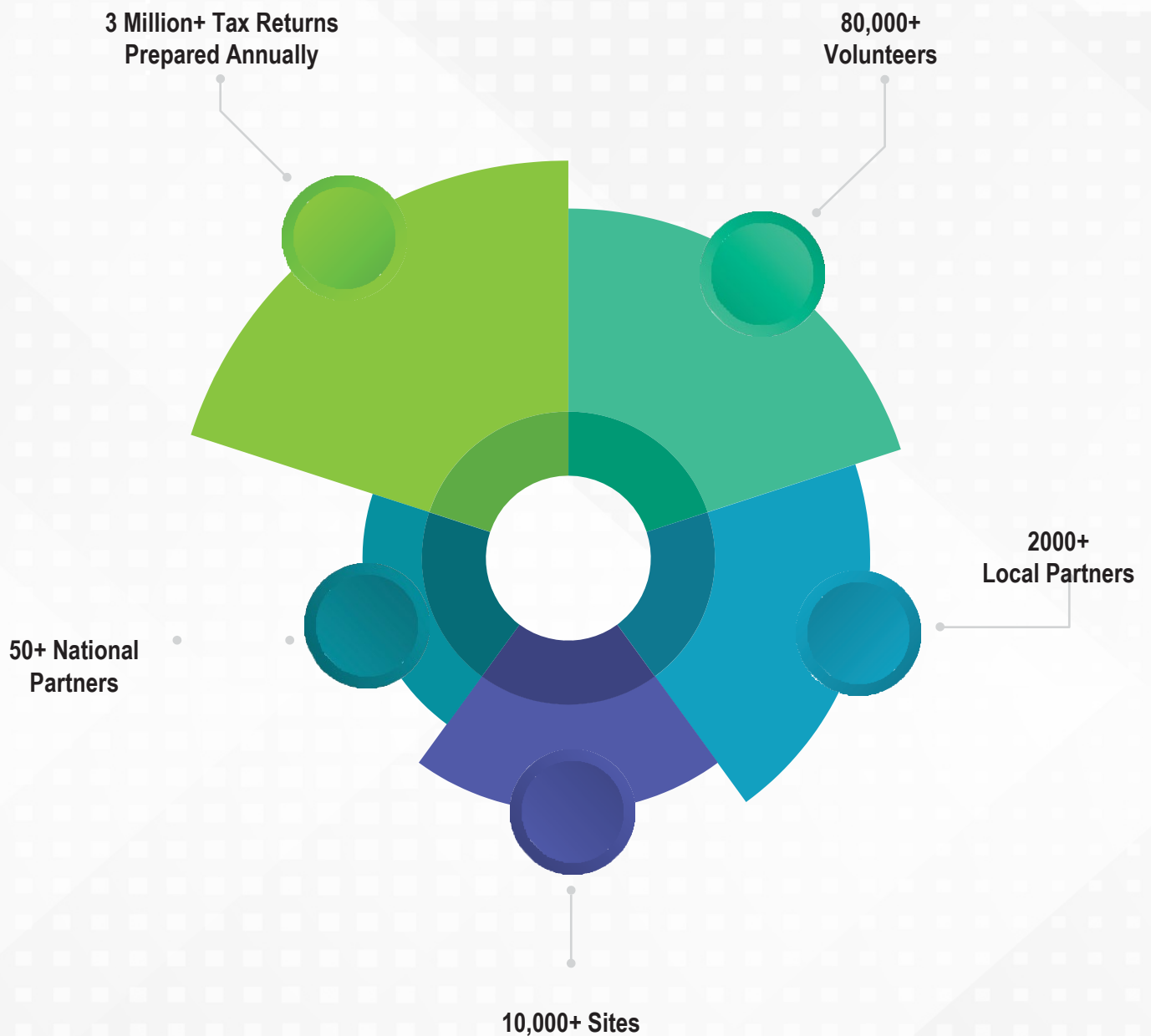
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- Assist underserved communities.
- Educate taxpayers on tax credits and deductions for which they qualify.
- Create a trusted alternative to paying tax preparation fees.
- Build taxpayers’ financial security.

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- Educate taxpayers about the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), a making work pay refundable tax credit for low-to-moderate income families and individuals.
- Host an accessible tax preparation site and provide free tax preparation services as the trusted source in your community.
- Inform clients about financial education and asset building opportunities that can impact lives.
- Recruit volunteers for VITA/TCE, who will acquire life-long career building, interpersonal and networking skills.
- Become an outreach and marketing partner by sharing important tax messages with taxpayers.
- Promote free online tax preparation services, such as Free File.
- Join a local coalition and provide in-kind or monetary donations for VITA/TCE partners.
- Start a local coalition in your community!

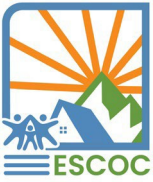
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EASTERN SIERRA CONTINUUM OF CARE (ESCoC)

ESCoC Board Membership: Anna Scott, Chair; Patricia Robertson, Vice Chair;
Amanda Fenn Greenberg, Secretary; Marilyn Mann; Kathy Peterson; Nichole Williamson; Kristopher Kuntz

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Resolution of the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care in Support of the CSAC 'AT HOME' Plan

WHEREAS, homelessness is an urgent humanitarian crisis with an estimated 172,000 unsheltered individuals across California; and

WHEREAS, the undertow of massive economic and systemic inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions made by well-intentioned policies and programs built over decades, continues to stymie efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and

WHEREAS, unlike other areas of government such as education, child welfare, infrastructure and many other policy areas, California lacks a comprehensive plan to address those who are unhoused and at-risk of becoming unhoused effectively and equitably; and

WHEREAS, the current approach to addressing homelessness is fragmented and lacks clear lines of responsibility, accountability and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, to make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused and housing insecure, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers a first-of-its-kind comprehensive approach to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the AT HOME plan includes broad goals and specific policy proposals to ensure clear lines of responsibility and accountability for every level of government and improve the way California collectively responds to those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused; and

WHEREAS, the six pillars of AT HOME stand for Accountability, Transparency, Housing, Outreach, Mitigation, and Economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, AT HOME elevates homelessness as an important shared California priority, similar to how education, child welfare, infrastructure, etc. are prioritized; and

WHEREAS, our organization is aligned with the goals and policies of the AT HOME plan and AT HOME Coalition for Accountability;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care supports the CSAC AT HOME Plan and hereby joins the AT HOME Coalition for Accountability;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care joins a growing coalition of local government, public safety, social justice, health, labor, housing, community and other organizations throughout the state seeking a comprehensive system to make material progress on homelessness in California.

We direct staff to email a copy of this adopted resolution to the California State Association of Counties at fmcting@counties.org.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this day 26th of June, 2023.

Anna Scott, Chair, Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care, CA 530



CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

Homelessness Trailer Bill Update

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June 29, 2023

The Housing and Homelessness budget trailer bill ([AB 129](#)) contains significant changes to the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. Many of the provisions are consistent with the AT HOME plan and reflect the advocacy of CSAC, counties, and partner organizations. The required regional collaboration, comprehensive homelessness plan development, and the identification of specific roles and responsibilities for each jurisdiction will help further efforts toward the establishment of a comprehensive homelessness response system. Unfortunately, there is no commitment to ongoing funding for the HHAP program. This lack of multi-year funding will limit the effectiveness of these new provisions and hinder the ability of local governments to make long-term progress to address homelessness.

AB 129 was passed by the Senate this morning and is anticipated to be passed by the Assembly this evening. CSAC has already started to engage with the Administration on implementation related to tools, resources, and timeline considerations needed to effectively comply with these program changes. Below is a summary of the key highlights of the HHAP program language in AB 129.

HHAP Funding Amounts

The budget agreement provides funding for HHAP in 2023-24 without an ongoing funding commitment.

- Establishes Round 5 of the HHAP Program to be funded at \$1 billion in 2023-24
- States legislative intent to provide funding for the HHAP program in 2024-25
- Makes one percent of funding (after state administrative costs) available to develop required regional plans

- Provides 80 percent of funding as base allocations
- Maintains existing HHAP distribution ratios for big cities, continuums of care (CoCs), and counties (42%, 30% and 28% respectively)
- Applicants have the option of designating another applicant in their region to serve as the fiscal agent for administration of the funding
- Eliminates bonus funding
- Sets aside 17 percent as supplemental support for Homekey
- Provides two percent for tribal applicants
- Advances redeployment of bonus funding allocated in prior years as supplemental HHAP funding

Required Regional Plan

The trailer bill includes new requirements for regional coordination, comprehensive plan development, and identification of roles and responsibilities.

- Requires counties, big cities, and CoCs to apply as part of a region, to coordinate on the development and submission of a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan, and to be a signatory on the plan
- The plan must include:
 - Identification of roles and responsibilities for all participating jurisdictions regarding outreach and site coordination, siting and use of available land, the development of shelter, interim, and permanent housing options, and the coordination and connection to the delivery of services
 - Small cities (those with population under 300,000) may elect to engage and collaborate on the plan and will have roles and responsibilities identified
 - System performance metrics on a range on homelessness metrics
 - Key action towards accomplishing performance metrics including sources of funding, lead entity on each step, timeframe, and how to measure success.
 - List of actions to prevent individuals falling into homelessness as they exit institutional settings

- Explanation of how each jurisdiction is using the list of identified federal, state, and local homelessness funding
- Explanation of how region is connecting individuals to eligible wrap around services
- Actions to address racial and gender equity
- The plan development shall include a public stakeholder process with at least three public meetings
- Specific entities invited to the plan development include those with lived experience, local department leaders, service providers, managed care plans, and street medicine providers
- Requires the HHAP application to be available by September 30, 2023, and for the regional plan to be due no later than 180 days from the date the application is available.

Uses of HHAP Funding

The trailer bill lists a broad range of eligible uses of HHAP funding in three categories.

- Reorganizes and expands uses of HHAP funding into three major categories – (1) Permanent housing solutions; (2) Interim housing solutions; and (3) Services for people experiencing homelessness
- Applicants must demonstrate that the region has dedicated resources to permanent housing prior to using funding for new interim housing solutions
- Permanent housing solutions include rental subsidies, landlord incentives, move-in expenses, operating subsidies, rapid rehousing, diversion support programs, services for people in permanent housing, and capital for permanent housing
- Interim housing solutions include navigation centers, operating expenses in existing congregate care sites, operating expenses in new and existing non-congregate care sites, motel or hotel vouchers, services to people in interim housing, capital funding for new non congregate shelter sites, capital funding for clinically enhanced shelter sites, and youth-focused services in transitional housing
- Services for people experiencing homelessness include street outreach, services coordination, systems support, and improvements to emergency shelters
- Applicants are allowed to use funding for additional purposes with approval of Council

Accountability Provisions

The trailer bill includes mechanisms for the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) to monitor progress, provide technical assistance, and potentially withhold funding until improvement.

- Counties, CoCs, and big cities within a region must sign an MOU, while small cities may also sign and commit to participation
- The second installment (50% of the base allocation) will be contingent on submission of a regional plan update
- The council may withhold the second installment from a jurisdiction that repeatedly fails to take action as specified in the regional plan or that takes action adverse to achieving the objectives of the plan until the jurisdiction comes into compliance
- The council shall provide technical assistance to jurisdictions to help ensure compliance
- The council may monitor expenditures and programmatic activities to ensure compliance

Supplemental Funding

The trailer bill establishes additional requirements for eligibility for the Homekey set aside and redeployed bonus funding.

- In 2023-24, \$100 million will be provided to Round 5 applicants as supplemental funding to applicants upon approval of regional plan
- In 2024-25, \$260 million will be provided to Round 5 applicants as supplemental funding as long as applicants have an approved regional plan and counties and cities demonstrate that they have a compliant housing element
- For the supplemental Homekey funding, a city or county must have an approved regional plan and demonstrate that they have a compliant housing element in order to apply