



**Orange County
Continuum of Care Board
October 27, 2021**

Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

**Presentation on the Intersection of
Homelessness and Domestic Violence**

Human Options

There's no place like HOME

an introduction to the Housing Opportunities Mean Everything Cohort



The **HOME Cohort** was founded in 2019, with support from Foundation Chanel, to bring together six different domestic violence agencies from throughout California united in their goal to end women's homelessness. For women, the leading cause of homelessness is domestic violence, but tools such as the Coordinated Entry System were not designed to provide the confidentiality and safety protections that survivors need. This is why HOME focuses on growing programs and organizations that provide for the safety and economic security of survivors experiencing homelessness. HOME also serves as a model for future cohorts designed to address the intersectional needs of communities affected by issues like homelessness and domestic violence.

To accomplish these goals the HOME cohort works to showcase the clear intersection between domestic violence and homelessness, helping to improve continuums of care so that they more thoroughly respond to the intersectional needs of survivors. Through this education and collaboration, HOME will improve the communication and organizational connections between domestic violence agencies and homeless services, to ensure the network and actions of each organization can grow to incorporate a wider cross-section of experiences and perspectives.

THE HOME COHORT CURRENTLY INCLUDES

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (The Partnership), Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA), Empower Tehama, Family Violence Law Center, Haven Women's Center of Stanislaus, Human Options, Rainbow Services, and Women's Foundation California



CORA

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California Survivors’ Housing Rights Lease Addendum

TENANT	LANDLORD	UNIT NO. & ADDRESS
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This lease addendum adds the following paragraphs to the Lease between the Tenant and Landlord named above.

Purpose of the Addendum

The lease for the unit listed above is being amended to include the parts of California law that give housing protections for the different types of crime survivors described below. This document uses the word survivor throughout; however, California law may use the word victim.

Conflicts with Other Provisions of the Lease

In case of any conflict between provisions of this Addendum and other sections of this Lease, the provisions of this Addendum shall prevail.

Term of this Lease Addendum

The effective date of this Lease Addendum is _____. This Lease Addendum shall continue to be in effect until the Lease is terminated.

The following housing protection descriptions are **only summaries**. Please refer to each code section, and seek help from one of the resources listed below and/or your local domestic violence, sexual assault, anti-human trafficking, or housing agency to learn more about your rights under the law.

- **Lock changes:** A landlord must change the locks of a survivor’s unit within 24 hours of when a survivor of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, or civil harassment (including a credible threat of violence) requests in writing to have their locks changed with a document that verifies they are a survivor. A survivor living with the person who perpetrated abuse can verify they are a survivor with a protective order that excludes the perpetrator of abuse from the unit and a survivor that does not live with the perpetrator can verify they are a survivor with a copy of a police report or protective order. [Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1941.5 & 1941.6](#).
- **Breaking a lease early:** A landlord must allow a tenant to break their lease early without having to pay a penalty, if: 1) the tenant is a victim of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, abuse of an elder/ dependent adult, or crimes that caused injury, involved a deadly weapon, or involved force or threat of force; the tenant is a household member living with such victim(s); or the tenant is an immediate family member of such victim(s) **and** 2) the tenant provides specific types of evidence of victimization (see Civil Code section for details) two weeks in advance. The person breaking their lease early is only responsible for the two weeks’ rent, and normal laws about security deposits apply. [Cal. Civ. Code § 1946.7](#)
- **Eviction defense based on abusive acts:** A landlord cannot evict a tenant because of an act or acts of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, human trafficking, or elder/dependent adult abuse against a tenant or household member, unless the perpetrator of abuse is a current tenant or household member. [Cal. Civ. Proc. Code § 1161.3](#).

- **Eviction defense based on seeking emergency help:** A landlord also cannot evict or otherwise punish a survivor of abuse (including survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, or elder/dependent adult abuse); a survivor of a crime; or an individual in an emergency because they called the police or tried to get other or emergency assistance (or someone else called the police for them). [Cal. Civ. Code § 1946.8](#).
- **Kick out/Move out orders:** A court can make an order kicking out an abusive person from the survivor's home, even when the survivor is not on the lease or the homeowner. [Cal. Fam. Code § 6321](#).
- **Address confidentiality program:** Survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and other crimes can enroll in an address confidentiality and mail forwarding program to help keep their home address safe. [Cal. Gov't Code §§ 6205-6210](#).
- **Local governments cannot require eviction due to calls for police or emergency assistance:** Local governments cannot make a landlord evict someone (or otherwise punish the landlord or tenant) because the police or other emergency assistance were called to help because of a crime, or other type of emergency, including but not limited to: domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, stalking, or elder/dependent adult abuse). [Cal. Gov't Code § 53165](#).
- **Eligibility for homeless assistance due to domestic violence:** A family can apply for temporary and permanent homeless assistance through CalWORKs when they become homeless as a result of domestic violence. [Cal. Welf. & Inst. §§ 11450\(f\)\(2\)\(E\)\(iii\)-\(v\)](#).
- **California Fair Employment & Housing Act and Unruh Civil Rights Act:** Both laws prohibit housing discrimination based on sex, which may offer protections for survivors, depending on the circumstances. [Cal. Gov. Code § 12955 \(FEHA\)](#); [Cal. Civ. Code § 51 \(Unruh\)](#).

Tenant

Date

Landlord

Date

For more information or to be connected with a local service provider in your area, please contact:

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) / <https://www.thehotline.org/>

StrongHearts Native Helpline: 1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483) / <https://strongheartshelpline.org/>

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence: (916) 444-7163 / <https://www.cpedv.org>

ValorCA: Advancing Equity. Ending Sexual Violence: (916) 446-2520 / <https://www.valor.us/>

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking: (888) 539-2373 / <https://www.castla.org/>

System of Care Update

Doug Becht, Acting Director,
Office of Care Coordination

Business Calendar – Item #2

Project Roomkey

- The County of Orange continues to operate temporary isolation shelters for individuals and families experiencing homelessness who are COVID-19 sick or symptomatic
- Total capacity to serve is 150 persons
- Referrals into the program are made by the Public Health Services, hospitals, shelters, street outreach teams, and law enforcement

Business Calendar – Item #2

COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

- The Office of Care Coordination is working with Public Health Services and two Federally Qualified Health Centers on vaccination efforts for those experiencing homelessness
 - **Families Together of Orange County**
661 W. 1st Street, Tustin, CA 92780
Monday – Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm
 - **Share Our Selves**
1550 Superior Avenue, Costa Mesa, CA 92627
Monday – Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm

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The State of California's Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Program is referred to as CA COVID-19 Rent Relief or Housing is Key.

- Orange County tenants with rental arrears and/or past due utility bills are encouraged to apply for assistance.
- Landlords are also encouraged to apply.
- Priority for households that have an income of 50 percent or below of the Area Median Income (AMI).



**CA COVID-19
RENT RELIEF**

Check eligibility and apply for rent and utility relief at [HousingIsKey.com](https://www.housingiskey.com) or call 833-430-2122 today.

This graphic features a dark blue background. On the left is a stylized orange icon of a house with a keyhole. To its right, the text 'CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, in smaller white text, is the instruction to check eligibility and apply for rent and utility relief at HousingIsKey.com or call 833-430-2122 today.



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CALIFORNIA ALL

This image shows a family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) smiling and hugging each other. They are positioned in front of a brick wall. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the 'CA COVID-19 RENT RELIEF' logo and text in white. In the bottom left corner, there is a circular logo with the text 'CALIFORNIA ALL'.

Continuum of Care (CoC) Updates

Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

Business Calendar – Item #3

Domestic Violence Training for Service Providers

- The Office of Care Coordination in partnership with Human Options is hosting a virtual training on Domestic Violence for Service Providers. This one-hour session will cover best practices (e.g., trauma-informed, victim-centered) on safety and planning protocols in serving survivors of domestic violence using a trauma informed approach.
- Please find details on the upcoming training below:
 - Date:** October 28, 2021
 - Time:** 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 - This virtual training requires registration.** Please register to attend by Wednesday, October 27, 2021. Contact the Office of Care Coordination for the registration link at CareCoordination@ochca.com.

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2022 Point in Time Count

- At the September 29, 2021, meeting, the CoC Board approved the recommendation to conduct a 2022 Point in Time Count of sheltered and unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness in Orange County and establish Planning Committee in partnership with City Net and Covenant House California.

Timeline of Activities

- **October to December** – updating of maps and hot spot locations in coordination and collaboration with street outreach teams, law enforcement, cities and non-profit partners
- **December to January** – Identification of deployment centers, recruitment of volunteers, coordination of donations, and trainings
- **January 24 – January 27, 2022** – Conduct 2022 Point in Time Count

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Racial Equity Analysis

- Will support the Orange County Coc to assess its homeless response system, prioritize areas for action and implement strategies to achieve more racially equitable outcomes.
- Launching into Phase 1: Assessment and Learning Key Activities
 - Community Kickoff
 - Assessment of knowledge gaps and training needs
 - Racial equity level-setting sessions
 - Qualitative and quantitative data analysis
 - Presentation of findings from the Racial Equity Analysis
- **Community Kickoff Meeting** – Friday, December 10, 2021, at 10:30 am

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Youth Advisory Board

Purpose: to ensure the perspectives of transitional aged youth (TAY), ages 18 to 24, with current and/or past lived experience of homelessness are included in the decision-making process

- Will also collaborate with multiple TAY-serving agencies and collaboratively work together to improve TAY's connection to services
- For more information and to access the application visit:
<https://www.ochealthinfo.com/yab>

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U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Federal Strategic Plan

- USICH recently started an intensive process to create a new **Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness**.
- USICH invites feedback from anyone, particularly people who have experienced homelessness; people who serve the LGBTQ, BIPOC, or veteran communities; and people whose work involves the justice system.
- The Office of Care Coordination and Orange County CoC are encouraging participation in a survey by the USICH.

Online Survey

- You can complete the survey online by visiting the [USICH website](#).

**Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV)
Update**

Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager

Business Calendar – Item #4

Target Populations for EHV's

Individuals

Families

Veterans

Transitional
Aged Youth

Move-On
Strategy

Re-Entry and
Exiting
Facilities

Domestic
Violence

Business Calendar – Item #4

Updates from the Public Housing Authorities



Anaheim Housing Authority

Garden Grove Housing Authority

Orange County Housing Authority

Santa Ana Housing Authority

**FY2021 CoC Notice of Funding
Opportunity (NOFO)**

Zulima Lundy, CoC Manager

Business Calendar – Item #5

CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request For Proposal (RFP)

- The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for \$1,411,587 587 in CoC Bonus Funding, and additional funding may be made available at a later date through the reallocation process.
- Eligible project types include Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing

CoC Bonus and Reallocation RFP Panel

- The Office of Care Coordination worked to identify three individuals with a deep knowledge and understanding of the CoC and the homeless service system to support with reviewing and recommending submitted proposals.
- The panel reviewed two proposals and recommended both projects for inclusion in the collaborative application, in the following order:
 1. Families Forward – Rapid Rehousing for Veteran Families
 2. Illumination Foundation – Housing 4 Health

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CoC Bonus and Reallocation Request For Proposal (RFP)

- The panel reviewed two proposals and recommended both projects for inclusion in the collaborative application, in the following order:

1. Families Forward

- Project name: Rapid Rehousing for Veteran Families
- Proposed budget: \$367,596
- Total households to be served: 20
- Total persons to be served: 70
- Project type: Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

2. Illumination Foundation

- Project name: Housing 4 Health
- Proposed budget: \$558,621
- Total households to be served: 20
- Total persons to be served: 30
- Project Type: Permanent Supportive Housing
- Project is leveraging Homekey Project application efforts

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Recommended Action

- Approve the selection of the proposals submitted in response to the CoC Bonus and Reallocation RFP as recommended by the RFP Review Panel for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program NOFO collaborative application and ranking in the following order.
 - i. Families Forward
 - ii. Illumination Foundation

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Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Request For Proposal

- The Orange County CoC is eligible to apply for \$2,736,456 in the DV Bonus.
- Eligible project types include Rapid Rehousing and Joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing - Rapid Rehousing.

DV Bonus and Reallocation RFP Panel

- The Office of Care Coordination worked to identify three individuals with a deep knowledge and understanding of the CoC and the homeless service system to support with reviewing and recommending submitted proposals.
- The panel reviewed two proposals and recommended projects for inclusion in the collaborative application, in the following order:
 1. Human Options – DV Bonus
 2. Interval House – Domestic Violence TH-RRH Program Expansion

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Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Request For Proposal

- The panel reviewed two proposals and recommended projects for inclusion in the collaborative application, in the following order:

1. Human Options

- Project name: DV Bonus Project
- Proposed budget: \$752,429
- Total households to be served: 20
- Total persons to be served: 20
- Project type: Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Permanent Housing (PH) – Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

2. Interval House

- Project name: Domestic Violence TH-RRH Program Expansion
- Proposed budget: \$500,000
- Total households to be served: 20
- Total persons to be served: 30
- Project type: Joint Transitional Housing (TH) and Permanent Housing (PH) – Rapid Re-housing (RRH)

Business Calendar – Item #5

Recommended Action

- Approve the selection of the proposals submitted in response to the Domestic Violence Bonus RFP as recommended by the RFP Review Panel for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program NOFO collaborative application and ranking in the following order.
 - i. Human Options
 - ii. Interval House

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CoC Renewal Project Funding Reallocation

- The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc is recommending the reallocation of 1736 Family Crisis Center's (1736FCC) renewal project named Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Veterans
- Analysis of 1736FCC's project performance found the following:
 - 1736FCC had a project performance score of approximately 50% of available points for the last three calendar years.
 - History of underspending grant for the last three grants closed out.
- Approval of reallocation of 1736FCC project will support Orange County CoC's goal of having high-performing projects that best address needs of those experiencing homelessness.

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Reallocation Funding to Expand PSH Project

- The CoC NOFO recommended that the reallocation funding be utilized to create an expansion grant for the highest performing permanent supportive housing programs.
- This recommendation will support the Orange County CoC in developing additional capacity to serve individuals experiencing chronic homelessness with the highest vulnerabilities and service needs.
- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, will be in communication with the agencies with the highest scoring Permanent Supportive Housing renewal projects to explore this possibility and/or option, taking into consideration the agency's capacity and project.

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Recommended Actions

- Approve the reallocation of funding for the CoC Renewal Project(s) for the FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO.
 - i. 1736 Family Crisis Center – \$414,065
- Approve the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommendation to utilize the reallocation funding to expand the highest scoring Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal Project(s).

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CoC Program Priority Listing

- During the September 29, 2021, meeting, the Orange County CoC approved the FY2021 Rating and Ranking Criteria for the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO to evaluate CoC renewal projects.
- The Office of Care Coordination, as the Collaborative Applicant, prepopulated the scores from the Agency Administrative Review, Project Performance Measures, and unspent funds.
- The CoC NOFO Ad Hoc scored the remainder of the criteria, such as CES participation, housing first/low-barrier implementation, and project effectiveness.
- Tie-breaker criteria to further support of the ranking and tiering process:
 - Unit utilization for permanent supportive housing renewal projects
 - Days until permanent housing placement for rapid rehousing renewal projects

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CoC Program Priority Listing

- CoC NOFO Ad Hoc considered the following items in the ranking and tiering process:
 - Rating and Ranking Criteria Score
 - Project type
 - Competitiveness of CoC Bonus Funding Applications and DV Bonus Funding Applications
 - Strategy to maximize available funding in the DV Bonus and CoC Bonus opportunities
- Item 5 Attachment A is the FY2021 CoC Program Priority Listing as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc and details the ranking and tiering of renewal projects, reallocation funding, and CoC Bonus, and DV Bonus projects for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program NOFO Application.
- Approval of the recommended action will support the Orange County CoC in fulfilling the requirements of the FY2021 CoC Program NOFO.

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Orange County Continuum of Care FY2021 Priority Listings

Total Annual Renewal Amount: \$28,231,737 **CoC Bonus:** \$1,411,587
Tier 1: \$28,231,737 **DV Bonus:** \$2,736,456
Tier 2: \$4,148,043 **CoC Planning:** \$846,952

Project Ranking	Applicant Name	Project Name	Project Component	Total ARA	Score
1	Orange County Housing Authority	#3 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2019 Renewal Project	PSH	\$ 2,944,957	100%
2	Anaheim Supportive Housing, Inc.	Tyrol Plaza Senior Apartments	PSH	\$ 160,752	100%
3	Interval House	Rapid Rehousing Program	RRH	\$ 231,195	100%
4	Orange County Housing Authority	#4 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2019 Renewal Project	PSH	\$ 2,296,806	98%
5	Serving People In Need, Inc.	CoC Rapid Re-housing 2019	RRH	\$ 629,522	97%
6	Mercy House Living Centers	Mills End and PSH Leasing Consolidation	PSH	\$ 574,790	96%
7	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project	PSH	\$ 3,297,341	94%
8	Friendship Shelter, Inc.	Henderson House Permanent Supportive Housing	PSH	\$ 632,877	94%
9	Illumination Foundation	Street2Home OC Expansion	PSH	\$ 1,956,881	94%
10	Interval House	Domestic Violence Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing Program	Joint TH-RRH	\$ 934,679	94%
11	Orange County Housing Authority	#1 Consolidated Shelter Plus Care TRA 2019 Renewal Project	PSH	\$ 4,451,459	93%
12	Illumination Foundation	Stanton Multi-Service Center	PSH	\$ 472,533	93%
13	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing 2	PSH	\$ 593,107	93%
14	Mercy House Living Centers	Mercy House -CoC Leasing - Renewal	PSH	\$ 539,006	92%
15	Mercy House Living Centers	OC PSH Collaboration Project II - Expansion	PSH	\$ 2,298,858	90%
16	Mercy House Living Centers	Aqua PSH	PSH	\$ 292,976	90%
17	American Family Housing	Permanent Housing Collaborative	PSH	\$ 384,629	90%
18	Orange County Housing Authority	#2 Consolidated Continuum of Care TRA 2019 Renewal Project	PSH	\$ 1,930,508	87%
19	Orange County Housing Authority	Jackson Aisle Shelter Plus Care PRA 2019 Renewal Project	PSH	\$ 389,050	87%
20	Fullerton Interfaith Emergency Service	Rapid Re-Housing for Families	RRH	\$ 344,195	85%
21	Families Forward	Families Forward Rapid Re-Housing Expansion	RRH	\$ 579,737	85%
22	County of Orange	Coordinated Entry System SSO Grant NOFA 2019 Combined	SSO	\$ 1,231,239	
23	People for Irvine Community Health dba 2-1-1 Orange County	HMIS Consolidated Community Support NOFA 2019	HMIS	\$ 650,575	
24	Agency	Reallocation Project	PSH	\$ 414,065	
Tier 1 Total				\$ 28,231,737	
25	Human Options	DV Bonus Project	Joint TH-RRH	\$ 752,429	
26	Families Forward	Rapid Rehousing for Veteran Families	RRH	\$ 367,569	
27	Interval House	Domestic Violence TH- RRH Program Expansion	Joint TH-RRH	\$ 500,000	
28	Illumination Foundation	Housing 4Health	PSH	\$ 558,621	
Tier 2 Total				\$ 2,178,619	
				\$ 30,410,356	

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Appeals Process

- Should an agency wish to appeal the decision for reallocation of funding, the ranking and/or tiering the following formal appeal process can be followed:
 1. A formal appeal must be submitted by 12:00 p.m. two (2) business days after the CoC Board decision. The appeal document must consist of a short, written statement (no longer than two pages) of the agency's appeal of the decision addressing the flaw in methodology or in the process used in the decision. The overall performance measurements or data are not a basis for an appeal. The statement can be in the form of a letter or a memo from an individual authorized to represent the agency (i.e., Executive Director).
 2. The appeal must be transmitted by email to Zulima Lundy at ZLundy@ochca.com and Felicia Boehringer at FBoehringer@ochca.com.
 3. The Appeals Panel will be selected from the CoC Board or its designees. The membership of the Appeals Panel will have no conflict of interest in serving.
 4. The Appeal Panel will conduct an in person or telephone meeting with a representative(s) of the agency/collaborative who filed the appeal to discuss it, if needed.
 5. The Appeal Panel will inform appealing agencies of its decision.
- In all cases, the Appeals Committee has the final authority on appeals decisions.

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Recommended Action

- Approve the CoC Project Ranking and Tiering order as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to be included in the FY 2021 CoC Program Priority Listing.

Business Calendar – Item #5

Recommended Actions

- Approve the selection of the proposals submitted in response to the CoC Bonus and Reallocation RFP as recommended by the RFP Review Panel for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program NOFO collaborative application and ranking in the following order.
 - i. Families Forward
 - ii. Illumination Foundation
- Approve the selection of the proposals submitted in response to the Domestic Violence Bonus RFP as recommended by the RFP Review Panel for inclusion in the Orange County CoC Program NOFO collaborative application and ranking in the following order.
 - i. Human Options
 - ii. Interval House
- Approve the reallocation of funding for the CoC Renewal Project(s) for the FY 2021 CoC Program NOFO.
 - i. 1736 Family Crisis Center – \$414,065
- Approve the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc recommendation to utilize the reallocation funding to expand the highest scoring Permanent Supportive Housing Renewal Project(s).
- Approve the CoC Project Ranking and Tiering order as recommended by the CoC NOFO Ad Hoc to be included in the FY 2021 CoC Program Priority Listing.

**Policies, Procedures and Standards
(PPS) Committee Update**

Zulima Lundy, Continuum of Care Manager

Business Calendar – Item #6

Anti-Discrimination Policy

- **Background:**

- The Anti-Discrimination Policy (Item VI. Attachment A) is being recommended to the Policies, Procedures, and Standards Committee for adoption.
- Adoption of the Anti-Discrimination Policy will support the Orange County CoC in ensuring all people experiencing homelessness have equal access to the housing and services necessary to end their homelessness.
- The policy would also support the CoC in complying with federal nondiscrimination and equal opportunity provisions, as codified in the Fair Housing Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, Titles II & III of the Americans with Disabilities Act, HUD's Equal Access to Housing Rule and Gender Identity Final Rule, 24 CFR 5.100, 5.105(a)(2) and 5.106(b).

- **Recommended Action:**

- Approve the adoption of an Anti-Discrimination Policy for the Orange County CoC in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Business Calendar – Item #6

CoC Board Membership Composition and Election Process

- During the July 2021 meeting of the Orange County CoC Board, the CoC Board appointed the membership of the Nominating Committee.
- The Nominating Committee was tasked with reviewing the CoC Board membership composition and election process as detailed in the Governance Chart and providing recommendations to best enhance the composition of the CoC Board and improve the election process.
- The Nominating Committee reviewed the relevant sections of the Governance Charter in detail and are recommending the proposed redlines as detailed in Item VI. Attachment B.

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Proposed Changes Detailed in Item 6 Attachment B

- Increased the number of at-large CoC member seats from nine to eleven for a total of 17 seats in the CoC Board.
- Designated specific areas of experience/expertise for nine of the following at-large seats:
 1. One (1) seat for Behavioral Health background and expertise
 2. One (1) seat for Faith Based Representation
 3. One (1) seat for Health Care background and expertise
 4. One (1) seat for affordable housing development background and expertise
 5. Five (5) seats for expertise on homeless services and/or subpopulation focus
 - a. Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC)
 - b. Diversion
 - c. Emergency Shelter
 - d. Families
 - e. Individuals
 - f. LGBTQ
 - g. People with disabilities
 - h. Permanent Supportive Housing
 - i. Prevention
 - j. Rapid Rehousing
 - k. Street Outreach
 - l. Transitional Aged Youth

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Proposed Changes Detailed in Item 6 Attachment B

- Added language to highlight the need for a well-balanced perspective and representation of persons of difference races, ethnicity and backgrounds.
- Further detailed the role of the Nominating Committee through the election process.
- Clarified the role of the CoC General Membership in regards to the election process.
- Updated the timeline for the nominating and election process:
 - **September** – CoC Board Chair appoints Nominating Committee
 - **October** – Nominating Committee convenes and outreaches to potential candidates.
 - **November** – Candidates are presented to the CoC General Membership for voting/election.
 - **December** – The CoC Board ratifies slate of elected candidates by the CoC General membership.
 - **January** – CoC Board seating takes place. Outgoing CoC Board and Board staff will provide “training” for incoming Board.

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Recommended Action

- Approve the recommended changes to the sections of the Orange County CoC Governance Charter related to the CoC Board Membership Composition and Election Process as proposed by the CoC Nominating and recommended by PPS Committees.

Proposed Next Steps:

- **October 27, 2021** – CoC Board to approve recommended changes
- **November 1 – 12, 2021** – Nominating Period
- **November 17, 2021** – Candidates application is due
- **November 18-23, 2021** – Review of candidate applications
- **November 24 – December 8, 2021** – CoC General Membership to vote on candidates
- **December 2, 2021** – Meet and Greet meeting with candidates
- **December 15, 2021** – CoC Board to ratify election results

Business Calendar – Item #6

Recommended Actions

- Approve the PPS Committee recommendation to adopt an Anti-Discrimination Policy for the Orange County CoC in accordance with guidance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- Approve the recommended changes to the sections of the Orange County CoC Governance Charter related to the CoC Board Membership Composition and Election Process as proposed by the CoC Nominating and recommended by PPS Committees.

OC Finance Trust Advisory Board

Zulima Lindy, CoC Manager

Adam Eliason, OC Finance Trust

Business Calendar – Item #7

Background:

- On September 15, 2021, the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT) adopted Bylaws (reference Item VII. Attachment A) detailing the creation of an Advisory Board.
- The Bylaws detail that one of the seven members of the Advisory Board will be a member who also serves on the Orange County CoC Board.
- The CoC Board member shall be appointed by the majority of the Orange County CoC Board to serve as the representative from the Orange County CoC.
- Appointing a CoC Board Member to the Advisory Board will add value, bringing knowledge of funded homeless services and programs into the OCHFT conversation to finance the development of affordable and permanent supportive housing units in a holistic and regional approach of ending homelessness in Orange County advise the OC Housing Finance Trust Board of Directors.

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Recommended Action

- Appoint a CoC Board Member to the Orange County Housing Finance Trust Advisory Board to advise the OC Housing Finance Trust Board of Directors.

**Hunger and Homelessness
Awareness Week**

Becks Heyhoe, OC United Way

