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**Meeting Agenda  
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022  
3:30pm-5pm**

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1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
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Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval of Board Minutes from January 13, 2021.
6. Receive a notice of an unscheduled Board member vacancy for Drew Powers and receive a nomination for Assistant City Manager Ingrid Hardy to fill this board seat.

7. Review the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regulations Regarding the Continuum of Care Board Membership and Provide Input on Expansion or Diversification of Membership.
8. Receive a Presentation on Project Roomkey Re-Housing Strategy
9. Receive and File a Report on Progress to End Homelessness Among Veterans in Ventura County.



**Meeting Minutes  
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
3:30pm-5pm**

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**IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e)(1)(A) AND IN RESPONSE TO THE DECLARED STATE AND LOCAL EMERGENCIES DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS AND LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER RECOMMENDATION REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING, THE VENTURA COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE IS HOLDING ALL BOARD, ALLIANCE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ELECTRONICALLY WHICH ARE ACCESSIBLE ONLINE VIA ZOOM WITH LINKS POSTED ON [www.venturacoc.org](http://www.venturacoc.org) TO FIND OUT HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT, SEE INFORMATION CONTAINED BELOW ON THIS AGENDA.**

1. **Call to Order** - Dawn Dyer, CoC Board Chair, called the meeting to order at **3:33 pm**

**Board Members:** Dawn Dyer, Susan Englund, Manuel Minjares, Carolyn Briggs, Pam Marshall, Michael Powers, Kevin Clerici, Nancy Wharfield, Emilio Ramirez, Mara Malch

**Absent:** Michael Nigh, Carmen Ramirez, Drew Powers

**Staff:** Felipe Flores, Alicia Morales-McKinney, Jennifer Harkey, Tara Carruth, Christy Madden

**HMIS Staff:** Chris Russell, Jeff Wilson

**Public Attendees:** Elizabeth Stone, Rebecca Kofman

2. **Board Comments:** Dawn Dyer, CoC Board Chair, congratulated Supervisor Carmen Ramirez for being elected as the Ventura County Board of Supervisor's Chair. Dawn also reminded the CoC Board of the upcoming Housing Trust Fund Ventura County's Annual meeting that will be held via Zoom on 1/26/22 from 11:30 am – 1 pm.
3. **CoC Staff Comments:** Tara Carruth, CoC Staff indicated that there was no Project RoomKey (PRK) update on this occasion however, the CoC/CEO Community Development team is working on a re-housing plan to submit to the State. Tara further informed that Federal Emergency Management Funds (FEMA) would run through March 2022, placements beyond April will be covered by funding from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to help bridge gaps into housing. Referrals are now being made for Many Mansion's and The Area's Housing Authority Mountain View in Fillmore and Phase III of the Ventura's Housing Authority's (renovated) Westview Village. Tara then shared that there is a report to the State due on its Rehousing Plan. The report talks about how PRK participants, with the varying demographics, are chronically homeless and how supportive housing is the best means of intervention. Michael Powers, CoC Board member, affirmed Tara's comments and the importance of finding permanent housing (solution). Tara also indicated Covid response is ongoing, and the current pandemic conditions makes working challenging for all partners involved.

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- 4. Public Comments:** Elizabeth Stone, public attendee, was grateful for the PRK support for her clients. She also shared that she believed there is a much greater number of persons on the threshold of qualifying for PRK than those that are currently registered. She also asked about having a clients applying to join the CoC Board as a person with lived experience.

### Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

- 5. Approval of Board Minutes from December 8, 2021.**

Nancy Wharfield, CoC Board member, indicated that in these meeting Minutes, her name was recorded as a member of the general public and asked that it be corrected. The edit was noted and the Minutes will be updated before finalizing. Carolyn Briggs, CoC Board member, moved to approve with the noted edit. Michael Powers was second. All in favor.

- 6. Ratification of CoC Board membership and selection of Board Chair and Vice-Chair.**

Tara explained 2021 Board membership terms were expiring for a few members; Mara Malch, Susan Englund (final term) and Dawn Dyer. Pam Marshall, community advocate, acknowledged as a representative with lived experience is also in her final year. Tara also shared there are several community members who are interested in applying for membership. Those interested in joining the CoC Board can visit the CoC website (<https://www.venturacoc.org/get-involved/>) for more information. Tara also shared that HUD was encouraging CoC Boards have people with more recent lived experience participate at a Board and non-Board level membership as this would help connect with current system navigation. Dawn asked if only the 3 Board members up for renewal needed ratification or if it was needed for the entire Board. Tara confirmed that ratification was needed both. With that, Dawn asked that the current Board roster be read for ratification/record purposes. Current Board members are Carolyn Briggs, who is in her final term, Mara Malch, Kevin Clerici, Susan Englund, Manuel Minjares, Dawn Dyer, Pam Marshall, Drew Powers, Michael Powers, Michael Nigh, Carmen Ramirez, Emilio Ramirez and Nancy Wharfield. Michael Powers moved to approve Board membership as recited by Tara, Nancy Wharfield was second. All in favor.

Dawn then asked for nominations or self-nominations for CoC Board Chair and Vice Chair. Susan Englund, CoC Board member, asked Dawn if she would be interested in continuing her role as Chair and she accepted. With that, Susan moved that Dawn continue her role. Dawn then asked if Manuel Minjares, CoC Board member, was interested in continuing as Vice Chair and he accepted. Michael Powers moved to approve, Kevin Clerici was second. All in favor.

- 7. Receive a Quarterly Update on the Ventura County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Pathways to Home Coordinated Entry System (CES).**

Chris Russell, Senior Program Manager who oversees HMIS and CES provided an update, providing highlights on:

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- Current priorities
- Continuous process improvements
- Onboarding activities
- Vulnerability tool (VI-SPDAT) revision
- Online development training
- Staffing search
- System performance/bed inventory counts
- Community Dashboard

Jenn Harkey, CoC Staff also posted the link to the CoC dashboard: <https://www.venturacoc.org/coc-dashboard/> for all to access and review program data and information.

### **8. Review of the California Homeless, Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 3 Program Tentative Timeline with Authorization to Begin Solicitation of Stakeholder Input, Update the Homelessness Plan and Develop Local Goals.**

Alicia Morales-McKinney, CoC Staff, presented on the upcoming HHAP Round 3 grant funding discussing the following key components:

- Uses for HHAP grant funding, including suggested uses
- Initial disbursement amount
  - Areas of focus for funding
- Application preparation process
- Timeline and grant application due date

Michael Powers stated that this round of available funding is good as it helps move persons from PRK into Permanent Housing. Tara confirmed by mentioning Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and the first rounds of HHAP funds were more focused on enhancing crisis responses and it appears the State is interested in seeing more people housed, to specifically create more paths to housing. Emilio Ramirez, CoC Board Member, as a recently termed out member of the Homeless Coordinating Financing Council (HCFC), now known as the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (CA-ICH), confirmed. Tara further mentioned that Alicia has begun looking at the Homelessness Plan created for HEAP funding and that those priorities match well with system performance metrics. Alicia is also analyzing past performance to see how priorities can stretch into HHAP bonus funding. More information to follow.

Dawn asked Alicia if there was a plan to participate in virtual meetings for those who are experiencing homelessness and do not have access to digital media. Alicia replied initial ideas included reaching out to shelters, conducting surveys and reaching out to Elizabeth Stone for input and collaboration. Elizabeth shared that persons around Downtown Ventura and Plaza Park have asked her about policies regarding foul weather shelters and Narcan and CPR training. She further shared there is a community feel at the park and informal meetings as outreach would be a good. Tara agreed with Elizabeth's suggestions and added that Street Outreach Teams would be another good way to obtain input from the community, which hopefully can be carried out if current pandemic conditions improve.

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Michael Powers noted that Rapid ReHousing (RRH) was mentioned and asked if this was typically 6 months' worth of rent to which Tara confirmed it was. She also noted that depending on the term lengths can vary but that HHAP funds can also be used as subsidies. Chris Russell also added that the State seems to be more flexible with rent restrictions to assist families avoid homelessness.

Manuel Minjares, CoC Board Member, asked if there were other examples of innovative conversions into housing. Tara replied there were several examples however these must have higher standards for it to be considered Permanent Housing (PH). The State also encourages shared housing although that may be challenging. Emilio confirmed the State has left the definition vague to encourage innovation/creativity but at the same time, the standard for housing cannot be lower. Host Family Programs have been mentioned including mixed use/population/income projects. Manuel asked if temporary conditions were acceptable and Tara replied that were possible as long as it was housing – focused. Manuel concluded by indicating that bridge housing to PH is just as necessary to give families more time to make that move.

Elizabeth asked about Board & Cares getting sold and if monies be used for recovery homes. Tara replied that some State funding was available but she would ask in an upcoming call with the State. Manuel moved, Carolyn was second. All in favor.

**9. Authorization for Continuum of Care (CoC) Staff to Request a Waiver from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Postpone the 2022 Point-In-Time Homeless Count to February 23<sup>rd</sup> to Ensure Safety of Staff, Volunteers and People Experiencing Homelessness Related to the Current COVID-19 Surge.**

Tara explained that (pandemic) conditions have been monitored since last Fall and after consultations with Public Health, HUD and other Southern California CoC's, it was noted that many communities were making this same request to postpone the Count. There have been communications with Public Health and although it is difficult to know conditions in February, sampling and observation techniques may be used if conditions don't improve. Their current request is to postpone the count until February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2022. Susan moved, Kevin was second. All in favor.

### **Closing comments**

In closing, Emilio Ramirez expressed deep gratitude and shared a personal thank you to Tara for her exceptional work and dedication during her time with County. Manuel Minjares, Dawn Dyer, Michael Powers, Jenn Harkey and Christy Madden each expressed their heart-felt sentiments on Tara's departure as well.

Dawn adjourned the meeting at **4:41 pm.**

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CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive a Notice of an Unscheduled Board Member Vacancy for Drew Powers and Receive a Nomination for Assistant City Manager Ingrid Hardy to Fill this Board Seat.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that your board receive and file the unscheduled vacancy and review and approve the nomination of Thousand Oak Assistant City Manager Ingrid Hardy to fill this board vacancy. Ms. Hardy's application to join the board is attached.

Board Member	Date of Resignation	Term End Date
Drew Powers	1/21/22	12/31/23

Per the VC CoC Governance Charter section 6.07E: *Whenever an unscheduled vacancy occurs on the CoC Board whether due to resignation, death, termination or other causes, the Governing Board may appoint such a qualified person(s) necessary to fill the vacancy. The person(s) appointed shall serve the unexpired term of the previous Board Member and is subject to re-election by the Board and ratification by the full Alliance voting membership.*



January 31, 2022

Tara Carruth  
County Executive Office  
Community Development  
Attention: Continuum of Care  
800 South Victoria Avenue, L #1940  
Ventura, CA 93009

**RE: Ventura County Continuum of Care Board Member Application**

Dear Ms. Carruth:

Please accept this letter as my expressed interest in serving on the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board. In recognizing the importance of addressing homelessness through regional coordination, I would like to participate in broader efforts contributing to a high-performing CoC.

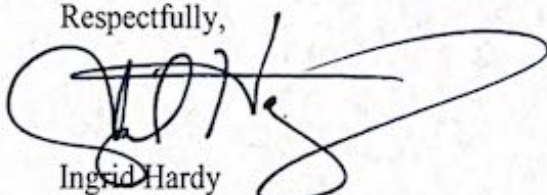
I have worked for the City of Thousand Oaks for the past three and a half years and was asked to serve as the staff lead to our City Council's Ad Hoc Committee on Homelessness and facilitate our broader City response. During this time, the City has adopted the County's regional Memorandum of Understanding on homelessness, increased community awareness and engagement, provided financial assistance and grant opportunities to local nonprofits serving persons experiencing homelessness. The City recently acquired a former school site to develop affordable housing. In addition, in collaboration and with the support of the County of Ventura, the City submitted an application for the State's Project Homekey program. If funded, the project will provide 77 new units of permanent supportive housing.

Although not directly related to my current role, in my previous employment history, I have had firsthand experience as a case manager in a permanent supportive housing environment that served persons experiencing homelessness and often living with a dual diagnosis. This hands-on experience provided me with an unforgettable insight into working with and serving persons experiencing homelessness.

If elected to participate on the Board, my participation, as an East County city, will help provide continued representation, engagement, and input on the vision, strategies, and guidance to ending homelessness in Ventura County.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Ingrid Hardy  
Assistant City Manager  
City of Thousand Oaks



Name: Ingrid Hardy  
Employer: City of Thousand Oaks  
Position/Title: Assistant City manager  
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Email: ihardy@toaks.org

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**Board Composition:**

What service area, jurisdiction, or special population do you represent? (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with substance use disorders         | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Housing Agencies       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons with HIV/AIDS                        | <input type="checkbox"/> School districts              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental health care providers  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Families with children                       | <input type="checkbox"/> University/Academia           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied youth                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable Housing Developers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons who are seriously mentally ill       | <input type="checkbox"/> Foundations                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Persons who are victims of domestic violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith Based                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> CoC Lead Agency               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faith-based organizations                    |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Thousand Oaks</u>       |  |

**Financial/Grant Disclosures:**

Does your organization currently receive funding or intend to apply for, any of the following grant programs:

(Check all that apply) \*Receipt or application of funding does not disqualify you from serving on the CoC Board.

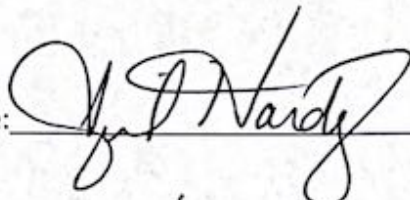
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| <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER Grants related to Human Services/Homelessness: _____ |                               |

**Statement of Commitment**

By my signature below, if nominated and elected to the Continuum of Care Board, I understand that I will attend at least 70% of the CoC Board meetings.

**Conflict of Interest**

With my signature I affirm that I have reviewed the Continuum of Care Governance Charter and Policies and Procedures and have read and understood the Conflict of Interest and Recusal policy. I agree to comply with this policy.

Signature: 

Date: 01/31/2022

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CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Review the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Regulations Regarding the Continuum of Care Board Membership and Provide Input on Expansion or Diversification of Membership.

**BACKGROUND:** The CoC Alliance Governance Board includes representatives of relevant stakeholders, private and public officials, philanthropic representatives, business and service organizations and projects serving homeless populations. Representation of a broad array of stakeholders enhances the capacity to coordinate and leverage resources from various community sectors across the Region.

The CoC Governance Charter allows for a minimum of 7 and maximum of 13 Board members. In the event of a vacancy, the Governing Board may appoint qualified person(s) necessary to fill the vacancy. The person(s) appointed shall serve the unexpired term of the previous Board member and is subject to re-election by the Board and ratification by the full Alliance membership.

HUD regulations state: “Representatives from relevant organizations within a geographic area shall establish a Continuum of Care for the geographic area to carry out the duties of this part. Relevant organizations include nonprofit homeless assistance providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, and organizations that serve veterans and homeless and formerly homeless individuals. (b) *The board.* The Continuum of Care must establish a board to act on behalf of the Continuum using the process established as a requirement by § 578.7(a)(3) and must comply with the conflict-of-interest requirements at § 578.95(b). The board must: (1) Be representative of the relevant organizations and of projects serving homeless subpopulations; and (2) Include at least one homeless or formerly homeless individual.”

**DISCUSSION:** The current CoC Board is comprised of the following sector representation with the maximum of 13 members as established in the Governance Charter. Representatives may be classified in more than one sector. All sectors included as part of the Continuum of Care program rules and regulations are listed in the following table.

Government Representatives	Drew Powers—City of Thousand Oaks Mike Powers—County Executive Officer Carmen Ramirez—Board of Supervisors Manuel Minjares—Field Rep BOS District Emilio Ramirez—City of Oxnard Mara Malch – City of Simi Valley
Housing Authority/Affordable Housing Developer	Michael Nigh—Area Housing Authority Emilio Ramirez—Oxnard Housing
Healthcare	Dr. Nancy Wharfield—Gold Coast Health Plan
Business	Kevin Clerici—Downtown Ventura Partners
Lived Experience/Expertise	Pam Marshall
Housing Funder/Advocate	Dawn Dyer
Social Service Provider	Susan Englund
Community Advocate	Carolyn Briggs
Faith-based Service Provider	No representative
Hospitals	
Law Enforcement	No representative
Veterans	No representative
School Districts/youth	No representative
Victim Service Provider	No representative
University partners	No representative
Homeless Service Provider	No representative

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. Provide input on board membership composition with consideration to expanding and diversifying membership

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CoC Governance Board

**SUBJECT:** Receive an Update and Presentation on the Ventura County Project Roomkey Re-Housing Strategy

**BACKGROUND:** Federal FEMA funding has been made available to support non-congregate shelter (Project Roomkey) for high-risk homeless persons since March 2020 with funding set to expire on March 31, 2022. The County of Ventura has supported over 700 persons with this resource in efforts to protect vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. The extension of FEMA funding is uncertain, but the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) has made available two rounds of Project Roomkey (PRK) and ReHousing funding to support extensions of PRK placements and assist with rehousing strategy.

**DISCUSSION:** The State of California has supported and encouraged local communities to provide non-congregate shelter to homeless individuals who are age 65 or older and/or have serious health conditions that put them at high risk for COVID-19 complications. The County of Ventura was one of the first counties to establish a Project Roomkey program through the swift action of the County Office of Emergency Services in partnership with the County Executive Office, Human Services Agency, Health Care Agency and community partners. The County Executive Office has administered the program as a motel voucher program in partnership with homeless service providers since July 2020.

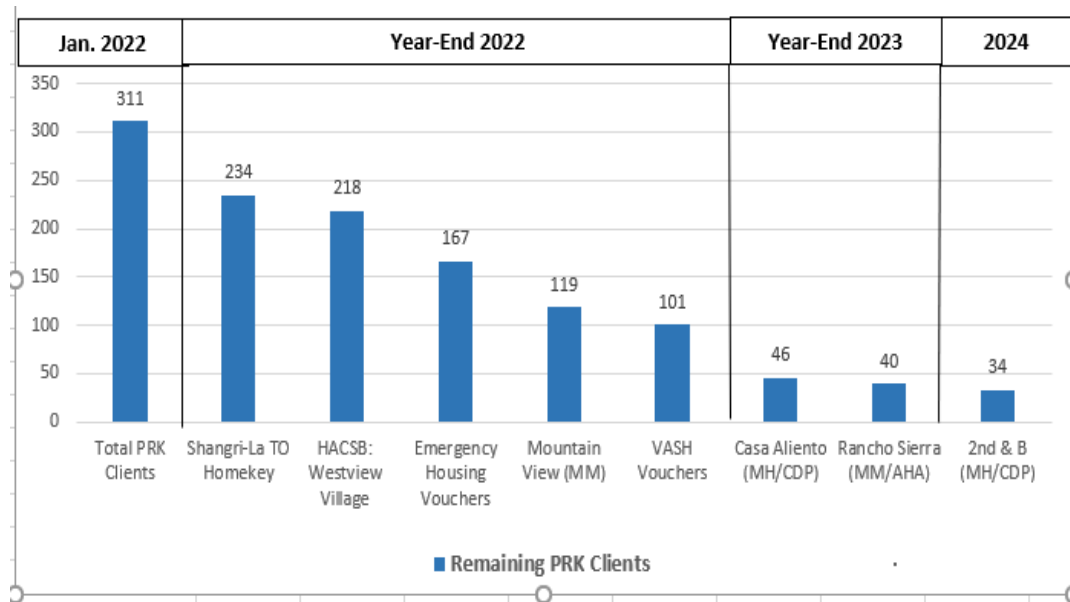
California CDSS has required local jurisdictions to report weekly on Project Roomkey participants including the number of households sheltered at each location and the number of persons exiting to housing or other placements/locations. As a condition of receiving CDSS Project Roomkey and ReHousing funding, the State required a Rehousing template be submitted to the state articulating the strategy for rehousing each PRK participant.

There are currently 206 motel rooms leased supporting 245 persons sheltered with PRK motel vouchers and 70 persons supported by Mercy House and National Health Foundation at Casa Aliento non-congregate shelter program. With housing vacancies at less than 1.5% and rent for an average 1 bedroom over \$2,000 per month, finding available housing for people experiencing homelessness is a daunting task. This strategy will likely necessitate extending interim housing solutions with other funding until permanent housing options, as required by the CDSS ReHousing Plan, are identified, and become available. Service providers continue to explore all housing options with clients served by PRK and, to

date, have permanently housed 140 persons with 212 persons placed in temporary placements. There are currently 206 motel rooms leased supporting 245 persons sheltered with PRK motel vouchers and 70 persons supported by Mercy House and National Health Foundation at Casa Aliento non-congregate shelter program. With housing vacancies at less than 1.5% and rent for an average 1 bedroom over \$2,000 per month, finding available housing for people experiencing homelessness is a daunting task. This strategy will likely necessitate extending interim housing solutions with other funding until permanent housing options, as required by the CDSS ReHousing Plan, are identified, and become available. Service providers continue to explore all housing options with clients served by PRK and, to date, have permanently housed 140 persons with 212 persons placed in temporary placements.

There are significant housing resources coming online in the coming years. Coupled with housing vouchers, it is possible that up to 265 of the over 300 clients currently sheltered in hotels could be offered permanent housing by the end of this calendar year. This presumes that 100% of the units from the Thousand Oaks Shangri-La and the Oxnard Casa Aliento projects and 75% of all other units filled through Coordinated Entry are offered to PRK clients. This information is presented in the graphic below:

**HOUSING PIPELINE – PRK CLIENTS**



The timing and availability of units for re-housing PRK clients is optimistic and dependent upon a variety of factors including, but not limited to, increasing the pool of landlords participating in voucher programs, timely completion, and occupancy of existing permanent supportive housing projects currently in the pipeline, and the timely submittal (and award) of Homekey applications. This information indicates that there will not be sufficient housing resources to meet the needs of all clients currently sheltered in PRK by the time dedicated program funding expires. Should all of these housing resources come online as projected, it is estimated that 50-60 persons will be in the program once CDSS



funding has been exhausted and diminishes as additional units become available in the future. Should additional Project Homekey projects be identified and approved, that would further reduce the number of PRK clients to be permanently housed.

In moving forward to focus on this rehousing strategy, partner agencies supporting clients in PRK will need to complete assessments, gather eligibility documentation and refer clients into the Coordinated Entry System for prioritization and match with supportive housing resources. CoC staff are working with each partner agency to ensure these actions are completed to support successful outcomes for Project Roomkey participants. In addition, the County is exploring use of local American Rescue Plan funding and upcoming State funding opportunities (Homeless Housing & Assistance Program Round 3) to support longer placements in PRK to support successful housing placements with the entire cohort of PRK participants.



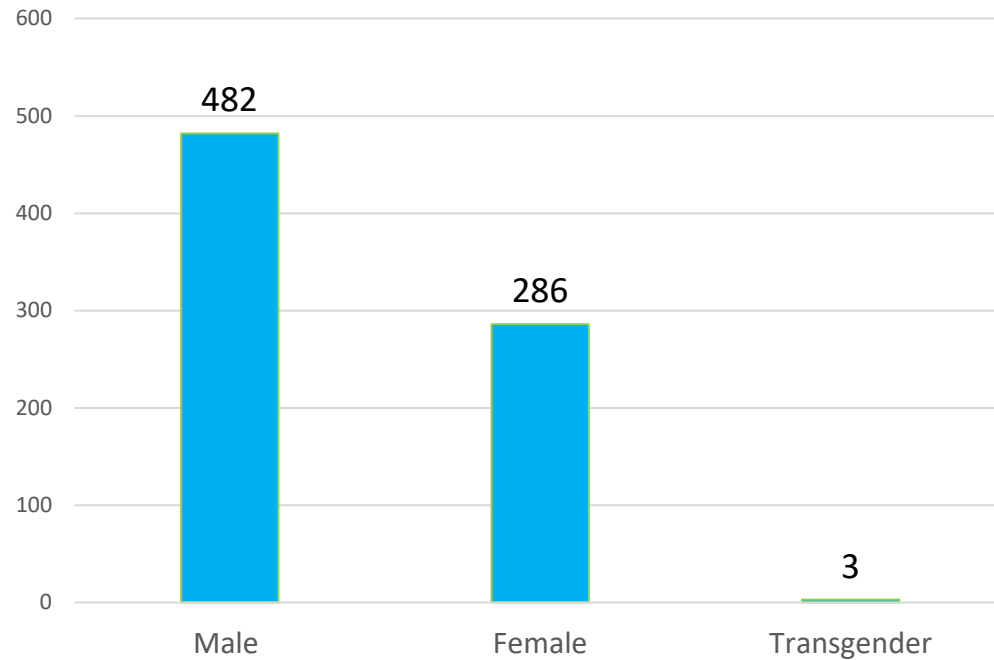
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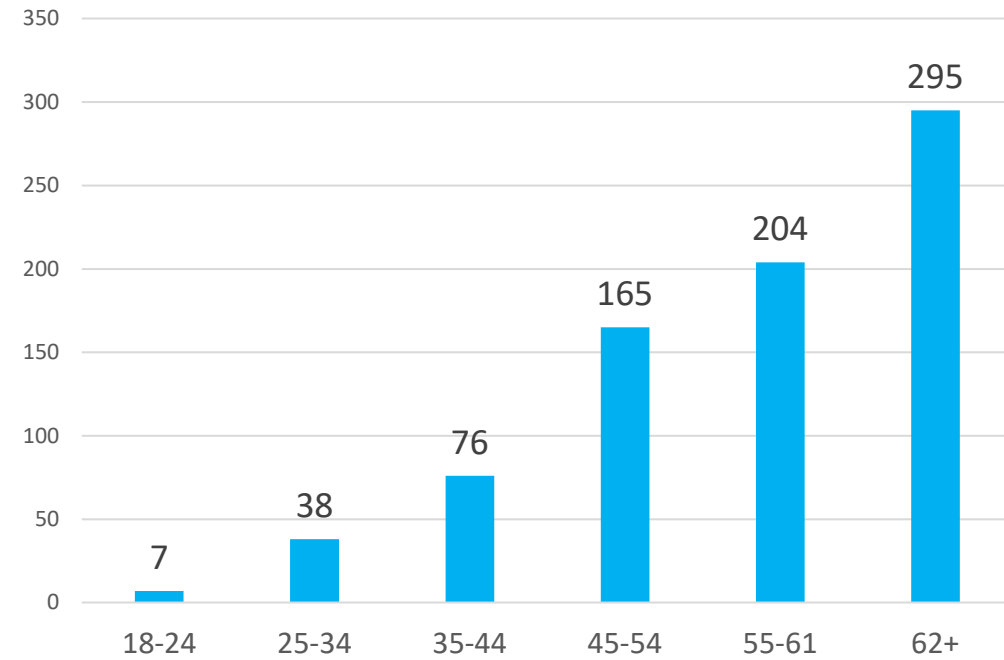
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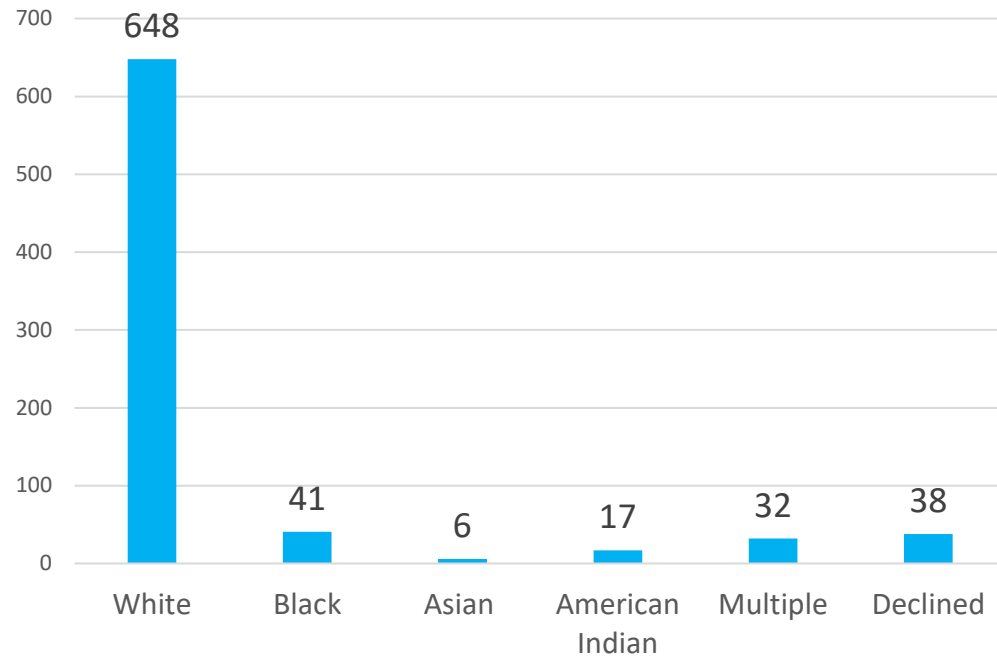
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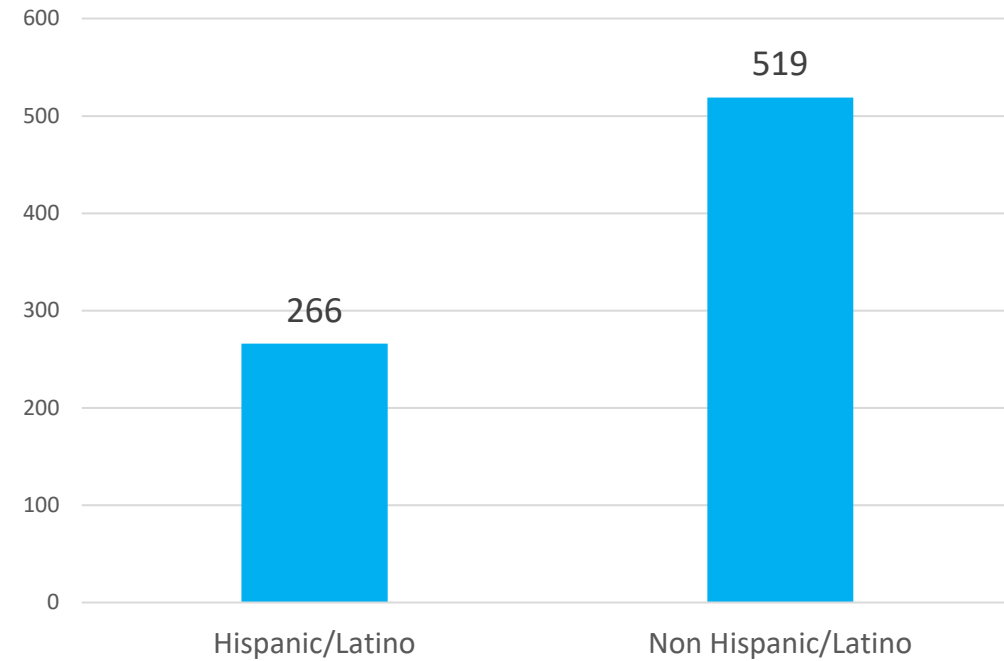
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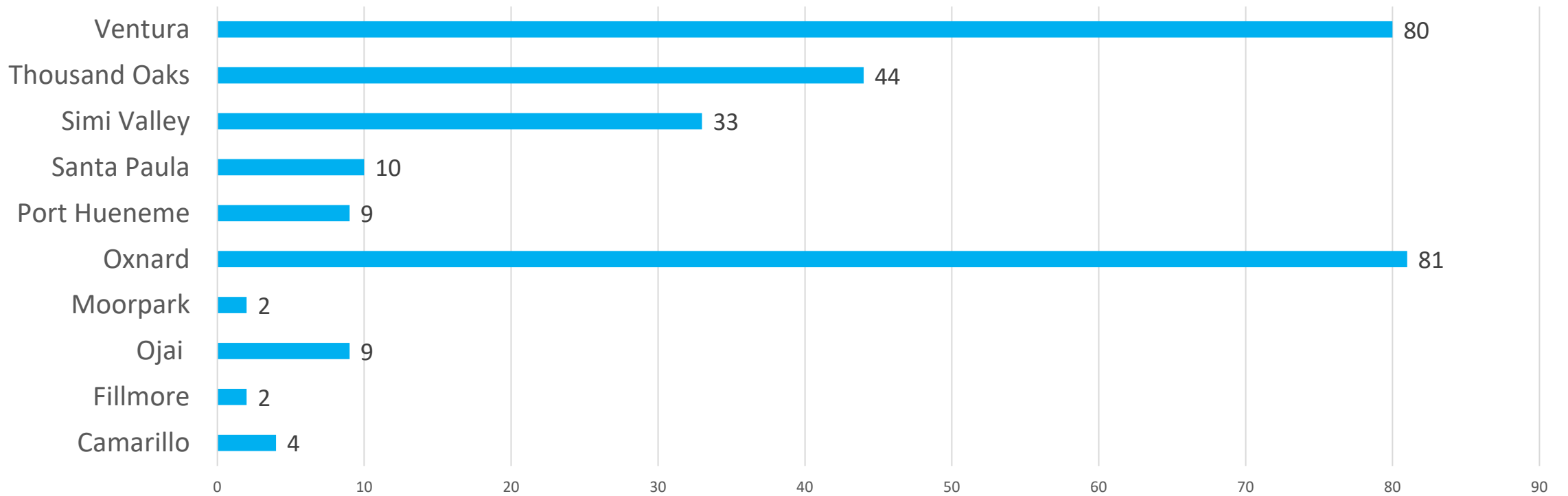
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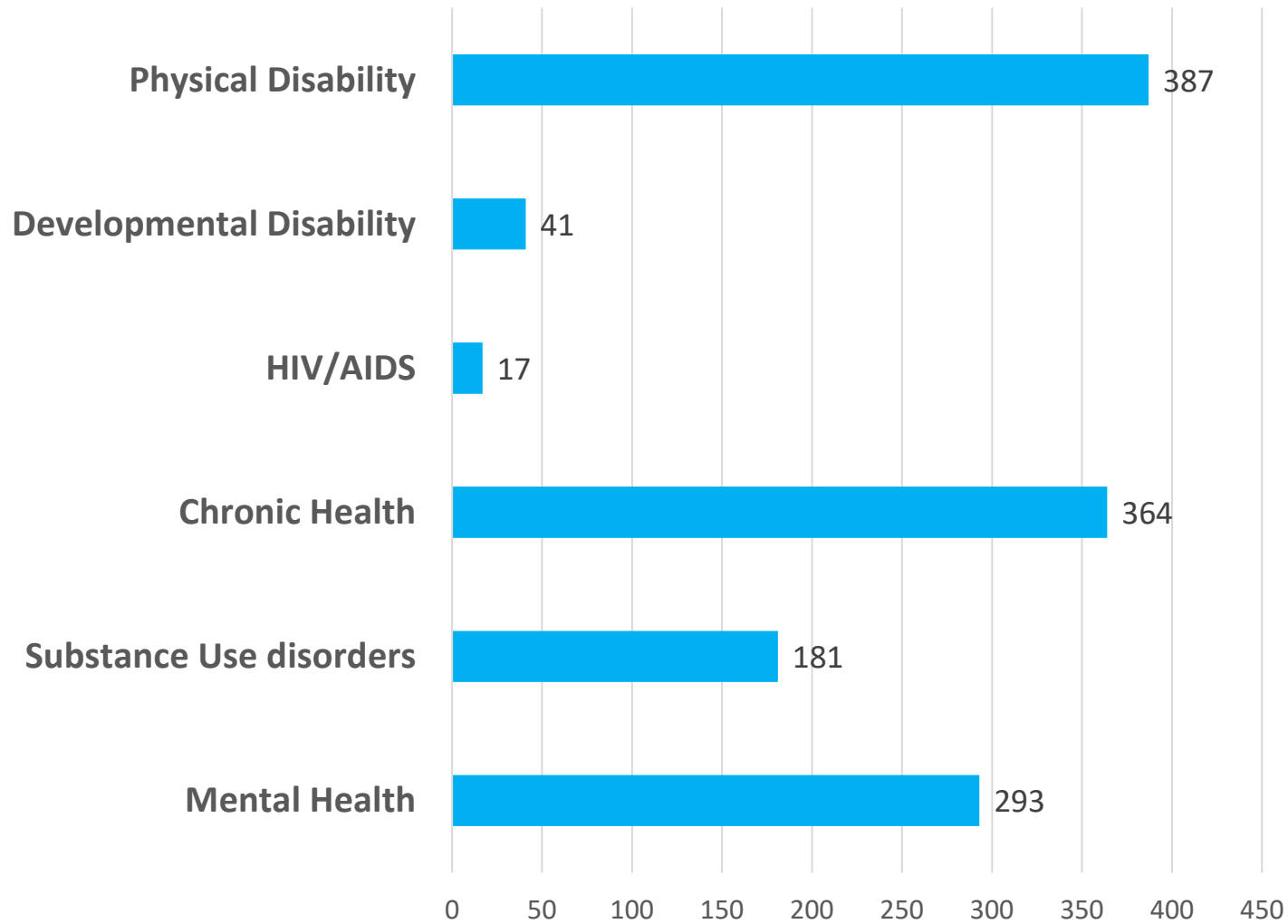
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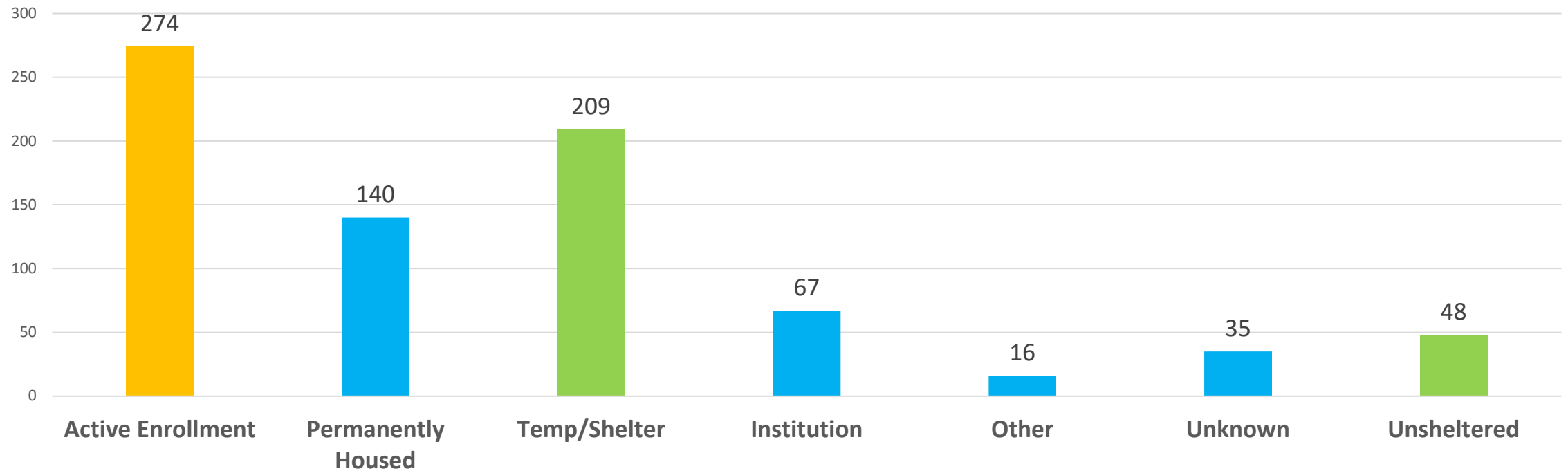




Service  
Needs

# Outcomes to Date

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## Services Provided

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Monthly Motel Voucher

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Food delivery service through partnership with Area Agency on Aging

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Case management support

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Onsite visits from Healthcare Agency Services including Addiction Medicine

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COVID-19 testing from Public Health (as needed)

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Housing Navigation Services provided by county and nonprofit partners

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Linkages to other community supports

# Funding to Support PRK Placements During Re-Housing Transition

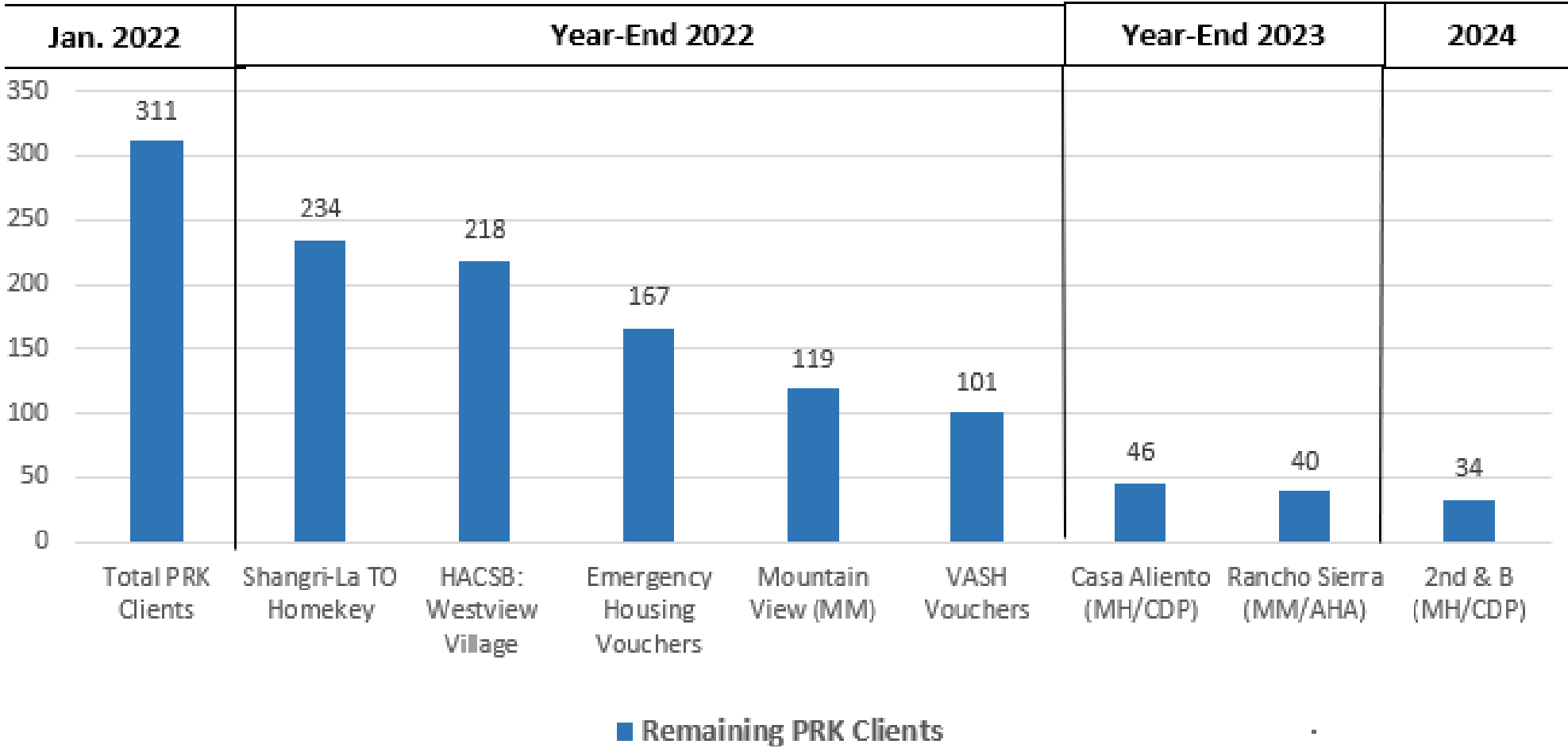
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FEMA Funding  
March 31, 2022

CDSS Funding  
April-Sept 2022

HHAP? ARPA?

# Housing Pipeline for PRK Clients





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CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive and File a Report on Progress to End Homelessness Among Veterans in Ventura County.

The number of veterans experiencing unsheltered homelessness has decreased with the addition of non-congregate shelters through the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program, United Way of Ventura County (UWVC) and Project Roomkey motel vouchers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

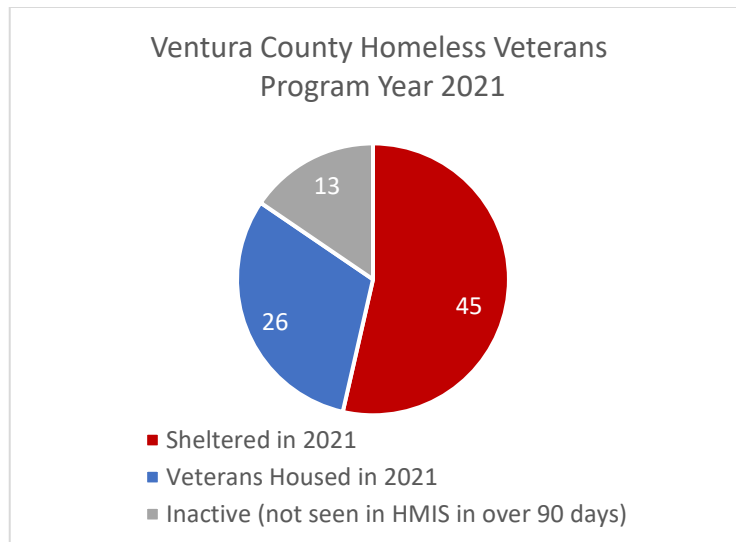
VC CoC staff continue to host monthly meetings with veteran service providers to discuss veteran focused street outreach, review specific homeless veteran cases and focus on strategies for ending veteran homelessness in Ventura County.

Here is the summary of current placements:

- **7** homeless veterans were placed in the SSVF non-congregate motel for shelter. All of these veterans are working with the Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) team for permanent housing and SSVF for Rapid Re-Housing. SSVF funding has been fully expended and therefore, these veterans have been referred to local shelters, transitional housing and Project Roomkey.
- **17** homeless veteran households have been staying in Project Roomkey motels for non-congregate shelter. These veterans are working with Gold Coast Veterans Foundation, the Whole Person Care team and Veteran Affairs to find permanent housing and apply for eligible benefits.
- **32** homeless veterans have been issued Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and continue to search for affordable housing units (duplicated in SSVF count).
- **18** homeless veterans are staying in transitional housing at Turning Point Foundation and the Salvation Army programs while working on a housing plan.
- **3** homeless veteran households have been staying in a motel with funding supported by the United Way of Ventura County.
- **13** veterans who were previously working with homeless service providers are in unknown locations, as they have not re-established services in the past six months.

**During the 2021 program year, 26 homeless veterans have been permanently housed through the efforts of SSVF, UWVC, VASH and other service providers.** Of those, 16 were housed with VASH vouchers and 10 in private rentals with assistance from SSVF security deposits and/or rental assistance.





In order to end homelessness among Veterans in Ventura County, we must meet the following criteria based on HUD guidance:

- 1) The community has identified all Veterans experiencing homelessness.
  - *Our community utilizes a Coordinated Entry System with a no wrong door approach. The Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) captures data on those reporting a veteran status and service providers make referrals to SSVF and/or Gold Coast Veterans Foundation for assistance.*
- 2) The community provides shelter immediately to any Veteran experiencing unsheltered homelessness who wants it.
  - *There has been an increase in the number of non-congregate shelter beds; however, the local shelters have been at full capacity. Project Roomkey has assisted with placement when SSVF has exhausted funds or capacity for placement. We anticipate FEMA funding for COVID response to end April 1, 2022.*
- 3) The community provides service-intensive transitional housing only in limited instances.
  - *Turning Point Foundation and the Salvation Army Grant Per Diem program continue to offer transitional housing to homeless veterans seeking a permanent housing placement.*
- 4) The community has the capacity to assist Veterans to swiftly move into permanent housing.
  - *VASH vouchers are still available through the public housing authorities; however, the number of vacant units within Fair Market Rate (FMR) are very limited. The United Way of Ventura County Landlord Engagement Program continues to focus on recruiting more landlords willing to accept housing vouchers.*
- 5) The community has resources, plans, and system capacity in place should any Veteran become homeless or be at risk of homelessness in the future.
  - *More comprehensive outreach services are being offered to actively engage those experiencing homelessness and make immediate referrals to services. Homelessness Prevention funding is available through various sources, including SSVF for Veterans and State of California grant funding.*