



Meeting Agenda
Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Wednesday, March 12, 2025
2:00 – 3:30pm
Ventura County Office of Education
Administrative Services Center – Simi Room
5189 Verdugo Way, Camarillo

Zoom Meeting ID: 838 0635 1730

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1. Call to Order
2. Board Comments
3. CoC Staff Comments
4. Public Comments: An opportunity for the public to participate in public meetings by addressing the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board in connection with one or more agenda or non-agenda items. Public comment is limited to 3 minutes per person during the opening part of the meeting and per item. The time allotment can be increased or decreased by the Chair depending on the number of speakers. This meeting is subject to the Brown Act and public comments may be submitted by using one of the following options:

Email in advance of the meeting: If you wish to make a written public comment, the comment must be submitted via email no later than 4:30pm on the day prior to the Board meeting. Send emails to: venturacoc@ventura.org Please indicate the agenda item you would like to speak on if relevant and whether you would like your message read by staff or if you will be participating in person.

During the meeting: Participants attending online may use the chat function in zoom to indicate they would like to make a comment. Participants attending in-person can complete a public comment card indicating which item they would like to comment on and submit to the Board Chair. Staff will call on participants during the public comment section of the meeting or during specific items following staff presentation of the item.

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. Approval of Board Minutes from February 12, 2025.
6. Update on Continuum of Care Governance Board Membership with Full Roster.
7. Receive an Update on State Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Round 3 City Applications.
8. Approval of revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Ventura Human Services Agency (HSA) and the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Services.
9. Approval of the California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding Recommendations for FY 2024-28.

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10. Approval of the Allocation of State of California Homeless Housing & Assistance Program (HHAP) Program Interest Funding for the Project Roomkey Program.
11. Receive the Ventura County 2025 Homeless Count preliminary data report and authorize staff to submit the final Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count reports to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than April 30, 2025.
12. Receive and file an update on the Ventura County Project Roomkey Program



**Meeting Minutes
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1. **Call to Order:** Dawn Dyer, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02pm

Board Members: Dawn Dyer, Paul Drevenstedt, Jeff Lambert, Dr. Sevet Johnson, Carrie Sabatini, Katherine Aguilar, Stefany Gonzalez, Ingrid Hardy, Mara Malch, Pauline Preciado, Michael Skinner (approved as Board Member on 2/12/25)

Absent: Jack Edelstein, Manuel Minjares

2. **Board Comments:** Jeff Lambert thanked Felipe Flores for joining the HACSB interview panel for property manager. Dawn Dyer invited the Board and the public to join the Annual Public Meeting for the Housing Trust Fund of Ventura County on Thursday, Feb 27th from 9-11am at the Westview Community Room in Ventura.
3. **CoC Staff Comments:** Jenn Harkey encouraged everyone to check out CoC social media for client stories and other important updates.
4. **Public Comments:** None

Continuum of Care Governance Board Business

5. **Approval of Board Minutes from January 8, 2025.**

Jeff Lambert moved to approve; Dr. Sevet Johnson was second; Pauline Preciado abstained; the balance of the Board was in favor.

6. **Approval of Ventura County Continuum of Care Veteran One Team to apply with United States Interagency Council on Homelessness to Achieve the Goal of Ending Veteran Homelessness.
(presenter: Alicia Morales-McKinney)**

Alicia Morales-McKinney shared that the Veteran One Team continues to make strides toward ending veteran homelessness in our County and requested Board approval to apply with USICH to review data and ensure alignment with national criteria, best practices, and benchmarks for the goal of ending veteran homelessness. Alicia shared that if accepted, the CoC and Veteran One Team would meet with USICH and receive technical assistance to measure and track progress.

Jeff Lambert moved to approve; Stefany Gonzalez was second; all in favor

7. **Receive and file a report on VC CoC Committees, Workgroups and Staff Updates
(presenter: Alicia Morales-McKinney)**

Alicia shared updates on all of the CoC committees: The Housing and Services team has been reviewing best practices for homelessness prevention and will be creating a “myth buster” infographic on homelessness; the HMIS steering committee continues to onboard new providers and update the VI-SPDAT as needed; the Data, Performance & Evaluation Committee continues to review and recommend proposals for funding; the Public Information and Outreach (PIO) Committee has been

working to disseminate information on initiatives through social media and the quarterly newsletter; and the Youth Collaborative is partnering with a Partnership of Safe Families to build a Youth Action Board (YAB) to bring youth voices to the table on planning and implementation of youth programs.

The full report can be found on the CoC website in the February Board Packet.

8. Receive a presentation from the Workgroup Engaging People with Lived Expertise

(Presenter: The Partnership for Safe Families and Communities)

Dr. Kathleen Van Antwerp shared a presentation on the Partnership for Safe Families and the expansion of their program to engage people with lived experience of homelessness. Dr Kathleen shared various workshops and initiatives and shared that the partnership held their first focus group on December 9th. The group consisted of 10 participants between ages 38-71 who had varying experiences of homelessness. The partnership worked to collect information on pressures and adversities faced while homeless and opportunities for improvement on services in the community. Dr. Kathleen shared that the next focus group will be held on Thursday, February 13th. The presentation slides can be found on the CoC website in the February Board Packet.

Dawn Dyer and the Board thanked the Partnership for their invaluable work and for participating in the 2025 Point in Time Count.

9. Review and approve the VC CoC Nominations Committee recommendation to fill one vacant Board seat. *(Presenter: Jenn Harkey)*

Jenn shared with the Board that nominations were re-opened to fill the vacant Board seat with a priority for an Oxnard area representative. Jenn shared that the Nominations Committee reviewed 5 nominations and have recommended Michael Skinner to fill the vacancy. Michael was in attendance and thanked the Board for the consideration. Michael shared that he currently serves as the Homeless Programs Administrator through the Oxnard Housing Department and previously served as the Program Manager for the Oxnard Navigation Center. Michael has been working in homeless services for several years and shared that he also has personal lived experience with homelessness.

Ingrid Hardy moved to approve; Jeff Lambert was second; all in favor.

10. Receive a presentation on data updates and approve recommendations from the VC CoC Data Committee *(Presenter: Jenn Harkey)*

Jenn Harkey and Kimberlee Albers shared a presentation on data updates and HUD and State System Performance Measures with the Board. CoC staff shared that progress on these measures is required in order to continue receiving funding. The presentation reviewed the HUD and State SPMs in detail and analyzed performance and data quality issues. The full presentation slides can be viewed on the CoC website in the February Board packet. CoC staff requested Board approval to incorporate HMIS use and data quality as a scoring factor for CoC funding.

Carie Bristow (attendee) expressed her support in reviewing data quality in scoring and encouraged the Board and staff to consider that some errors in data quality are a Wellsy system issue and are not fault of the providers.

The Board discussed the scoring recommendations and approved the scoring points as listed below. The Board also requested CoC staff to revisit point deductions for reoccurring data quality issues and to offer a structured training on scoring requirements, data entry, and to collect feedback on system-wide issues that may be impacting data quality.

- 1) If an applicant has beds dedicated to homelessness that are not in HMIS and are not domestic violence related, they would receive a 2 point deduction from the scoring total; and
- 2) A basic HMIS data quality assessment would be conducted by the HMIS team to rate applicant in compliance with HUD and CA data standards for a maximum of 5 points.
- 3) If enacted by the CoC Board, applicants would have six months' notice of the addition of HMIS data quality to scoring to improve their data quality before impact.

Mara Malch moved to approve; Pauline Preciado was second; all in favor

Additional items not on the agenda: none.

Next meeting set for March 12th, 2025

Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm

March 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Update on VC CoC Board Membership with Full Roster

VC CoC Board member, Juliana Gallardo, had taken a leave of absence from July 10, 2024 through January 31, 2025. In accordance with the VC CoC Governance Charter, Juliana nominated the Director of Multifamily Housing Development at People’s Self-Help Housing (PSHH), Katherine Aguilar, to fill this Board seat during her absence. We appreciate the input and support provided by Katherine during Juliana’s absence. Upon this return of Juliana to the Board, here is the current VC CoC Governance Board membership:

Name	Organization	Sector	Join Date	Term*	End Term 5
Paul Drenstedt	Ventura County Public Defender’s Office	Criminal Justice	Jan-23	2	12/31/2032
Dawn Dyer	Housing Advocate	Advocate	Jan-18	4	12/31/2037
Jack Edelstein	Ventura County Community Foundation	Non Profit Provider	Jan-22	2	12/31/2031
Juliana Gallardo	People’s Self Help Housing	Non Profit Provider	Jan-23	2	12/31/2032
Stefany Gonzalez	Person with Lived Experience	Formerly Homeless	Jan-23	2	12/31/2032
Ingrid Hardy	City of Thousand Oaks	Government	Jan-23	2	12/31/2032
Dr. Sevet Johnson	County Executive Officer	Behavioral Health	Jan-23	2	12/31/2032
Jeffrey Lambert	Housing Authority of San Buenaventura	Public Housing	Jan-25	1	12/31/2029
Mara Malch	City of Simi Valley	Government	Jan-20	3	12/31/2034
Manuel Minjares	City of Fillmore / County BOS	Veterans	Jan-19	3	12/31/2033
Pauline Preciado	Gold Coast Health Plan	Healthcare	Jan-23	2	12/31/2032
Carie Sabatini	Area Housing Authority of VC	Affordable Housing	Jan-25	1	12/31/2029
Michael Skinner	City of Oxnard Housing Department	Public Housing	Feb-25	1	1/31/2030

***2-year terms; 5 term maximum (VC CoC Governance Charter 6.07 – Board Terms of Office)**

March 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive an Update on State Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Round 3 City Applications

The State of California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) on November 27, 2023 (https://bcsh.ca.gov/calich/documents/erf_3r_nofa.pdf) for the third and final round of Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) to solicit proposals that resolve unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments. The ERF Program was originally authorized in 2021 through Assembly Bill 140 with an allocation of \$50 million. Assembly Bill 178 allocated an additional \$300 million for round 2 and then Assembly Bill 197 allocated an additional \$400 million for round 3. The goal of this funding is to transition individuals from prioritized encampments into permanent housing.

The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) authorized Letters of Support to the Cities who applied in the third round of ERF by June 30, 2024. The cities of Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, and Ojai were previously awarded in prior ERF rounds, based on their high scoring proposals with pathways to permanent housing. The following cities submitted ERF proposals in the third and final round and have been successfully awarded grants by the State:

- 1) **City of Camarillo – \$7.3M** to support the relocation of approximately 21 individuals in 3 area encampments to 12 units of interim housing and 9 new units of permanent supportive housing through the Area Housing Authority of the County of Ventura;
- 2) **City of Fillmore – \$1.5M** to provide temporary emergency shelter with an expansion at the Spirit of Santa Paula and 20 new units of permanent supportive housing through Peoples Self Help Housing Fillmore Terrace for 20 individuals in 2 area encampments with Caltrans support;
- 3) **City of Ventura – \$9.8M** to provide 45 new permanent supportive housing units through the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura’s Valentine Road property and expanded emergency shelter for approximately 60 individuals in 4 targeted river bottom encampments.

Each jurisdiction has the full support of local law enforcement and VC CoC homeless service providers. The City of Camarillo plans to offer relocation to non-congregate shelter through motel vouchers and prioritize chronically homeless individuals to a new Permanent Supportive Housing development when completed. The City of Fillmore plans to utilize emergency shelter beds while People’s Self Help Housing develops new housing units at Fillmore Terrace. The City of Ventura plans to offer non-congregate sheltering and prioritize supportive housing units through the Housing Authority of San Buenaventura.

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VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Approval of revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of Ventura Human Services Agency (HSA) and the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Services

BACKGROUND: The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines the roles and responsibilities, terms and conditions for Human Services Agency (HSA) as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Systems Support Team and Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) as the lead governance body. HMIS is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all communities receiving HUD funding. HMIS is a critical component that provides required data to HUD, including system performance metrics.

DISCUSSION: The State of California Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department has implemented new system performance measures to comply with State Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) grant program requirements. The VC CoC administers the State HHAP grants and monitors compliance with State regulations. In order for VC CoC Staff to review HMIS records, analyze data on homeless services programs, appropriately complete systems planning, and ensure reporting to the State HCD is accurate, additional system access is needed.

The following amendments have been made to the attached MOU for the VC CoC Board to review and approve:

- Section II.p. Use of system administration functions in the oversight of systems reporting needs and monitoring of homeless service providers.
- Section III.2.f. Ensuring data integrity by receiving authorization prior to any data changes related to client/project/program data entry.

RECOMMENDATION: 1) Approve the amendments to the Memorandum of Understanding with HSA and the VC CoC, and 2) Authorize the VC CoC Board Chair to sign the revised MOU to fully execute with all parties.

Attachment: Exhibit 1 – Revised MOU between HSA and the VC CoC for HMIS Services

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
COUNTY OF VENTURA HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY
AND
THE VENTURA COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE
FOR
HOMELESS MANAGEMENT INFORMATION
SYSTEM SERVICES**

February 13, 2025

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This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into effective February 13, 2025, between the County of Ventura Human Services Agency (HSA) and the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) for the purpose of identifying the agreed upon responsibilities, terms and conditions relating to the provision of Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) services to homeless service provider agencies in Ventura County.

PURPOSE

This MOU establishes HSA as the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Systems Support Team for the CoC and defines the roles and specific responsibilities of each party related to key aspects of the governance and operation of the HMIS System.

HMIS is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all communities and agencies receiving HUD funding. HMIS is essential to efforts to coordinate client services and inform community planning and public policy. Through HMIS, homeless individuals benefit from improved coordination in and between agencies, informed advocacy efforts, and policies that result in targeted services. HMIS program level data provides information on utilization of programs and overall system performance. Analysis of information gathered through HMIS is critical to the preparation of a periodic accounting of homelessness in Ventura County, including required HUD reporting.

The parties to this MOU recognize that thorough and accurate capture and analysis of data about homeless services and individuals is a critical program priority for the community to ensure necessary service delivery and systems planning, effective resource allocation and advocacy, and thus share a mutual interest in successfully implementing and operating HMIS countywide.

ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT

I. Continuum of Care and Human Services Agency Responsibilities

The CoC and HSA will work cooperatively to:

- a. Comply with all HUD/State regulations and locally adopted written standards and any amendments thereto.
- b. Comply with all HMIS policies and procedures and any amendments thereto.

II. Ventura County Continuum of Care Responsibilities

The CoC serves as the lead governance body, providing oversight, project direction, policy setting, and guidance for homeless service providers. The CoC exercises all its responsibilities for HMIS governance effective as of the date of the authorization of this MOU. These responsibilities include:

- a. Ensuring and monitoring compliance with relevant HUD/State regulations and standards;
- b. Recording official minutes for all approvals, resolutions, and other key decisions of CoC that may be required by HUD and State rules related to homeless services program(s) governing body;
- c. Designating an organization(s) that has the necessary capacity to serve as the HMIS Systems Support Team;
- d. Serving as the "gatekeeper" regarding data obtained from HMIS;
- e. Approving policies for the use and modifications of the software utilized by the HMIS Systems Support Team;
- f. Reviewing and approving standardized homeless services providers(s) operational agreements, policies, and procedures;

- g. Reviewing data quality standards and plans, establishing protocols for addressing homeless services providers' compliance with those standards, and monitoring that the homeless service providers are in compliance;
- h. Promoting effective use of HMIS data, including the measurement of the extent and nature of homelessness, the utilization of homeless services and programs over time, and the effectiveness of homeless programs;
- i. Using HMIS data to inform CoC program and system design and to measure progress toward implementation of the Ventura County regional plan to address homelessness as well as other goals established by the CoC;
- j. In collaboration with HMIS Systems Support Team, ensuring that agencies provide local information as necessary for compilation of the annual reporting requirements at the Federal and State levels;
- k. In collaboration with HMIS Systems Support Team, encouraging participation in HMIS System use and broader Continuum of Care homeless service programs by all those working in homeless prevention and assistance programs and other mainstream programs serving homeless people and/or working to prevent homelessness;
- l. Encouraging support of the policies and procedures approved by the HMIS Steering Committee;
- m. Dedicating sufficient financial support to the HMIS Systems Support Team and assisting in identifying and advocating for additional resources to maintain the HMIS System;
- n. Providing guidance to the HMIS Systems Support Team pertaining to HUD/State regulations governing HMIS systems;
- o. Responding to inquiries from media;
- p. Use of HMIS system administration role for the oversight of HUD/State reporting needs and monitoring of homeless service provider(s) data quality/program compliance;
- q. Holding HMIS Systems Support Team harmless for any data breach that may occur by a homeless service provider(s) and/or other authorized entities through the use of the HMIS; and
- r. Adhering to all client confidentiality, regulatory and statutory guidelines.

III. Ventura County Human Services Agency Responsibilities

HSA serves as the HMIS Systems Support Team. HSA exercises these responsibilities in conjunction with the HMIS Steering Committee. The VC HMIS Steering Committee is made up of homeless service providers to provide oversight of overarching and strategic activities enacted by the VC HMIS Team. Members of the CoC staff are also members of the HMIS Steering Committee thereby providing input and coordination with CoC staff. These responsibilities are contingent on continued receipt of the appropriate HUD and CoC grant funding. These responsibilities include:

1) HMIS Systems Support Management

- a) Providing staffing for operation of the HMIS, HMIS program administration and systems administration;
- b) Supporting the consistent contribution of data that meet all HUD-established data standards;
- c) Vendor management for the HMIS System;
- d) Upon adoption by CoC, implementing a security plan consistent with requirements established by HUD/State, and reviewing and updating this plan annually according to the most current HUD/State regulations and/or guidance;
- e) Upon adoption by CoC, implementing a disaster recovery plan consistent with requirements established by HUD/State, and reviewing and updating this plan annually according to the most current HUD/State regulations and/or guidance;
- f) Upon adoption by CoC, implementing a privacy policy specifying data collection limitations; purpose and use limitations; allowable uses and disclosures; openness description; access and correction standards; accountability standards; process and protections for victims of domestic violence; and reviewing and updating this plan annually according to the most current HUD/State

- regulations and/or guidelines; and
- g) Upon approval by CoC, executing HMIS Participation Agreements with each homeless service provider, including:
 - i) Obligations and authority of the HMIS Systems Support Team and the homeless service provider(s);
 - ii) Protocols for participation in HMIS;
 - iii) Requirements of the policies and procedures by which the homeless service provider(s) must abide;
 - iv) Sanctions for violating the HMIS Participation Agreement; and
 - v) Terms of sharing and processing Protected Identifying Information between the HMIS Systems Support Team and the homeless service provider(s).

2) HMIS System Administration

- a) Overseeing the day-to-day administration of the HMIS system;
- b) Managing systems training for all authorized users of the system;
- c) Coordinating licensing with vendors of all HMIS software;
- d) Ensuring all HMIS software meets the minimum data and technical functionality requirements established by HUD in rule or by notice, including non-duplication of data, data collection, maintenance of historical data, reporting and any other requirements established by HUD;
- e) Ensuring adequate HMIS data processing capabilities, including collection, maintenance, use, privacy, security, and confidentiality protections;
- f) Ensuring data integrity by receiving authorization prior to any data changes related to client/project/program data entry;
- g) Overseeing changes to HMIS System; and
- h) Attending HMIS training as needed and in compliance with HUD/State regulations.

3) HMIS End-User Administration

- a) Providing technical assistance and support;
- b) Documenting technical issues experienced by homeless service provider(s);
- c) Developing and delivering a comprehensive training curriculum as related to systems use, including accompanying tools and resources, that:
 - i) Includes, but is not limited to, data entry requirements and techniques, client confidentiality and privacy requirements, data security and data quality;
 - ii) Requires all authorized end users to participate in training as per the Policies and Procedures approved by the HMIS Steering Committee.
 - iii) Managing and evaluating the collection of signed end-user agreements, confidentiality forms and receipt and acceptance of HMIS Policies and Procedures.

DURATION AND TIMELINE

This MOU shall be in effect from February 13, 2025 to January 31, 2027. An automatic renewal will occur if there are no changes requested by the parties or required changes by HUD/State regulation(s).

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This MOU may be amended by written mutual consent of the parties.
2. This MOU may be terminated by any of the parties with or without cause upon 30 days' written notice.
3. It is understood that the parties shall be subject to examination and audit by authorized personnel of any records associated with the provision of services, claims to obtain funding, and payment records. The examination and audit shall be confined to those matters connected with the performance of this MOU.
4. This MOU is not in effect until signed by the parties. All parties shall comply with and respect all applicable rules, laws, regulations and policies including those regarding confidentiality of client information.

NOTICES

Any notice required or permitted to be given under this MOU shall be in writing and shall be served by registered mail or personal service upon the other party. When served by registered mail, delivery shall be conclusively deemed to have occurred three (3) days after deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the party to whom such notice is to be given as hereinafter provided.

Notice to HSA shall be addressed as follows:

Melissa Livingston, Director
Human Services Agency
855 Partridge Drive
Ventura, CA 93003

Notice to CoC shall be addressed as follows:

Dawn Dyer, CoC Board Chairperson
Community Development, Continuum of Care
800 S. Victoria Avenue, L#1940
Ventura, CA 93009

(Signatures on next page.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The CoC, HSA, and the HMIS Steering Committee Chair have executed this MOU on the dates indicated and for the parties set forth below.

Ventura County Continuum of Care	County of Ventura Human Services Agency
<hr/> Signature <u>DAWN DYER</u> Chairperson, CoC Board Date: _____	<hr/> Signature <u>MELISSA LIVINGSTON</u> Director, Human Services Agency Date: _____
Ventura County Collaborative Applicant	Ventura County HMIS Steering Committee
<hr/> Signature <u>KIMBERLEE ALBERS</u> Homelessness Solutions Director Community Development Date: _____	<hr/> Signature <u>MARISSA P. MACH</u> Deputy Director, Human Services Agency VC HMIS Administration Date: _____

March 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Approval of the California Housing & Community Development (HCD) Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funding Recommendations for FY 2024-28.

BACKGROUND: On December 31, 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for State Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding with applications due to the State by March 28, 2025. This program funding will be awarded to administrative entities of the Continuum of Care (CoC) through the HCD application process. A resolution has been submitted for approval to the County Board of Supervisors for the March 18, 2025 meeting, to authorize the County to administer the funds as the Administrative Entity (AE).

ESG funds may be used for four primary activities: *Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention*. In addition, ESG funds may be used for associated Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) costs, up to ten percent, and administrative activities for sub recipients. A minimum of 40% of the allocation must be used for Rapid Rehousing activities. This program funding is subject to the ESG federal regulations established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

DISCUSSION: Total anticipated funding to be awarded to the VC CoC for the (3-year) FY2024-28 State ESG, is \$609,987.00 with \$16,774.64 for grant administration and a minimum of \$237,284.94 (40%) for Rapid Re-Housing activities. VC CoC staff released a Request for Proposals (RFP) to the full CoC Alliance and Stakeholders on January 10, 2025, with applications due by February 7, 2025. VC CoC staff completed an analysis of the proposals received and the VC CoC Data Evaluation and Performance Committee met on March 5, 2025, to review the project proposals and make the funding recommendations below:

Proposed FY 2024-28 State ESG Subrecipient	Project Type	ESG Funding Request
United Way of Ventura County	Rapid Re-Housing	\$237,285.00
City of Camarillo	Rapid Re-Housing	\$85,000.00
Harbor House	Rapid Re-Housing	\$85,000.00
Gold Coast Veteran's Foundation	Street Outreach	\$85,927.00
City of Ventura	Street Outreach	\$50,000.00
Samaritan Center	Street Outreach	\$50,000.00
Grant Administration		\$16,775.00
	TOTAL	\$609,987.00

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Approve the funding recommendations by the VC CoC Data Evaluation and Performance Committee for FY 2024-28 State ESG.
- 2) Authorize VC CoC Staff to submit the proposed ESG budget to the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department for review and approval.

ESG HCD Allocation \$609,987	Agency/Org	Project Title	Service Area	Activity Type	# of Beneficiaries to be served	Youth Set aside?	Funding Request	Youth Funding Request	Program Design	I. Applicant Capacity (15 points)	II. Project Design (20 points)	III. Financial Capacity (18 points)	IV. Past Performance (25 points)	V. Coordination and Collaboration (12 points)	Funding Priority (10 points)	Total Score	Other (Current) Funding	Service Gaps	Rank	Funding Recommendation	
Rapid Re-Housing																					
\$237,284.94	United Way of VC	Landlord Engagement Program	Countywide	RRH	100	No	\$ 609,987.00	\$ -	LEP intends to utilize ESG funding to cover move-in expenses, staffing and program-related costs, utility assistance, moving and storage fees and emergency lease breaks as necessary. This support will primarily benefit the Rapid Rehousing Community and individuals fleeing domestic violence who lack other means to maintain stable housing.	15	20	18	24	12	10	99	HHAP rounds 1, 2, 4, Program Interest, 5, HUD CoC	-	1	\$ 237,284.94	
	City of Camarillo	Camarillo Rapid Rehousing Program	Camarillo	RRH	36	No	\$ 90,300.00	\$ -	City of Camarillo proposes a Housing First, rapid re-housing program to address critical barriers faced by unsheltered community that lack personal capital, have low credit scores, or does not have inadequate employment income. This program specifically targets single adults, who represent the City's largest homeless demographic, by providing financial assistance across four key areas: rental application fees, security deposits, landlord incentives and emergency rental assistance.	12	19	16	20	8	10	85	HHAP4 (ERF pending)	Partnership with Project HOPE is key. Pending ERF award can help leverage for deeper outreach and greater success	2	\$ 85,000.00	
	Harbor House	Rapid Rehousing & Prevention	Countywide	RRH	20	No	\$ 101,000.00	\$ -	HH will offer RRH to individuals experiencing homelessness, with a focus on assisting the more vulnerable HH's and those with children and seniors. Dedicated (and experienced) staff will be available specifically to develop RRH program	12	18	14	21	10	10	85	ESG 2023	Good success achieved with past programs and grants, but effort to maintain County-wide service is required	2	\$ 85,000.00	
							\$ 801,287.00													\$ 407,284.94	
Street Outreach																					
	Gold Coast Veteran's Foundation	Mobile Veteran Outreach	Countywide	SO	150	No	\$106,500.00	\$ -	Funds would be allocated toward defraying 50% of MVO staff compensation. Another part of funds would be used for a new hire, a full-time social work professional to engage veterans that are difficult to reach.	15	20	16	19	12	9	91	HHAP1	Effort to maintain County-wide service is required. Current award is expected to help reach Functional Zero for veterans	1	\$ 85,927.42	
	City of Ventura	City Proactive Outreach Program	City of Ventura	SO	35	No	\$50,000.00	\$ -	Proposal would provide street outreach services to individuals in underserved areas of the City, such as encampments in our river bottoms and Cal Trans right-of-way properties. A contracted MSW or LCSW will work to identify these areas and visit on a regular basis in an effort to establish rapport and engage people experiencing homelessness with the ultimate goals of entering them into HMIS and connecting them to services through the CES.	15	13	16	20	12	5	81	HHAP rounds 1 and 4, ERF (pending)	Goals and performance measures not clearly specified. Leverage with pending ERF award is expected to foment greater outreach and success	2	\$ 50,000.00	
	Samaritan Center	Street Outreach	Simi Valley	SO	50	No	\$62,300.00	\$ -	Proposal to provide Street Outreach to unsheltered persons in currently underserved areas and connections to services for individuals through CES and HMIS.	13	15	18	18	9	5	78		Coordination/partnership with UWVC and HH is expected to leverage and provide greater service coverage in East County.	3	\$ 50,000.00	
	Downtown Ventura Partners	DVP Street Outreach	City of Ventura	SO	75	No	\$64,896.00	\$ -	Requested Street Outreach funds would add full-time worker (or possibly 2 part-time) to enhance current offering and procure deeper outreach, 7 days a week service using no-barrier approach and work in concert with law enforcement.	15	16	15	12	10	9	77					\$ -
	Casa Pacifica	Uplift TAY	Countywide	SO	120	Yes	\$96,907	\$96,907	UPLIFT TAY program will expand its supportive services to include intensive street outreach efforts targeting TAY currently or at imminent risk of homelessness. The project prioritize highly vulnerable TAY who have been system impacted, specifically those who have experienced involvement with FOSTER care and/or juvenile justice system	15	15	16	12	10	9	77					\$ -
	VC Believe Center*	Ventura County Believe Center Street Outreach	Countywide	SO	500	No	\$186,170.00	\$ -	The Ventura County Believe Center's (The Center) project proposes to serve the homeless population by connecting persons encountered at the One Stop and also in the various known homeless encampments Countywide. Proposal looks to create rapport to gain trust to better meet client needs such as food, clothing items and toiletries. Additionally, diapers for mothers with small children and hygiene products for all members of the family will be offered. Clients will also be directed with service and housing providers to help fulfill needs. Clients will also be connected with the various homeless shelters based upon availability.	4	8	7	5	11	5	40					\$ -
							\$566,773.00													\$ 185,927.42	

ESG HCD Allocation \$609,987	Agency/Org	Project Title	Service Area	Activity Type	# of Beneficiaries to be served	Youth Set aside?	Funding Request	Youth Funding Request	Program Design	I. Applicant Capacity (15 points)	II. Project Design (20 points)	III. Financial Capacity (18 points)	IV. Past Performance (25 points)	V. Coordination and Collaboration (12 points)	Funding Priority (10 points)	Total Score	Other (Current) Funding	Service Gaps	Rank	Funding Recommendation
Homelessness Prevention																				
	City of Ventura	Homeless Services Proactive Outreach Worker Program/Homelessness Prevention and Diversion Program	City of Ventura	HP	10	No	\$ 40,000.00	\$ -	The Homelessness Prevention and Diversion Program will aim to provide flexible financial resources in the form of short-term rental assistance and assistance with emergency utility costs for up to three (3) months to ensure that evictions and subsequent homelessness is prevented.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			DQ	\$ -
	SPIRIT	Housing Outreach & Prevention Effort (HOPE)	Fillmore & Santa Paula	HP	25	No	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	Grant proposal is for funding to support rental assistance program. Initiative is designed to prevent homelessness by providing crucial financial assistance to individuals and families struggling to maintain stable housing.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			DQ	\$ -
	U. S. VETS	Homelessness Prevention for Veterans in Ventura County	Countywide	HP	20	No	\$ 197,491.00	\$ -	U.S.VETS Ventura proposes a homelessness prevention project aimed at serving veterans and veteran households at risk of becoming homeless. The project will target 20 veterans or veteran households over a one-year grant period. Funding will support a Case Manager, Program Director, and Outreach Specialist, as well as direct financial assistance to prevent eviction and entering homelessness.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			DQ	\$ -
							\$ 262,491.00													\$ -
Emergency Shelter																				
	City of Santa Paula	Overnight Sleep Facility	Fillmore, Santa Paula, Piru	ES	48	No	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	Proposal requests grant funds to develop and operate an Overnight Sleep Center for homeless individuals and families. This program would be six-month pilot program with the of reaching a homeless population that may be more apprehensive to admit themselves to a navigation center for any services. Intended end users include unsheltered or at-risk individuals and families. The proposed Overnight Sleep Center would be very low-barrier, but it will be subject to rules that govern the project site for their own safety. The site would monitored by local law enforcement and the Cities partner from the Harvard Navigation Center (Spirit) located across the street.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			DQ	\$ -
	Shelter Care Resources*	Motel Voucher Program	Countywide	ES	50	No	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	Shelter Care Resources (SCR) is dedicated to providing basic necessities and critical resources that promote health, well-being, and education for the county's homeless youth. The Motel Voucher Program is designed to reduce homelessness and create long-term stability for youth and families by providing immediate non-congregate shelter, intensive case management, and access to essential support services.	10	15	11	15	10	10	71			DQ	\$ -
							\$ 260,000.00													\$ -
Admin																				
	\$16,774.64			Admin			\$ 16,774.64	\$ -												\$ 16,774.64

Total request	\$ 1,907,325.64
HCD Allocation	\$ 609,987.00
Oversubscription	313%
Request minus DQs	\$ 1,384,834.64
HCD Allocation	\$ 609,987.00
Oversubscription	227%

Activity	Overall Budget
Rapid Re-Housing (min 40%)	\$ 237,284.94
Street Outreach	
Homelessness Prevention	\$ 355,927.42
Emergency Shelter	
HMIS	\$ -
Admin	\$ 16,774.64
Totals	\$ 609,987.00

March 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Approval of the Allocation of State of California Homeless Housing & Assistance Program (HHAP) Program Interest Funding for the Project Roomkey Program.

BACKGROUND: The County of Ventura is the authorized administrative entity for the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) and in accordance with the State Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, all proceeds from any interest-bearing account established by the CoC Grantee for the deposit of HHAP funds must be used for HHAP eligible activities and reported on as required by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

Since 2019, VC CoC has been awarded four rounds of HHAP program funding with interest accrued thus far in the amount of \$575,611 (as of January 20, 2025). The VC CoC Board previously allocated \$95,000 of interest revenue to programs through a prior Request for Proposals process. There is currently a balance of \$480,611 in HHAP program interest available.

DISCUSSION: There is a gap in covering the non-congregate shelter costs for the Project Roomkey program which ended on February 28, 2025. Previously, Project Roomkey costs were covered by FEMA and a grant from the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) which was fully expended by September 2024. The VC CoC Board previously dedicated \$184,000 of HHAP Admin round 3 funds to extend shelter for those who are highly vulnerable and prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing. Additional funding in an amount up to \$400,000 is needed to cover the remaining costs of Project Roomkey. This non-congregate shelter program has served over 850 highly vulnerable, unsheltered clients since March 2020 and 580 or 68% of those clients have moved to successful destinations, including new permanent supportive housing units.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the funding recommendation in an amount up to \$400,000 in California Homeless Housing & Assistance Program (HHAP) Program Interest to cover the remaining costs of Project Roomkey non-congregate shelter.

March 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive the Ventura County 2025 Homeless Count preliminary data report and authorize staff to submit the final Point in Time Count and Housing Inventory Count reports to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) no later than April 30, 2025.

Background: The Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) staff, city leads and community volunteers conduct the annual Homeless Point In Time Count and Subpopulation Survey of homeless persons during the last ten days of January, as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for Continuum of Care funding. This one-night survey of sheltered persons/families and one day count and survey of unsheltered persons/families results in a snapshot of one day of homelessness across the region. The reports help to inform the VC CoC Board as well as other stakeholders in the community on the need for resources within the community as well as trends in the populations experiencing homelessness.

Discussion: The 2025 sheltered count was conducted on the night of January 21st and the unsheltered surveys began on the early morning of January 22nd. All persons surveyed were asked where they slept on the night of January 21, 2025. Surveys were conducted at service sites and encampment locations during the week following the night of the count, as allowed by HUD. Mobile application surveys were conducted with GIS mapping technology throughout the County. The final written report is being developed in partnership with Dr. Joe Colletti at Urban Initiatives and will include subpopulation data and detailed information for each jurisdiction. The full report will be released to the public no later than April 30, 2025. A presentation will be provided at the VC CoC Board meeting on May 14, 2025.

Recommendations: Authorize staff to submit the final Homeless Point In Time Count and Housing Inventory Count reports to HUD no later than April 30, 2025.

2025 Ventura County Homeless Count Preliminary Report

There were 1,990 adults and children who were counted as homeless during the point-in-time (PIT) count as noted in the chart below. This number represents a decrease of 368 persons or -15.6% when compared to the 2,358 persons who were counted as homeless in 2024. Since 2023, there has been an 18.5% decrease overall.

Chart 1

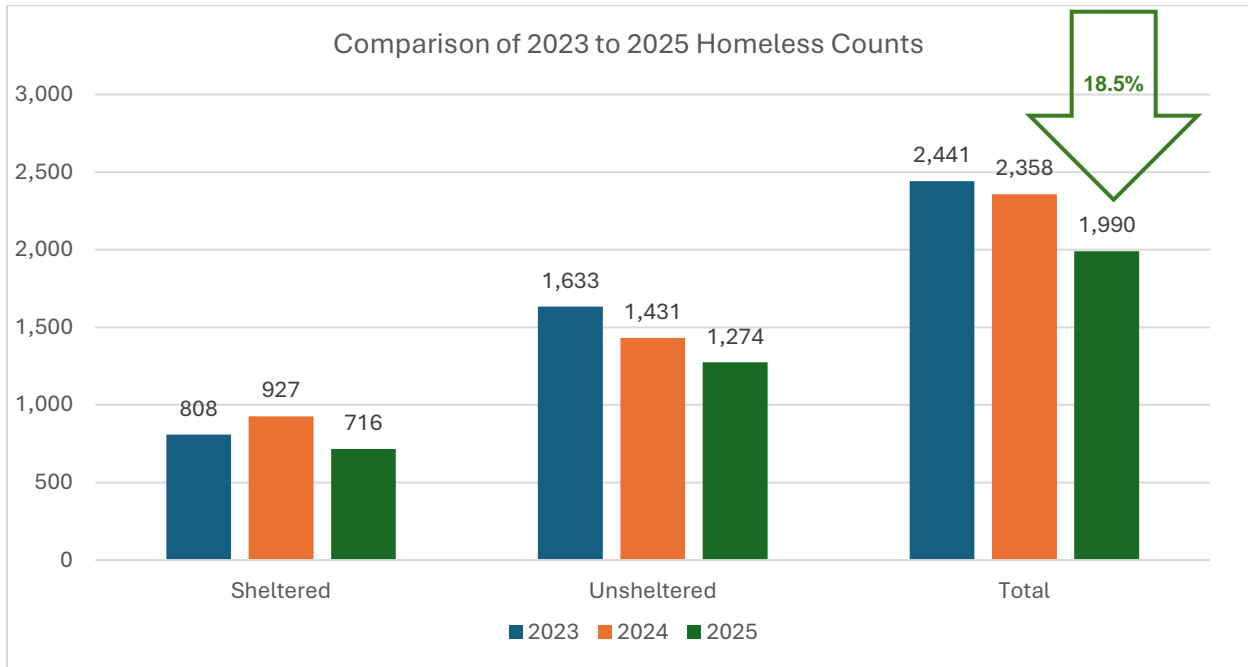


Table 1. Comparison of 2024 and 2025 Homeless Counts

Year	Sheltered			Unsheltered			Total
	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	Adults	Children	Sub-Total	
2024 Homeless Count	736	191	927	1,412	19	1,431	2,358
2025 Homeless Count	607	109	716	1,257	17	1,274	1,990
Difference:	-129 (17.5%)	-82 (-42.9%)	-211 (22.8%)	-155 (10.9%)	-2 (10.5%)	-157 (10.9%)	-368 (15.6%)

The total number of persons counted as sheltered and unsheltered decreased:

- The total number of persons counted as sheltered decreased from 927 in 2024 to 716 in 2025, which represents a decrease of 211 persons or 22.8%.
- The total number of persons counted as unsheltered decreased from 1,431 in 2024 to 1,274 in 2025, which represents a decrease of 157 persons or 11%.

The decrease in shelter beds occurred due to the conversion of Project Roomkey motels to Homekey permanent supportive housing units, as well as a shift in Domestic Violence transitional housing to rapid rehousing units. These are major accomplishments for Ventura County by ending homelessness for many individuals and families between 2024 to 2025.

Also, the decrease in the number of unsheltered persons continues as there have been more investments in State grant funding to address encampments and the priority of homelessness prevention to help people retain housing.

Regarding sheltered homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(ii) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families ***“living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals)”*** on the night designated for the count. This includes individuals residing in Safe Haven projects.

Regarding unsheltered homelessness, HUD states that

- CoCs must count all individuals or families who meet the criteria in paragraph (1)(i) of the homeless definition in 24 CFR 578.3. This includes individuals and families ***“with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground”*** on the night designated for the count. Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) assisted households who are still unsheltered on the night of the count (e.g., staying in an encampment and being assisted by an RRH project to obtain housing) must be included as part of the unsheltered count.

Ventura County first conducted a homeless count and subpopulation survey in 2007 as listed in Table 2. The homeless count and survey has been conducted every year beginning in 2009 except in 2021 (see note below).

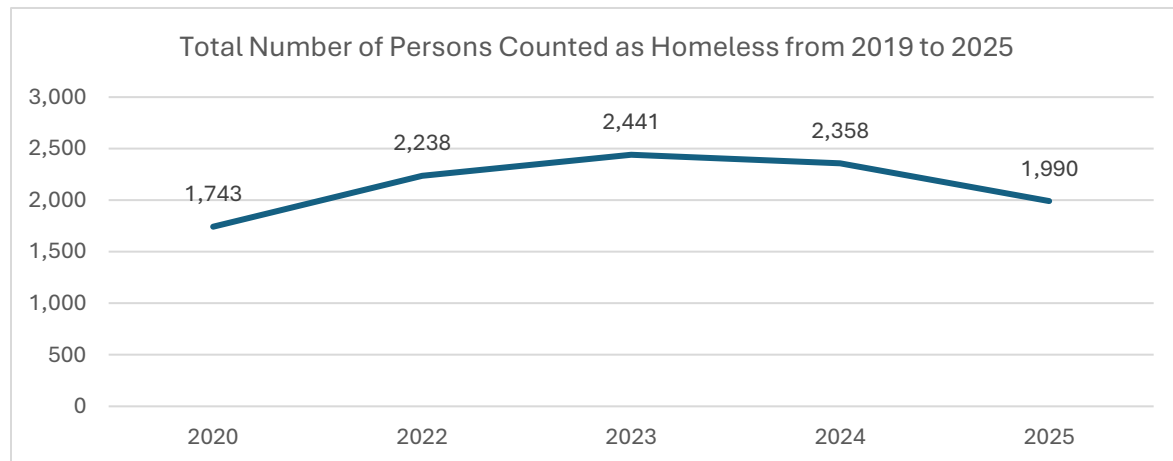
Table 2: Ventura County Homeless Counts from 2007 – 2025.

Year	Total # of Homeless Persons	% of Increase or Decrease from Previous Year
2007	1,961	-
2009	2,193	+12
2010	1,815	-17
2011	1,872	+3
2012	1,936	+3
2013	1,774	-8
2014	1,449	-18
2015	1,417	-2
2016	1,271	-10
2017	1,152	-9
2018	1,299	+12.8
2019	1,669	+28.5
2020	1,743	+4.4
2021	*	*
2022	2,238	+25.2
2023	2,441	+9.1
2024	2,358	-3.4
2025	1,990	-15.6

*VC CoC received an exception from HUD not to conduct an unsheltered count because of pandemic related reasons.

The next chart shows that the number of persons counted as homeless has decreased by 18.5% over the past two years. This significant progress occurred due to investments in permanent supportive housing. The number of persons counted as homeless in 2020 was 1,743 and 1,990 persons in 2025, which represents an increase over a five-year period of 247 persons or 14.2%.

Chart 2



The next table provides the number of homeless persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area. A count was not conducted in 2008 and an exception was granted by HUD not to conduct an unsheltered count in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Table 3. Comparison of the total number of unsheltered and sheltered persons counted since 2007 by cities and unincorporated area

Year	Camarillo	Fillmore	Moorpark	Ojai	Oxnard
2007	10	5	13	82	671
2009	13	4	7	60	679
2010	15	5	1	52	520
2011	29	10	7	40	638
2012	30	16	5	41	522
2013	27	13	9	43	645
2014	38	6	15	62	379*
2015	35	7	7	40	603
2016	24	6	4	29	584
2017	27	0	7	19	461
2018	49	2	3	31	335
2019	33	10	2	47	548
2020	30	10	0	49	567
2021	**	**	**	**	**
2022	49	8	0	38	793
2023	78	5	3	44	838
2024	89	13	5	58	752
2025	90	10	2	60	634

*This number was artificially low due to an unresolved reporting discrepancy and the winter shelter being located in Ventura.

**An unsheltered count was not conducted because of pandemic related reasons.

Table 3. (con't)

Year	Port Hueneme	Santa Paula	Simi Valley	Thousand Oaks	Ventura	Countywide
2007	9	97	163	81	588	242
2009	1	91	303	147	623	265
2010	9	54	229	106	601	223
2011	6	50	226	87	570	209
2012	12	60	284	90	701	175
2013	17	34	211	121	519	135
2014	13	31	194	130	495	86
2015	22	20	202	83	334	64
2016	7	56	99	104	300	58
2017	18	35	105	102	301	77

Year	Port Hueneme	Santa Paula	Simi Valley	Thousand Oaks	Ventura	Countywide
2018	19	44	143	80	516	77
2019	30	106	121	103	555	114
2020	19	95	162	152	531	128
2021	**	**	**	**	**	**
2022	30	115	141	210	713	109
2023	14	121	150	128	644	416***
2024	44	137	160	178	536	386***
2025	21	107	152	162	522	230***

**An unsheltered count was not conducted because of pandemic related reasons

*** Project Roomkey shelters are counted in the Countywide data, as persons are served from various cities.

Total Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Adults and Children by Jurisdiction

Table 4 provides a breakdown of the 2025 homeless count by sheltered and unsheltered persons for each jurisdiction. Among cities, Oxnard had the largest number of unsheltered persons (379) and the largest number of sheltered persons (255). The City of Ventura had the second largest number of unsheltered (281) and sheltered persons (241).

Table 4. Total Number of Sheltered and Unsheltered Adults and Children by Jurisdiction in 2025

Jurisdiction	Sheltered		Unsheltered	Total
	Shelter	Transitional Hg		
Camarillo	11	0	79	90
Fillmore	0	0	10	10
Moorpark	0	0	2	2
Ojai	6	0	54	60
Oxnard	208	47	379	634
Port Hueneme	0	0	21	21
Santa Paula	47	0	60	107
Simi Valley	10	0	142	152
Thousand Oaks	0	0	162	162
Ventura*	159	82	281	522
Countywide**	120	26	84	230
Total:	561	155	1,274	1,990

*Includes Safe Haven beds.

**Domestic Violence (DV) Shelter locations are not disclosed and thus are reported here. Project Roomkey non-congregate shelters are counted in the Countywide data, as persons are served from various cities.

Table 5 compares the total number of unsheltered persons, sheltered persons and the total number of persons counted in 2025 to the same totals for 2024.

Table 5. 2024 - 2025 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Jurisdiction

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number of Sheltered Persons*				Total Number			
	2024		2025		2024		2025		2024		2025	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	80		79	-1.3	9		11	+22.2	89		90	+1.1
Fillmore	13		10	-23.1	0		0	0	13		10	-23.1
Moorpark	5		2	-60.0	0		0	0	5		2	-60.0
Ojai	54		54	0.0	4		6	+50.0	58		60	+3.4
Oxnard	433		379	-12.5	319		255	-20.1	752		634	-15.7
Port Hueneme	44		21	-52.3	0		0	0	44		21	-52.3
Santa Paula	88		60	-31.8	49		47	-4.1	137		107	-21.9
Simi Valley	149		142	-4.7	11		10	-9.1	160		152	-5.0
Thousand Oaks	178		162	-8.9	0		0	0	178		162	-9.0
Ventura	316		281	-11.1	220		241	+9.5	536		522	-2.6
County-wide***	71		84	+18.3	315		146	-53.7	386		230	-40.4
Total:	1,431		1,274	-10.9	927		716	-22.8	2,358		1,990	-15.6

*Sheltered persons include emergency shelters, transitional housing, and safe havens.

**percentages are only provided for differences that were 200% or less.

***Includes Survivors of Domestic Violence (DV) programs.

Unsheltered Persons

Of the 1,990 persons counted in 2025, 1,274 or 64% were unsheltered, which is defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as

“An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.”

Of the 1,274 unsheltered persons, 1,257 were adults and 17 were accompanied children under age 18 in families.

Surveyed vs Observation of Unsheltered Persons

The goal was to survey, meaning to interview, as many adults who were counted about themselves and any children who were living unsheltered with them. Survey questions focused on requirements from HUD and local information desired by the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC). The number and percentage of adults surveyed is noted in Table 4.

HUD requires CoCs to report the number of various subpopulations that include chronically homeless individuals and families, persons with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, AIDS or an HIV-related illness, and veterans. The CoC desired local information included a focus on chronic health condition, first time homelessness, foster youth, income, veterans and those self-reporting involvement with the justice system.

Counters surveyed 838 adults that answered questions about themselves and their households. The survey included questions about gender, age, race, ethnicity, and length of time homeless for adults and children. Other questions about disability, health, mental health, substance use, income, and veteran status pertained only to adults.

Persons were observed and not surveyed if volunteer counters felt unsafe or an unsheltered person was sleeping. Volunteers were asked to count the person by recording an estimate of the individual’s gender, age, race, and ethnicity. Of the 422 persons observed, 419 were adults and 3 were children in families.

The survey and observation rates were nearly the same in 2024 and 2025 as noted in Table 6 below. Training was offered in January 2025 to review the mobile app and emphasize the importance of full surveys when possible. Full surveys assist with a more accurate count and provide more details with subpopulation data.

Table 6. Total Number and Percent of Unsheltered Adults Surveyed and Observed

Year	Surveyed		Observed		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
2019	907	72.1	351	27.9	1,258	100
2020	874	69.1	391	30.9	1,265	100
2022	741	54.6	615	45.5	1,356	100
2023	683	42.2	937	57.8	1,620	100
2024	933	66.2	479	33.8	1,412	100
2025	838	66.7	419	33.3	1,257	100

The next table provides a breakdown of the total number and percent of adults surveyed and observed by jurisdiction. Of the 1,274 persons counted as unsheltered in 2025, 1,257 were adults. The remaining 17 persons were children under age 18 that are part of family households.

Table 7. Total Number and Percent of Unsheltered Adults Surveyed and Observed by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	Surveyed		Observed*		Total	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Camarillo	51	67.1	25	32.9	76	100
Fillmore	10	100	0	0.0	10	100
Moorpark	2	100	0	0.0	2	100
Ojai	30	55.5	24	44.5	54	100
Oxnard	210	56.5	162	43.5	372	100
Port Hueneme	18	85.7	3	14.3	21	100
Santa Paula	46	76.7	14	23.3	60	100
Simi Valley	113	83.1	23	16.9	136	100
Thousand Oaks	121	75.2	40	24.8	161	100
Ventura	189	67.3	92	32.7	281	100
Unincorporated	48	57.1	36	42.9	84	100
Total	838	66.7	419	33.3	1,257	100

*Observations include those who declined or refused to be surveyed.

A Final Report will be published later this Spring 2025 which will include an analysis of adults and children by gender, age, race, and ethnicity. The report will also include an analysis by the various subpopulations required by HUD that include chronically homeless individuals and families, persons with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, AIDS or an HIV-related illness, veterans, and youth ages 18 – 24.

The Final Report will also include an analysis of the desired surveyed information that includes a focus on chronic health condition, first time homelessness, foster youth, income, veterans, and chronically homeless populations.

An analysis of all of the data fields noted above will also be provided for each city in the Final Report.

March 12, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Receive an Update on the Ventura County Project Roomkey

BACKGROUND: In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Project Roomkey (PRK) has provided motel vouchers to support non-congregate shelter for highly vulnerable persons experiencing homelessness since March 2020. Through this temporary shelter program, the County of Ventura has supported nearly 900 persons with over 500 persons exiting to permanent housing or other temporary housing through case management services provided by homeless service providers. Additionally, over 60 veterans were referred to services and supportive housing.

The County Executive Office has been providing administration and oversight which includes issuing vouchers, maintaining documentation, communicating with both case management and motel staff, and managing client counts for food delivery through the VC Area Agency on Aging's (VCAAA) meal delivery program. FEMA funding covered the motel and food costs from March 2020 through February 2023. With the end of FEMA funds, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) provided grant funds through June 2024 to continue to support PRK placements and assist with rehousing strategies. Since that time, unprogrammed CDBG-CV and HHAP funds have covered motel costs as many program participants have exited to various housing placements through February 2025.

DISCUSSION: As of February 28, 2025, a total of 850 people were sheltered through the PRK program and 580 people or 68% were exited to successful destinations, including permanent supportive housing. The majority of clients were connected to the County Health Care Agency's Whole Person Care team for support with chronic health conditions as well as Ventura County Behavioral Health to serve those with behavioral health needs. Homeless service providers continue to explore all housing options with clients served by PRK. United Way of Ventura County's Landlord Engagement Program has been supporting the housing location and navigation efforts by securing rental units when available, by offering bonus funding and holding deposits to landlords.

There are numerous supportive housing resources coming online within the next several months, including Casa Aliento Phase II in Oxnard, Rancho Sierra Senior Apartments in Camarillo, Valentine Road Homekey project in Ventura, and Casa de Carmen in Oxnard. The timely availability of these units depends on several factors, including the funding awards, weather delays and construction timeframes. It is likely that alternative housing options for PRK clients will need to be available while these projects are being finalized.

The VC CoC staff continues to work closely with partner agencies who are supporting clients who are prioritized for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units. The case managers have been completing vulnerability assessments, gathering eligibility documentation, and referring clients to the Coordinated Entry System for PSH prioritization. The number of referrals through the Coordinated Entry System has increased significantly over the past year.

Attachment: 2020-25 Project Roomkey Infographic

Project RoomKey

From March 2020 through February 2025, Project RoomKey (PRK) served nearly 900 participants with motel vouchers, providing safety, temporary shelter and meals throughout the pandemic.

PERSONS SERVED BETWEEN MARCH 2020 AND FEBRUARY 2025

856
persons

ON A GIVEN NIGHT, PRK SHELTERED UP TO:

320
persons

POSITIVE OUTCOMES



68%

Out of 856 persons served, 580 exited to positive housing destinations

MEALS



1,540,800

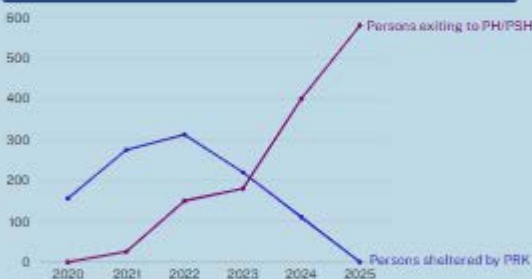
meals provided

by the VC Area Agency on Aging and SLATE

OUTSTANDING FRONTLINE PARTNERS THAT MADE PRK SUCCESSFUL

- * VENTURA VAGABOND, BEST WESTERN AND EZ8 ON SITE MOTEL MANAGEMENT & STAFF
- * VENTURA COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING
- * SLATE RESTAURANT
- * COUNTY AND PARTNER AGENCY CASE MANAGEMENT

PERSONS SHELTERED BY PRK VS. EXITS TO PH/PSH



PRK CLIENT HOUSING DESTINATIONS



WILLET RANCH



CENTRAL TERRACE



SYCAMORE SENIOR APTS.



NEW DEVELOPMENTS COMING SOON



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