



COUNTY of VENTURA

COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
SEVET JOHNSON, PsyD
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April 29, 2025

County of Ventura Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Authorization for the County Executive Officer or Designee to Receive, Accept and Upon Review and Approval of County Counsel, Execute Three Agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Continuum of Care Grant Funds Totaling \$566,798.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the County Executive Officer or designee to receive, accept and, upon review and approval of County Counsel, execute three agreements with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for Continuum of Care grant funds totaling \$566,798.

FISCAL IMPACT

	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26
Revenues	\$ 0	\$566,798
Costs	\$ 0	\$566,798
Net County Cost	\$ 0	\$ 0

Funding Source: U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development

Match Requirement: None

Appropriations for the grant are included in the FY25-26 Preliminary Budget.

DISCUSSION:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Program includes an annual competitive grant program designed to promote a communitywide commitment to prevent and end homelessness. Funding is provided for efforts by nonprofit providers and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness. The CoC Program promotes the utilization of mainstream programs and optimizes self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Approximately \$4.1 million is awarded to entities within Ventura County annually. Local awards are recommended through a competitive process to HUD by the Ventura County CoC Board.

As the Collaborative Applicant for CoC funding on behalf of the Ventura County CoC, the County Executive Office (CEO) applied for, and now seeks, your Board's authority to receive and accept \$566,798 of the \$4.1 million in 2025 CoC grant funding, which the CEO will then administer (Exhibit 1, Ventura County CoC CA-611 award letter). The balance of CoC funds is contracted by HUD directly with local organizations to carry out activities serving homeless persons in our county. The CoC funds administered by the CEO include two grants for Rapid Re-Housing services, one to United Way of Ventura County (\$238,460) and another to Salvation Army (\$62,214). The balance (\$266,124) is a Planning Grant – funds to be used to enhance performance of the CoC homeless service system and incorporate people with lived experience in the strategic planning and decision-making process. The County Human Services Agency receives a separate allocation of HUD CoC grant funding for Rapid Re-Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and for management of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), as a direct HUD grant recipient.

It is recommended that the CEO or designee, upon review and approval of County Counsel, be authorized to execute the three agreements with HUD.

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Strategic Priority:

- Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable

The recommendations presented in this item support providing short and long-term housing options for individuals experiencing homelessness.

This item has been reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Jennifer Harkey, Ventura County CoC Program Director at 805-658-4342.

Sincerely,



KIMBERLEE ALBERS
Deputy Executive Officer
Homelessness Solutions Director



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County Executive Officer

Exhibit 1 – Ventura County CoC CA-611 Award Letter