



# COUNTY of VENTURA

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**SUBJECT:** Approval of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 5 Program (HHAP) Memorandum of Understanding with the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) and County of Ventura

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Approval of the HHAP 5 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (Exhibit 1).

**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:**

This action addresses the Strategic Priority to 'Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable' by continuing to relentlessly pursue an end to homelessness in collaboration with our cities and community partners and to strengthen our safety net to support those in need.

**BACKGROUND:**

On September 29, 2023, the California Interagency Council on Homelessness in partnership with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability for Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5. Similar to previous rounds of HHAP funding, CoC Board approved the following HHAP 5 eligible funding priorities which include: Delivery of Permanent housing and Innovative Housing Solutions, Operating Subsidies – Permanent Housing, Prevention and Shelter Diversion, Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, 1% HMIS administration, and administrative costs. Youth set aside funding priorities include the above noted in addition to: Interim Housing, Operating Subsidies-Interim Housing, and Improvements to Existing Interim Housing.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be submitted with the HHAP Round 5 application and must be signed by each participating applicant committing to participate in HHAP 5.

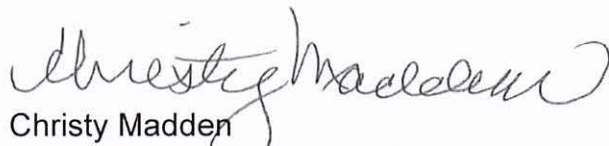
**DISCUSSION:**

This item seeks your Board's participation in the HHAP 5 Memorandum of Understanding. Demonstrating a commitment to regional collaboration and recognizing local government responsibility to commit the efforts of CoC and the County to the common good of all to help address homelessness in this region. CoC staff drafted the attached MOU (Exhibit 1) and received authorization from the Ventura County Continuum of Care Board on January 10, 2024, to enter into agreement. This MOU confirms participation and coordination with the Continuum of Care, signing this MOU demonstrates commitment and collaboration as an expectation of the State of California for accessing Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding.

A MOU must be executed between the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC) and the County of Ventura for HHAP Round 5. The MOU is required to be executed and submitted with the HHAP 5 application before March 27, 2024.

This item has been reviewed by the offices of the Auditor Controller and County Counsel. If you have questions regarding this item, please contact Christy Madden at 654-2679.

Sincerely,



Christy Madden  
Senior Deputy Executive Officer



Dr. Sevet Johnson  
County Executive Officer

Exhibit 1 - Ventura County HHAP 5 Memorandum of Understanding