

San Joaquin Continuum of Care Board of Directors Special Meeting 1-25-2021

Call to Order

2:02p

Roll Call

- Adam
- Jenn
- Kristen
- Edward
- Matt
- Mike
- Jon
- Randy
- Carrie

Updates from SJCoC Committees

- Data and HMIS: none
- System Performance: none
- Strategic Planning: none
- Education and Membership: none
- Resource Development: none
- Coordinated Entry: none
- Shelter: none

Public Comment

- Opened 2:05p
- Bill Mendelson stated that regarding item 1, both projects being discussed need to ensure they are entering data in the HMIS; regarding item 2, Bill suggested that the Board specifies that these funds are passed through from the State, and not City, County, or Federal funds; Bill also mentioned that the process to disburse these funds should ensure that sub-recipients meet all the eligibility requirements; Edward asked for clarification regarding the specific project and Bill stated that based on feedback from the State as part of the duties of the HMIS Lead, CVLIHC noted that the St. Mary's project was not eligible for funding as described in the previous application; Kristen asked for further clarification and Bill stated that St. Mary's does not meet the criteria of a shelter and that services could only be provided to specific sub-set of the population that St. Mary's serves, i.e. unsheltered individuals affected by COVID; Carrie stated that how funds are disbursed to ensure eligible projects are funded could be worked out at a later time and there was consensus of the Board;
- Chris Becerra from San Joaquin County stated that she was advised by Bill of his findings and it is being examined but there is nothing to state at this time;
- Closed 2:16p

Discussion, Information and Action Items

Vote on the Shift and Redistribution of Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) Funds

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- Jenn provided an explanation of the County request and indicated that Chris Becerra at the County was asked to join to provide any additional details; Chris provided some more background and detail on the process and the need to reposition these funds, and how the two projects indicated in the request were determined;
- Kristen asked how those dollars were stated to be spent by DCDC and CMC: Chris stated that per discussions with project staff, the County has a high level of confidence that these funds could be implemented quickly, and added that the State will require a budget amendment which might take a significant amount of time which necessitates the need for the special meeting;
- Carrie moved to approve the shift of funds and to be equally distributed; Jon seconded; unanimous; Randy abstains;

Vote to authorize the County to Forego a Notice of Funding Availability

- Jenn provided a rundown of this request;
- Jon asked what the County's plans were for specific funding awards assuming an affirmative vote from the Board today: Chris responded that the County was seeking additional guidance from the CoC regarding how the additional funds might be disbursed;
- Kristen requested a list of funded entities from Round 1 to help make funding decisions; Chris indicated that she could provide a list;
- Chris added that this guidance to forego the NOFA comes from HCD
- Carrie asked for the grant amount and timeline to spend down funds: Chris stated that the total was \$3M and the deadline was September 2022; Carrie then asked if it was possible to include these funds in a currently open ESG NOFA from the County; Chris stated that it could be complicated because of the CARES Act requirements, and that the expenditure deadlines are different between the programs;
- Kristen asked for clarification as to why the recommendation to forego the selection process: Chris stated that normally a NOFA would be held, but because of the complexities and the emergency nature of the funds and the deadlines, the County felt it would be beneficial to move forward in this way; stated that final approval would be sought from the CoC once funding recommendations were made;
- Kristen reiterated that she would like to see the list; Edward asked to share his screen in order to display the list in question;
- Chris stated that a "Super-NOFA" is being planned by the County which will include multiple rounds of Federal CARES Act funds hopefully by February 1;
- Edward displayed the list in question and Chris provided an explanation of the contents, including funded requests and allocation amounts, projects funded and not funded, etc.;
- Matt suggested that perhaps 20% of the available funds can be allocated to previous applicants while the remainder could be allocated by NOFA; Chris stated that it would be necessary to either conduct a NOFA or provide funds to existing sub-recipients, but not both;
- Jon mentioned that we need more time to determine a more regional strategy assuming applicants are applying for multiple sources for the same project;
- Adam suggested that perhaps applicants would like additional funds; Edward agreed;

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- Carrie suggested that the County provide an assessment of unfunded need based on these applications and put the rest out through a local NOFA; Chris indicated that this would be possible;
- Carrie moved that the County review each application, contact applicants to assess current need, fund up to the amount applied for, bringing those recommendations back to the Board for final approval, and put out the remainder in a local NOFA; Mike seconded; unanimous; Randy and Jon abstained;

Additional Items and Updates

- none

Adjournment

- Next meeting scheduled for 11a on February 11, 2021
- Mike moved to adjourn; Randy seconded; unanimous; 3p