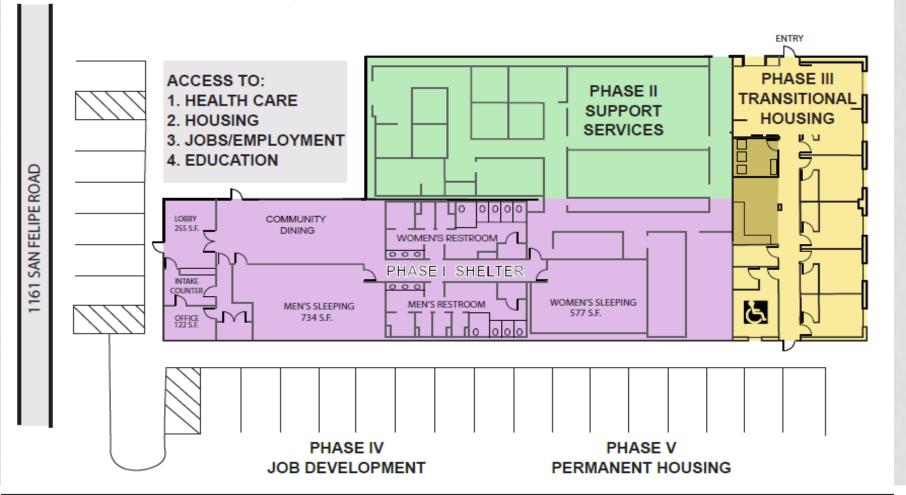


HOMELESS & HOUSING SERVICES UPDATE

HOMELESS IS NOT A CHOICE

HOUSING & HOMELESS SERVICES PATHWAY

SAN BENITO COUNTY HOME RESOURCE CENTER, EMERGENCY SHELTER, SERVICE CENTER & TRANSITIONAL HOUSING



SAN BENITO COUNTY SINCE FEBRUARY 2014

Shelter Services – Phase I

- Supported with \$1.5M in 2014 CDBG funds
- Opened December 1, 2017
- Overnight shelter 40-50 people

Supportive Services – Phase II

- Supported with \$2.0M in CDBG funds
- Supported with \$4.0M in Whole Person Care funds
- Opening March, 2019

Transitional Housing Services – Phase III

- Supported with \$1.465M in California Transitional Housing funds
- Opening in 2020
- Eight transitional housing units



HOMELESS & HOUSING SERVICES HEAP APPLICATION



Homeless Emergency Aid Program (H.E.A.P)

- \$500 million available statewide distribution
- Estimated \$1.86 million to San Benito County for homeless programs and services.
- County staff has been meeting regularly with the Homeless Planning Group to obtain consensus
- Working with the regional Monterey-San Benito Continuum of Care (COC) to secure this allocation by January, 2019. These funds may be used for the following purposes:

Potential use of funds

- Outreach Services including community policing, a street outreach nurse, a social worker, a housing navigator and related uses.
- Capital Improvements including an expanded emergency shelter, day or drop in center, tiny homes, public toilets and shower facilities
- Permanent supportive housing is also an allowed use.
- Rental Assistance including housing vouchers, rapid re-housing and eviction prevention strategies.

HOUSING & HOMELESS SERVICE PROPOSITION 1



- Statewide \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for housing related programs, loans, grants for permanent housing and distribute the funds on a competitive project based applications from local jurisdictions. The \$4 billion would be distributed in the following categories:
 - \$1.5 billion for lower income multi-family housing. SBC Estimate:
 \$2.75M
 - \$300 million for farm worker housing: **SBC Estimate:** \$450000
 - \$300 million for local housing trust match grant program to consolidate and leverage local inclusionary, in-lieu fees, and other grant funds. SBC Estimate: \$450000
 - \$1.0 billion for Veterans Home loan Administration
- Other uses including, \$300M for self help housing, \$150M to low and moderate income buyers and other funding for transit housing projects.

HOUSING & HOMELESS SERVICE COMMUNITY BLOCK DEVELOPMENT GRANT

- Apply for up to \$3 million to expand and add year round housing for migrant families at the current Southside property already owned by the County.
- Include two public service programs requesting \$500,000 in funds to support services to low and moderate income persons and families.
- Consider applying for a planning grant of \$100,000 to set in progress a
 planning process to identify future activities in San Benito County such
 as a development of a youth center, a commercial services training
 center, additional affordable and low housing with a goal of
 coordinating programs that will support social, health, and
 economic growth for middle to low income individuals and families.

HOUSING & HOMELESS SERVICE LESSONS LEARNED



- Establishing a strong collaborative community conversation.
- Contracting with a seasoned grant writer to research and write grants has been a key to success.
- Working with the State Legislature to ensure legislative knowledge and support of San Benito County initiatives can lead to future success.
- Need for a local process to hire limited term employees in grant programs consistent with current California law
 - Hire sufficient limited term supportive services staff in Whole Person Care Program
 - Need for 3 FTE limited term social workers for to support intensive services through June 2021.

Goal: San Benito County jurisdictions moving forward collaboratively and proactively to resolve homelessness

HOUSING & HOMELESS SERVICE MOVING FORWARD



- Continuing with a strong collaborative community conversation.
- Contracting with a seasoned grant writer to research and write grants
- Establish an annual plan to closely work with the State Legislature and other SBC jurisdictions on policy and funding to promote local housing and employment initiatives that will support SBC's middle and lower income individuals and families.
- Consider establishing a local affordable and housing advisory commission to consolidate and match local inclusionary, in-lieu fees, and other grant funds with available Housing Trust Funds established with passage of Proposition One.
- Anticipate the limited term needs for employees in future time limited programs consistent with current California law, such as -
 - Hiring limited term staffing for the HEAP program
 - Analyzing and planning for 2019 opportunities such as Proposition One and CDBG grants.

Consistent leadership helps organize the parade



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