Housing For Health
Continuum of Care Program Updates

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2022 CoC Competition Recap

- **$6.63 million** total, most ever for Santa Cruz County!
- Includes highly competitive **$1.56 Million** Supplemental Unsheltered NOFO award
- **21** total projects, new and renewal
- Funding trend – upward!

Annual Total CoC Awards

	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022
	$2,629,841	$3,662,605	$4,972,007	$5,207,237	$6,625,943
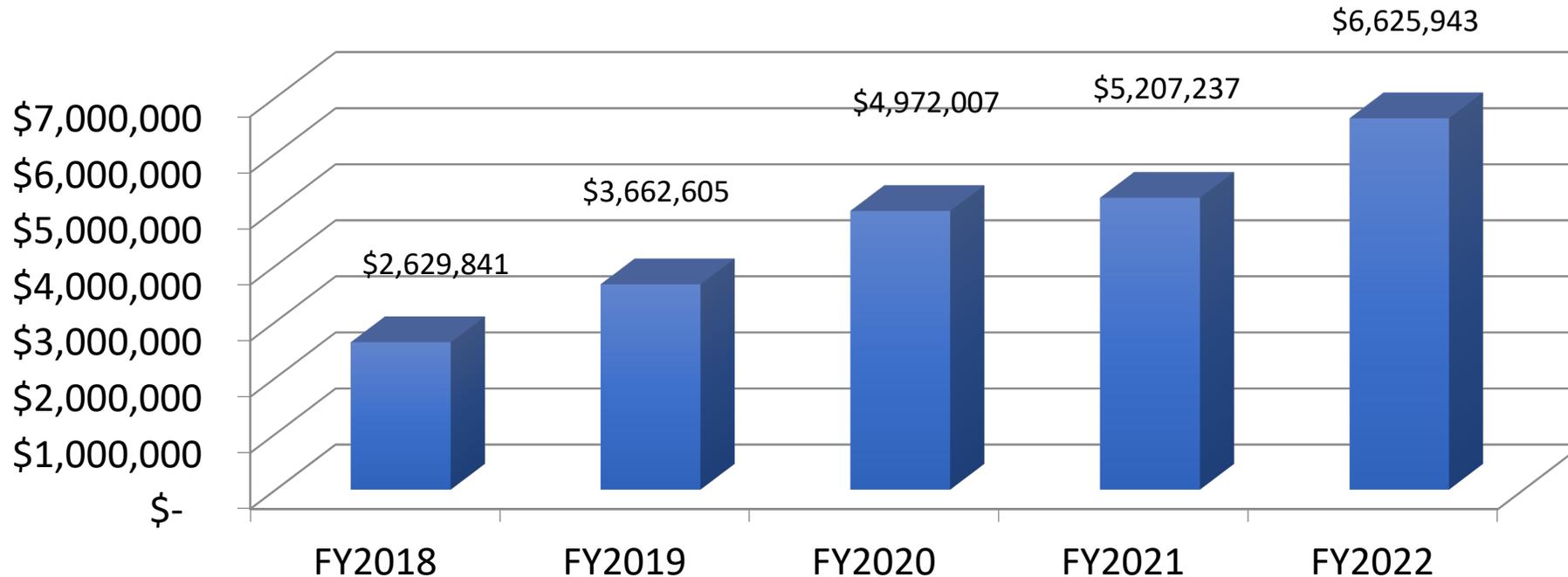
Highlights – 4 New Projects, 3 New Grantees!

New Projects
- Housing Matters – **Harvey West Studios PSH** (Unsheltered NOFO award)
  Details: $1,005,674 over 3 years, 13 households/13 persons, rental assistance
- Housing Matters – **River St. PSH Expansion** (CoC NOFO award)
  Details: $62,964 per year, 2 households/2 persons, rental assistance
- Monarch Services – **DV Bonus RRH** (CoC NOFO – DV Bonus)
  Details: $105,567 per year, serve households/8 persons, rental assistance and supportive services
- Walnut Ave. – **DV Housing & Employment Expansion RRH** (CoC NOFO – CoC Bonus)
  Details: $264,098 per year, 3 households/5 persons, rental assistance and supportive services

New Grantees
- Monarch – new DV bonus winner!
- Walnut Avenue – new CoC bonus winner (and DV bonus last year)!
- Covenant House – taking over 2 YHDP RRH grants, welcome to Santa Cruz County!

What are new grantees and new projects excited about?

2022 CoC Scoring Summary

Scoring Category	Maximum Points	Santa Cruz CoC Points
Coordination & Engagement–Inclusive Structure/Participation	5	5
Coordination & Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private & Other Organizations	29	24.5
Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private & Other Organizations (cont.)	49	38.5
Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition	30	27.5
Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	9	6
Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	5	4
System Performance	59	40
Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14	14
Total Score	**200**	**159.5**
Median CoC Total Score Nationally	*154.5*	

Scoring Debrief – What Can We Improve?

Almost all losses were from data and performance factors reported out of HMIS:

- **Lost 10 of 10 points** for RRH beds due to reduction in RRH beds. Steps to improve:
  - ❑ Add RRH units/beds
  - ❑ Correct RRH count
- **Lost 3 of 4 points** for HMIS coverage based to too many beds not in HMIS. Steps to improve:
  - ❑ Increase HMIS usage
  - ❑ Remove Pajaro Rescue Mission from Santa Cruz County HIC
- **Lost 8 of 13 points** for length-of-time (LOT) homeless performance based upon increasing LOT. Steps to improve:
  - ❑ Provide more housing-focused case management
  - ❑ Provide more housing
- **Lost 3 of 8 points** for returns to homelessness performance due to increasing returns. Steps to improve:
  - ❑ (1) Provide more prevention

Unsheltered Scoring Debrief - Lessons

- Scored 72 out of 100 possible

- Only 7 CoCs out of 44 CoCs in CA received unsheltered awards!
  - Santa Clara County
  - Alameda County
  - Contra Costa County
  - **Santa Cruz County!**
  - San Mateo County
  - Los Angeles County
  - Long Beach

- One of only 3 suburban CoCs in CA to be funded (Contra Costa & San Mateo, too)! We were at a scoring disadvantage compared to urban and rural CoCs

- Super competitive and tough scoring – most CoCs did not have good Plan for Unsheltered Homelessness

CoC Project Risk Assessments – Where We Are

- **H4H Division recently completed CoC project risk assessments**
  - Part of new H4H Division project evaluation approach
  - Projects mostly scored Low or Medium Risk - no further evaluations were recommended
  - CoC process will ask about corrective steps for any issues noted – mainly low spending, HMIS data gaps, late APRs

- **Risk assessment process & tool assesses**
  - Performance/Reporting
  - Fiscal Compliance
  - Program Management
  - Grants Management
  - HMIS Data
  - Coordinated Entry

- **Risk score thresholds**
  - **Low risk** – 0-15% of responses are "no"
  - **Medium risk** – 16-40% of responses are "no"
  - **High risk** – 41-100% of responses are "no"

Risk Assessment Example

Risk Indicator	Source	No	Yes	N/A	Reviewer Comments
. PERFORMANCE/REPORTING: The agency completed an accurate APR and submitted it in a timely manner? (Previous year)	APR	☐	☒	☐	
. FISCAL COMPLIANCE: The agency completed and submitted in a timely manner, an annual audit or A-133 (if applicable) with no major findings? (Previous year)	Annual audit	☐	☒	☐	
. PERFORMANCE/REPORTING: The agency operates its project using Housing First Principles and Low Barrier approaches to engagement? (Previous year)	Local & E-snaps applications	☐	☒	☐	
. PROGRAM: The agency has resolved all problems, findings and/or concerns identified by H4H or HUD?	HUD findings	☐	☒	☐	
. PROGRAM: This agency has experienced a stable staffing pattern that ensures quality project continuity	Local & E-snaps appl	☐	☒	☐	
. FISCAL: The agency submits timely quarterly financial drawdowns for payment? (Previous year)	Local & E-snaps appl	☐	☒	☐	
. PROGRAM: This agency accepts 100% of new clients for its housing project through CES (Previous year)	Local & E-snaps appl	☐	☒	☐	
. DATA: This agency generally has good data quality as defined by the HMIS Policies and Procedures?	APR	☒	☐	☐	Data errors: SSN (14%), Race (7%), Disabling Cond. (7%), and timeliness issues
. FISCAL COMPLIANCE: This agency has expended 95% or more of its project award? (Previous 2 years)	APR & HUD Spending Report	☒	☐	☐	Expended only: 66% of $___ grant (2022) and only 62% of $____ grant (2021)

Total Questions	9	
Total "No" Responses	2	
Total "Yes" Responses	7	
Total "N/A" Responses	0	
Total "No" Percentage	22%	
Total "Yes" Percentage	78%	
Total "N/A" Percentage	0%	
Risk Level Based on "No" Percentage (Low, Medium, High)	Medium	
0% - 15%	Low	No monitoring this year
16% - 40%	Medium	Possible monitoring this year - staff judgment
41% - 100%	High	Monitoring this year - staff determination

2023 ESG & CoC Funding - New Resources on the Way!

State ESG NOFA

- Estimate ESG NOFA release June or July 2023, deadline August 2023

- Estimated $300,000 Santa Cruz County allocation

  - 50% for non-competitive RRH

  - 50% for competitive Emergency Shelter and RRH

HUD CoC NOFO

- Estimate CoC NOFO release in August or September 2023, deadline November 2023

- Likely similar to last year's NOFO

- Look for separate one-time competitive NOFO for PSH acquisition, construction, rehab funding

- Also, look for Youth Homelessness Systems Improvement funding opportunity

- Locally, look for the Funding Review Committee (formerly Review and Ranking Committee) to be more involved year-round in setting CoC and ESG funding policies and evaluation of projects

Rough 2023 Planning Framework/Timeline

May – July	• H4H Partnership general meeting • Funding Review Committee meeting #1 • State releases ESG NOFA • H4H releases local ESG Request for Applications • ESG application deadline for local review • Funding Review Committee meeting #2
August - October	• H4H Board meeting • ESG deadline to State – applications & CoC recommendations • Funding Review Committee meeting #3 • HUD releases 2023 CoC NOFO • H4H Board *special* • H4H releases Public Solicitation of CoC Applications and invitation to Applicant Orientation Session • H4H holds Applicant Orientation Session • Local CoC application deadline for rating and ranking • H4H Board meeting • Funding Review Committee meeting #4 (Project review and ranking) • H4H Board *special* (Approve project ranking)
November - December	• H4H Board *special* (Approve project ranking) • HUD deadline CoC Application & Project Priorities