

Regional Housing Council

Agenda: Wednesday May 11th, 2022 (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) (via Zoom)

Carolyn Cox: Chair, Carolina Mejia: Vice-Chair

#	TIME	AGENDA ITEM	LEAD	ACTION
1	4:00 – 4:05	Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Check-in• Review Agenda/Meeting Purpose	Carolyn	
2	4:05 – 4:10	Approval of April 27th minutes	Carolyn	Action
3	4:10 – 4:40	2022 RFP Recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cold and Hazardous Weather• CHG• Capital	Tom	Action
4	4:40 – 4:50	RHC and HAT Retreat Update	Darian	Information
5	4:50 – 5:00	Good of the Order	Carolyn	Information
6	5:00	Upcoming Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Next RHC Meeting Wednesday May 25th 2022, 4pm Location: Zoom meeting		Information

REGIONAL HOUSING COUNCIL

Wednesday April 27th, 2022 Meeting Minutes

ATTENDEES:

Lacey: Carolyn Cox, Andy Ryder, Kelly Adams, Rick Walk

Tumwater: Michael Althaus, Joan Cathey, Brad Medrud, John Doan

Olympia: Jim Cooper, Dani Madrone, Keith Stahley, Darian Lightfoot

Thurston County: Carolina Mejia, Ramiro Chavez, Keylee Marineau, Tom Webster, Arielle Benson, Jacinda Steltjes

South County: Brian Hess

Public: Kirsten York, Tamra Donohue

Meeting began at 4:00 pm.

Agenda Item 1: Agenda approved, motion and second

Agenda Item 2: Public Comment

Kirsten York, CEO of Community Action Council of Lewies, Mason, and Thurston Counties. Kirsten gave an overview of CAC programs currently under review for funding with the RHC, including Rapid Rehousing and Housing Essential Needs funding through CHG. Kirsten outlined the number of clients served, process, and number of years CAC has been providing these services.

Agenda Item 3: Minutes from April 13 meeting, motion and second, approved

Agenda Item 4: 2021- 2022 Contracts report

Tom gave an overview. In the 2021 RFP process, a series of contracts were awarded as 2-year awards. Contracts are written as 1-year contracts with a second year renewal clause. Renewal is based on performance as well as sufficient funds available. This item is for RHC to review these contracts and vote on renewal. The RHC Funding Group met last week to review these contracts and has forwarded a recommendation. First set of contracts for review is CHG contracts, then the 2163 contracts. These two sets of contracts are recommended at the same funding level as 2021. For the third set, the Basic Needs contracts, there is an increase in total funding proposed to be split between existing contracts, so those contract amounts are slightly higher than the 2021 award amount.

Reports from these agencies are included in meeting packet, with information on progress, challenges, and spending level. A few agencies are having staffing challenges and are therefore below expected spending levels, the RHC funding workgroup determined that these agencies are improving and have a plan for increased spending. The RHC Funding Group has recommended a second year funding for all of these contracts.

Councilmember Cooper asked about the County's confidence in their ability to move this list forward given the current circumstances with the County and one of the agencies. County Manager Chavez suggested that the RHC make 2 motions for the CHG contracts, one with the Family Support Center and

Interfaith contracts, and one with the CAC contracts, to allow Commissioner Mejia to make separate actions.

HSF contracts: motion and second to approve as proposed. All in favor, motion passed.

2163 contracts: motion and second to approve as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

CHG contracts: motion and second to approve CHG/HEN awards to Family Support Center and Interfaith Works as presented. All in favor, motion passed.

CHG contracts, CHG/HEN CAC contracts: motion and second to approve CHG/HEN awards to CAC as presented. 3 in favor, 1 abstention, motion passed.

County Manager Chavez thanked the RHC for these motions, and added that the BoCC may consider awarding the CAC contracts with additional conditions.

Agenda Item 5: Point In Time Report

Arielle gave a preliminary results report for the Point In Time Count for the night of February 4th 2022. The two page report was included in the agenda packet. They completed a seven day count using surveys completed through the outreach community. Counted 416 unsheltered individuals, 294 were staying in Emergency Shelter, 56 individuals in Transitional Housing, for a total of 766 individuals. They are in the middle of the de-duplication process to ensure each individual is counted once. Health conditions continue to be highly identified in the population, with mental health being the number one condition (over 40% of respondents) and chronic health condition a close second. On the night of the 24th the majority of people were sleeping unsheltered outside in tents or under awnings, or in vehicles. Where do people identify as their last physical address? 72% were from Thurston County, 13% from neighboring counties, 11% from other WA counties. Question from Councilmember Hess, were some of these people surveyed in Yelm? Yes 56 respondents were surveyed by Love Abounds Here and are staying in Yelm currently.

Methods of PIT has changed in recent years, in 2021 due to Covid there were no surveys, just an observation-only count. The final report should be complete in the next few weeks. Councilmember Althausler asked for more information on the Homestead vehicle distinction. The Point in Time count aims to capture all experiencing homelessness, including living in vehicles. They counted 86 recreational vehicles but it is not determined how many people are in each vehicle. Councilmember Althausler asked about the future of PIT methodology so that data is comparable across years. This year's methodology was very similar to 2020, but missing the events they had in 2020, and events draw in more participants. Discussion follows regarding methodology, HUD methods and changes, Balance of State consistency across the state, and large changes in methodology in 2021 and 2022 due to Covid.

Agenda Item 6: Ensign Road Discussion

Tom gave an introduction, this discussion is to recognize the pressure on Ensign Road and to be less reactive regarding a likely action taken before Franz Anderson is ready to accept vehicles. Idea is to make sure all jurisdictions are communicating and aware about possible actions. Keith added that each time there is a shooting/violence on Ensign, the pressure to move becomes greater. The hospital is impacted by Ensign continuously, the ER had to be closed last week due to a shooting. Franz Anderson is months away from being able to move people there. Operating Franz Anderson is anticipated to cost at

least \$1M a year, all jurisdictions will need to find a way to make that happen. County funding for garbage pick up is running out, and Olympia does not have the funds available to continue garbage service. Chair Cox asked for Olympia to communicate with other jurisdictions any timeline for changes at Ensign. Councilmember Hess asked about garbage, as this is a top concern for residents. Discussion follows regarding costs of dumpster service, cleaning up in state right of way including along Wheeler, cost of cleanup.

Keylee asked about centering the conversation on what can the RHC do in advance of a likely coming Ensign Rd sweep, to avoid similar situation to the Deschutes sweep. Councilmember Madrone adds agreement with Keylee, Olympia will need help from other jurisdictions. Property bordering Ensign is owned by Providence, and Providence is looking into how to develop that property for Permanent Supportive Housing. Discussion follows regarding how to proceed: return item to RHC agenda, Technical Team work to be done, and electeds need to communicate to their staff about what each jurisdiction can do, keeping in mind this is a political topic. Councilmember Althaus suggested that jurisdictions beyond Olympia and the County might discuss within their management what they can offer as assistance for Franz Anderson. Keylee added that this type of situation can hopefully be discussed and resolved at the retreat. Councilmember Cooper added that Olympia has continued to declare an emergency as they have each year since 2018, and would like to see other jurisdictions acting like this is an emergency, at a minimum they need to review the parking policies and come up with a consistent standard of enforcement.

Agenda Item 7: Technical Team Working Group updates

Tom gave an update on the Home fund, discussions between Olympia and the County continue regarding the ILA.

Hotel acquisition, there will be a meeting between Lacey and the County in early May.

Property Acquisition update on Franz Anderson was covered in Ensign Rd discussion.

Scattered Site update, contracts are set to expire on June 30th, with Olympia and OlyMAP. OlyMAP may be able to extend though July depending on funding availability. This contract as not part of the renewed contracts above, this was a special contract that used funds from the 2163 fund balances.

The Anchor Community Initiative is working on Youth and Young adult homelessness, this process is happening at the same time as the Built for Zero process. A goal is to develop a by name list, which is challenging with a system that has 3 points of entry for the HMIS system. The by name list is essential to ensure that they have quality data to reach functional zero.

Agenda Item 8: Rent Assistance Update

County is working with Livestories, they have about 1,000 applications to transfer over to Livestories, where applications need to be entered and updated into the Livestories database and system. They are working to increase capacity. Livestories will begin taking new applications from the public on May 2nd.

Agenda Item 9: RHC and HAT Retreat Update

Darian gave an update, they met with consultants to set the agenda, expect to send agenda out on Friday. Day one is at Lacey Community Center, Day 2 is at Olympia City Hall. City of Lacey plans to

provide some snacks for day 1. There will be a conference phone for people to call in to for the Lacey locations, and there will be a Zoom link available for the Olympia location. Question on if the May 11th RHC meeting can be cancelled. No because the RFP recommendations need to go to the RHC on the 11th for new 2022 contract awards.

Agenda Item 10: Good of the Order

Councilmember Hess added that he looks forward to the retreat, gathering information from other RHC members, and sharing information on what others have learned about homeless encampments, and how the Yelm area can prepare for this issue.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:50 pm

Next Meeting: May 11th, 4:00 pm

2022 Housing Funding Award Recommendations

Agency	Project	Type of Activity	2021 Funding Amount	2022 Funding Request	RHC Funding Workgroup Recommended funding Level
Cold and Hazardous Weather: \$400,000 of 2163 Funds					
Interfaith Works	Hazardous Weather	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Family Support Center of South Sound	Cold and Hazardous Weather	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$130,000	\$186,715	\$186,715
Partners in Prevention Education	Cold Weather Shelter in Place	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Community Youth Services	Community Youth Services Young Adult Shelter - Cold Weather	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$45,000	\$62,000	\$0
Partners in Prevention Education	Hazardous Weather	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$18,000
Subtotal Cold and Hazardous Weather					\$274,715
"Other Services" added to allocate remaining Cold and Hazardous Weather 2163 funds					
Community Youth Services	Community Youth Services Young Adult Shelter - CHG	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$165,000	\$82,500	\$82,500
Catholic Community Services SW	Drexel House Shelter	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$80,000	\$112,539	\$42,785
Subtotal "Other Services" to allocate remaining Cold and Hazardous Weather funds					\$125,285
					<u>\$400,000</u>
Other Services: \$306,915 of Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) funds					
Family Support Center of South Sound	CHG Targeted Prevention	Homeless Services (AHHS)	N/A	\$165,000	\$107,000
Family Support Center of South Sound	Pear Blossom Place Support Staff	Homeless Services (AHHS)	N/A	\$80,140	\$80,140
SafePlace	SafePlace Emergency Shelter Operations & Maintenance	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$95,000	\$145,000	\$39,775
SafePlace	SafePlace Supportive Housing for Survivors	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$60,000	\$80,000	\$65,000
Panza dba Quixote Communities	Quixote Village	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$34,000	\$50,000	\$15,000
Interfaith Works	Interfaith Works Support Staff Wage Adjustment	Homeless Services (AHHS)	N/A	\$177,847	\$0
Olympia Mutual Aid Partners (OlyMAP)/ Angels for Angels (fiscal sponsor)	Scattered Site Program	Homeless Services (AHHS)	N/A	\$441,621	\$0
Build A Bus Home	Shower Power Plus by Build A Bus Home	Homeless Services (AHHS)	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$0
					<u>\$306,915</u>
					\$706,915

2022 Capital Funding Award Recommendations

Agency	Project	Type of Activity	2021 Funding Amount	2022 Funding Request	RHC Funding Workgroup Recommended Funding Level	RHC Funding Workgroup Additional Recommendations
South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity	TÁciÁ-cn Townhomes (aka Tumwater Townhomes)	Capital Improvement Projects (CHDO and Pipeline Projects)	\$300,000	\$540,000	\$540,000	
Low Income Housing Institute	Martin Way Phase 2	Capital Improvement Projects (CHDO and Pipeline Projects)	\$1,043,643	\$1,650,000	\$460,000	Any funding received from HUD above the \$1.2M total will be awarded to LIHI
Thurston Housing Land Trust	8-Plex Acquisition by Thurston Housing Land Trust for Conversion to a Housing Cooperative (Pipeline)	Capital Improvement Projects (CHDO and Pipeline Projects)	N/A	\$200,000	\$200,000	
Homes First	Affordable rental housing	Capital Improvement Projects (CHDO and Pipeline Projects)	N/A	\$700,000	\$0	
Thurston Housing Land Trust	Land Trust Home Acquisition for Low-Income First-Time Homebuyer (CHDO)	Capital Improvement Projects (CHDO and Pipeline Projects)	N/A	\$110,000	\$0	
					\$1,200,000	
Capital: \$1,200,000						