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HB4123 Homeless Advisory Meeting

April 17, 2024

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

2110 Newmark Ave Suite 220, Coos Bay, Oregon

[Zoom Attendance Link](#)

1. Roll Call
2. Public Comments
 - a. Public Comment Form
3. ReInstitute- Sean Whitten, Cosmos Cramer, Jennifer Shteivi
 - a. Presentation
4. AYA HB5019 Proposal-Erik Schirmer, Scott Cooper
 - a. Proposal Summary
 - i. Proposal Presentation
5. Directors Report- Andrew Brainard
6. Homeless Advisory Board Comments
7. Adjourn

Next meeting May 15, 2024 1:30 PM – 2:30 PM



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TO: Homeless Advisory Board

FROM: Scott Cooper, Executive Director, Alternative Youth Activities

THROUGH: Erik Schirmer, Project Manager

SUMMARY:
 Alternative Youth Activities has procured and renovated properties, signed block leases, and subleased to formerly unhoused people. We are requesting reimbursement for these eligible expenses from HB5019 rapid rehousing funds. We expect to rehouse 15 people in this project.

ACTION REQUESTED:
 "Motion to approve the initial and monthly draws from HB5019 funding for rapid rehousing project as proposed by Alternative Youth Activities"

BACKGROUND:
 The South Coast has a vacancy rate of 1%, meaning that there are few opportunities to house the homeless since there is little housing available. As part of this program, AYA has four points of focus to be able to create additional housing opportunities for those served.

- Secure additional housing
- Create housing opportunities utilizing a block lease agreement with property owners.
- Case management from homeless-to-housed using HUD definitions and calculation tables.
- Secure stepped-housing opportunities

BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

AYA 5019 March Leases Summary (Housing 15 people):

Lease initiation (First, Last and Security Deposit)	15,750
Renovations completed on currently leased properties:	5,000
Total Draw for March Expenses	\$20,750

AYA April Leases Summary

lease payments	5,250
Lease initiation (First, Last and Security Deposit)	13,500
Renovations completed on currently leased properties:	3,000
Total	\$21,000

AYA May Leases

Lease payments	\$9,750
Possible new lease initiations depending on availability	?
Total	\$9,750

ATTACHMENT(S):

AYA Project Proposal (ppt)



South Coast Care Coordination

Scott Cooper

AGENDA

OVERVIEW

CONTINUUM OF CARE COLLABORATION

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE

IDENTIFYING TARGET POPULATIONS

BUDGET

SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

Alternative Youth Activities (AYA) has been a contributing service provider in the South Coast for over 40 years. Originally focused on providing education to youth for whom traditional education models did not succeed, AYA quickly identified additional needs for the underserved and vulnerable populations within the community. In recent years, AYA has developed support programs including food and nutrition, case management, counseling, connection to mental health providers, and housing. AYA is an essential ingredient in the continuum of services becoming known as Coos County Nurturing Community.

AYA champions collaborate effort in everything it does. In order to better address the homeless population on the South Coast, it is imperative that service providers **communicate, collaborate, and coordinate** (the Three Big Cs). Programs designed for the target population should also include input from those served, and should be consistent across providers— all delivered with attention to the needs of the client. By involving program participants in helping in determining what success looks like for them, and planning with that goal in mind.



OVERVIEW

AYA proposes an increased collaboration with providers related to the **COOS COUNTY COORDINATED OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN**, adopted on April 18, 2023, for the Southern Coast Oregon area.

Our strategy is four-pronged:

- Further embrace a Continuum of Care (CoC) for the region to develop and encourage systemic partnerships between/among providers.
- Create a system in which the homeless can progress from homelessness to housed in steps that prepare them for independent living rather than in a singular move.
- Case management from homeless-to-housed using HUD definitions and calculation tables.
- Create housing opportunities utilizing a block lease agreement with property owners.



CONTINUUM OF CARE

A “Continuum of Care” involves an integrated system of care that guides and tracks participants over time through a comprehensive array of social services spanning all levels of intensity of care.

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SUPPORTIVE HOUSING INITIATIVE

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- Secure block leases
- Collaborate with land lords of unused property
- Secure stepped-housing opportunities



Old Charleston School Location (Additional Housing)



Empire Location (Additional Housing & Block Lease)



East Side Location (Block Lease & Renovated House)



East Side Location (Stepped Housing Opportunity)



IDENTIFYING TARGET POPULATIONS

Alternative Youth Activities advocates for coordinated care partners using consistent criteria for identifying and approving services. To this end, criteria should be established and widely used by other entities.

- HUD Definition of Homeless including McKinney-Vento
- HUD Calculations of Income when determining Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) Households
- Critically Underserved and Restricted Service (SUD, SPMI, Sex Offenders, Arsonists)



SERVICES PROVIDED

**OFFICE HOURS:
7 DAYS A WEEK – 8:00AM TO 4:00PM**

**INTAKE/ELIGIBILITY:
18 YRS. WITH A FAMILY
REFERRALS & WALK-IN
CAPABLE OF ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING**

**The Salvation Army will prioritize housing allocations, reserving 25% of units initially for eligible Coquille Indian Tribal members, followed by members of other tribes. Once the units are fully occupied, the waitlist prioritization will include eligible Coquille Tribal members, members of other tribes, and then the public.*

**FIRST 120 DAYS (AS NEEDED):
WEEKLY CASE MANAGEMENT & ORIENTATION
WEEKLY HOUSING NAVIGATION
WEEKLY EMPLOYMENT NAVIGATION
WEEKLY SKILLS ENHANCEMENT**

MONTHLY HOUSE MEETINGS



Partners

COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY SERVICES:

North Bend Public Library
North Bend School District
Operation Rebuild Hope
Coos Bay Police Department
North Bend Police Department
Coos Bay Fire Department
North Bend Fire Department
South Coast Community Housing Action Team
South Coast Gospel Mission
Southwestern Oregon Veteran Outreach
Star of Hope Activity Center
City of Coos Bay Homeless Work Group
The Devereux Center
The SAFE Project
Friends of the Coos Bay Public Library
Coos County Board of Realtors
Coos Health and Wellness
Coquille Indian Housing Authority
Coos Hispanic Alliance

State of Oregon Department of Human Services
Family Life Center Church of God
First Presbyterian Church
City of Coos Bay City Council
Harmony United Methodist Church
Hauser Community Church
North Bend/ Coos Curry Housing Authority
Adapt Integrated Healthcare
Advanced Health
Alternative Youth Activities (AYA)
ARK Project-Coos Bay and North Bend
School Districts
Bay Area First Step
City of Coos Bay
City of North Bend
Coos County Board of Commissioners
College Park Church
Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians
Coos County Homeless Coordination Office





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TO: Homeless Advisory Board

FROM: Andrew Brainard, Director

Summary:

- The team developed a new process for receiving and scoring project applications to eliminate any bias and to ensure that we are meeting all program requirements for the grant funding.
- Website updates made to include:
 - Upcoming stakeholder meetings
 - a Board of Directors page has been created to show who our governance body is and who they represent in the community
 - Request for Application request form and instructions
- The team continues to conduct outreach in Charleston, Lakeside, and Coquille along with Bay Area First Step, Adapt, Coos Health and Wellness, and HIV Alliance.

Partner Engagement

- This past month we engaged with all three of our Stakeholder Groups, by having Special Guest Speakers;
 - Stephanie Linseisen of Safe Families For Children. A new non-profit in Coos County. Their three objectives are:
 - Keep children safe during a family crisis such as homelessness, hospitalization, or domestic violence in an effort to prevent child abuse and/or neglect.
 - Support, stabilize, and strengthen families facing crisis by surrounding them with a caring, compassionate community.
 - Reunite families and reduce the number of children entering the child welfare system. We seek to be an alternative to foster care, where appropriate.
 - Judy Hui-Pasquini from OHCS. She wanted to discuss a future program through their agency which would primarily focus on rapid rehousing for children and their families experiencing homelessness.

Ongoing Projects

- Salvation Army Hope Village
- AYA HB5019 and ORI
- Poverty Simulation

Community Meetings

- ROCC Board Meeting
- Coos County/OHCS Youth EHA Meeting
- Coos County ReInstitute 100 Day Challenge Meeting
- Coos County Housing Action Team Meeting
- Community Collaborative Luncheon with providers