



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 22, 2023

**TO:** Family and Human Services Committee  
Supervisor Candace Andersen, District II, Chair  
Supervisor Ken Carlson, District IV, Vice-Chair

**FROM:**

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**SUBJECT:** Measure X Housing Fund recommendations – Housing related services and crisis response and intervention services

**BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit staff recommendations for funding related to the Request for Proposals (RFP) released by the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) and Contra Costa Health Services – Health, Housing, and Homeless Services (H3). Tables, summarizing staff’s recommendations and staff’s analysis/evaluation, are attached for project categories recommended for funding through the Measure X Housing Fund and through other funding sources managed administered by H3.

Following November 2020 voter approval of the Measure X half-cent sales tax, in June 2021, the Department of Conservation and Development (DCD); Contra Costa Health Services – H3; and the Housing Authority of Contra Costa County (Housing Authority) submitted a joint proposal to the Measure X Community Advisory Board (MXCAB) to dedicate Measure X receipts to a new housing fund that would fund development of affordable housing and a broad list of housing-related services. On November 16, 2021, the Board of Supervisors considered recommendations from the MXCAB, approved the housing fund proposal, and committed \$10 million of Measure X funds for year one and \$12 million on an annual basis thereafter.

In Fall 2022, the Board of Supervisors authorized H3 and DCD to proceed with a Request for Proposals (RFPs) for various affordable housing and homelessness prevention and crisis

response projects, consistent with the approach outlined in the presentation to the Board and reflecting any further direction provided by the Board of Supervisors on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Table two below shows approximate funding recommendations by service category. These categories are broad and many project proposals addressed multiple service components.

### **Available Funding**

On January 11, 2023, H3 and DCD announced the Measure X Housing Fund RFP for housing related services and crisis response and intervention services, that included additional sources of funding administered through H3. The County's FY 2023/24 Measure X Housing Fund amount allocated in this RFP is \$3,500,000, which is 35 percent of the total Measure X Housing Fund available for Year One. Recommendations from this RFP are included in Table 1. The balance of the Measure X Housing Fund was dedicated to affordable housing development projects included in DCD's RFP released in October 2022 and recommendations for these funds were approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 9, 2023.

Additional funding sources available in the housing services/crisis response and intervention RFP include Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program via the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), Coordinated Entry via the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Contra Costa Health Services revenue, CalWORKS Housing Support Program via California Department of Social Services (CDSS) and Contra Costa Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD), and Housing and Homeless Incentive Plan (HHIP) via the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and Contra Costa Health Plan (CCHP). These additional non-Measure X funding sources total \$10,306,272.17.

### **Application Process and Evaluation Criteria:**

With the technical assistance provided by Focus Strategies, a housing and homelessness consultant, H3 and DCD conducted a collaborative community input process to create the RFP released on January 11, 2023. This included stakeholder interviews, in person focus groups for people with lived experience of homelessness, and virtual town halls to determine funding priorities and providers needs during the RFP process. Responses to the RFP were due March 3, 2023. Throughout the response period, H3 and DCD offered multiple technical assistance opportunities including an initial information session, biweekly office hours, and a dedicated inbox for questions monitored by Focus Strategies.

In total, 29 applications were submitted, three of which were incomplete or did not apply for eligible services. Upon receipt of applications, Focus Strategies conducted an initial completeness assessment and scored each application using a detailed scoring rubric. To ensure consistent scoring, each application was scored by multiple Focus Strategies staff and discrepancies were reconciled before final scores were delivered to H3 and DCD staff. To further encourage responses from a diverse applicant pool, applicants were able to request an interview with H3 and DCD to further clarify proposals. H3 and DCD conducted follow up interviews with 14 applicants in late March 2023 and early April 2023. Based on information provided during

interviews and application review, H3 and DCD staff amended application scores and collaboratively developed recommendations for funding.

On April 23, 2023, H3 and DCD notified applicants of funding recommendations. These recommendations support 16 community-based organizations, 13 of which are recommended for Measure X funding totaling \$3.5 million. The recommended funds would support programs such as rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and capacity building services for non-profit service providers. The funding recommendations by program type are listed below in table two. After recommendations were released, H3 and DCD received one appeal within the appeal period, but this appeal did not successfully demonstrate rationale for re-assessment of their application. All applicants were notified that recommendations would be considered by the Board's Family and Human Services Committee on May 22, 2023, and the Committee's recommendations were expected to be considered by the full Board in June 2023.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

1. Accept this report from the Health Services Department and the Department of Conservation and Development; and
2. Provide funding recommendations as recommended by staff or amended by the Committee to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on June 13, 2023.



TABLE ONE

Agency	Total project request	Measure X <sup>1</sup>	Coordinated Entry	HHAP <sup>2</sup>	CalWORKS	HHIP <sup>3</sup>	Health Services Funds	Total
			Additional funding sources available through H3					
Bay Area Community Resources	\$ 899,639.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 616,495.37	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 616,495.37
Bay Area Community Services	\$ 5,696,944.00	\$ 1,940,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,559,230.17	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ 4,999,230.17
Caminar	\$ 3,433,960.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 400,000.00
Catholic Charities	\$ 1,241,836.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ -	\$ 600,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 725,000.00
Community Villages + Glo's Independent Living	\$ 99,999.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Community Villages	\$ 99,999.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
California Portsmouth Square Association	\$ 241,087.20	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000.00
Greater Richmond Interfaith Program	\$ 538,500.00	\$ 135,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 410,000.00
Healthy and Active Before 5	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hope Solutions	\$ 5,338,231.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 650,000.00	\$ 1,242,790.20	\$ 2,160,587.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,253,377.20
Housing Consortium of the East Bay	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Hume Center	\$ 761,230.76	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
Loaves and Fishes	\$ 258,096.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Lao Family Community Development	\$ 1,022,288.00	\$ 400,000.00	\$ -	\$ 527,169.43	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 900,000.00
Michael Galloway	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Monument Crisis Center	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Restore Hope Dignity Life	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Richmond Tiny House Pilot	\$ 99,979.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 65,000.00
Root and Rebound	\$ 99,391.60	\$ 60,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000.00
Sara Kerr	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Shelter Inc.	\$ 3,000,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 575,000.00
Safe Organized Spaces Richmond	\$ 99,880.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
STAND!	\$ 100,612.68	\$ 101,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 101,000.00
Support for Recovery	\$ 99,854.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
St. Vincent de Paul	\$ 589,269.60	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
The Congress of Neutrals	\$ 239,250.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Trinity Center <sup>4</sup>	\$ 267,800.00	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 265,000.00
White Pony Express	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00
Winter Nights	\$ 98,201.00	\$ 99,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 99,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,956,048.34</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,050,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,445,685.17</b>	<b>\$ 2,160,587.00</b>	<b>\$ 500,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 150,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,806,272.17</b>

<sup>1</sup>Measure X recommendations are tentative pending approval from the Board of Supervisors; <sup>2</sup> [Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program](#); <sup>3</sup> [Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program](#); <sup>4</sup>Revised budget request



TABLE TWO

H3/DCD Request for Proposal Recommendation Table by Project Types					
Measure X Recommendations Distribution			Other Funding Sources		Total
Rapid Rehousing (rental assistance)	\$ 1,142,600.00	33%	\$ 6,268,233.37	61%	\$ 7,410,833.37
Tenant Protections/Legal Services	\$ 1,060,000.00	30%	\$ -		\$ 1,060,000.00
Prevention/Diversion	\$ 472,400.00	13%	\$ 3,488,038.80	34%	\$ 3,960,438.80
Basic Needs (food, hygiene supplies, etc.)	\$ 250,000.00	7%	\$ 400,000.00	4%	\$ 650,000.00
Emergency Shelter	\$ 200,000.00	6%	\$ 150,000.00	1%	\$ 350,000.00
Permanent Supportive Housing	\$ 200,000.00	6%	\$ -		\$ 200,000.00
Capacity Building	\$ 175,000.00	5%	\$ -		\$ 175,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,500,000.00</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 10,306,272.17</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$ 13,806,272.17</b>