

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE COUNTY OF ORANGE,  
THE CITY OF ANAHEIM,  
THE CITY OF IRVINE,  
AND THE CITY OF SANTA ANA  
FOR HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION  
COMMITMENT TO PARTNERSHIP**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into, by and between the County of Orange, acting as the Eligible Applicant for the County of Orange and the Orange County Continuum of Care; the City of Anaheim; the City of Irvine; and the City of Santa Ana. The County of Orange, City of Anaheim, City of Irvine, and City of Santa Ana may be referred to individually as "Party" and collectively as "Parties."

**RECITALS:**

- A. All Parties have each individually entered into a Standard Agreement with the State of California – Department of General Services under the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program ("HHAP" or "Program") in furtherance of the Program.
- B. The general purpose of the Program is to provide one-time block grant funding to support regional coordination, and to expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.
- C. By entering into this MOU, the Parties intend to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges.

WHEREFORE, it is agreed by and between the Parties that the foregoing Recitals are a substantive part of this MOU and the following terms and conditions shall constitute the entire MOU between the Parties.


- 1. This MOU establishes the commitment to partnership as it relates to the Program recognizing that homelessness impacts Orange County and requires county-wide collaborative efforts. This includes the Parties' commitment to:
  - a. Support a county-wide effort to expand the delivery of homeless services and available resources that support individuals and families experiencing homelessness in becoming permanently housed and individuals and families at-risk of homelessness in achieving housing stability. This aligns with and supports the HHAP Round 4 goals to:
    - i. reduce the number of persons who become homeless for the first time,
    - ii. reduce the length of time persons remain homeless,
    - iii. reduce the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting homelessness to permanent housing,
    - iv. increase the number of unsheltered persons in achieving permanent stable housing, and
    - v. increase successful placements from street outreach.
  - b. Bring stakeholders together across Orange County to effectively address homelessness, when possible, by coordinating and integrating temporary and permanent housing resources, supportive services, and outreach and engagement strategies.

- c. Leverage existing components of the County of Orange System of Care, as available, to better address the complex issues people experience while homelessness and facilitate connections to those resources and programs.
  - d. Recognize the intent to advance systemic responses that effectively promote equity for disadvantaged persons and support the County of Orange Continuum of Care's ("CoC") Racial Equity Framework implementation.
  - e. Participate in the Homeless Management Information System ("HMIS") to meet reporting requirements and collectively invest in data improvement processes to strengthen available data to evaluate progress in addressing homelessness.
  - f. Participate in the delivery of permanent housing resources through the County of Orange CoC's Coordinated Entry System (CES) to address the needs of individuals and families to be consistent with the local CES Prioritization Policy, when applicable.
2. Further, this MOU evidences the Parties commitment to work collaboratively to strengthen regional efforts to address the needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. This commitment is applicable to efforts supported through the HHAP Round 4 funds, and in accordance with the Standard Agreement and *Cal. Health & Safety Code* Section 50220.8.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this MOU as of the last date and year written below.

**CITY OF SANTA ANA**

**ATTEST:**

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