



**MEETING THE NEEDS OF OLDER
ADULTS & ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES:**

*A Forum for the Grantees of the Home Safe, Community Care Expansion,
Project Roomkey, and Housing and Disability Advocacy Programs*

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Session 1: Braiding Funding for Maximum Program Impact and Sustainability

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DISABILITIES- BRAIDING FUNDING FOR MAXIMUM
PROGRAM IMPACT AND SUSTAINABILITY**



Learning Objectives

1. Merced County Funding Matrix
2. Statewide Study
3. Budget Overview
4. Homeless Housing Projects
5. Merced County Housing Support Program
6. Recommendations

California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness

3,200 administered questionnaires and 365 in-depth interviews by the Benioff Homeless and Housing Initiative.

Nine out of ten participants lost their last housing in California; 75% of participants lived in the same county as their last housing.

Behavioral Health Challenges:

- 82% reported a period of life where they experienced a serious mental health condition;
- 62% reported heavy drinking, and
- 57% reported regular illicit drug use.

- The other common factor in the report was poverty and precarious housing status:
- Six months prior to homelessness median household income was \$960;
- 19% entered homelessness following release from institution (i.e. prison), and
- 49% did not have their name on a lease.

<https://homelessness.ucsf.edu/our-impact/our-studies/california-statewide-study-people-experiencing-homelessness>

California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness

- Median age of participants was 47 (range 18-89);
- Forty-five percent of all participants reported their health as poor or fair;
- 60% reported a chronic disease;
- More than one third of all participants (34%) reported a limitation in an activity of daily living, and
- 22% reported a mobility limitation.

Fewer than half (46%) had received any formal assistance to re-enter housing during their episode of homelessness.

***Homeless services funding and resources appear to be aligning for the BH side of the equation with projects such as Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, CARE ACT, proposed MHSA changes (30% for homeless services), and 4.68-billion-dollar BH infrastructure bond.

2023 Point-In-Time (PIT) Results

Department of Housing and Urban Development Requirement

Conducted February 23, 2023

A person was considered homeless, and thus counted, only when he/she fell within the following HUD-based definition by residing in one of the places described below:

- in places not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, and abandoned buildings;
- in an emergency shelter, and
- in transitional or supportive housing for homeless persons who originally came from the streets or emergency shelter.

Results

- Total 784 (-8.3%)
- Sheltered 394 (-19%)
 - 16% of sheltered adults were age 55+.
- Unsheltered 390 (+5.9%)
 - 24% of unsheltered adults were age 55+.

2023 PIT Results (Continued)

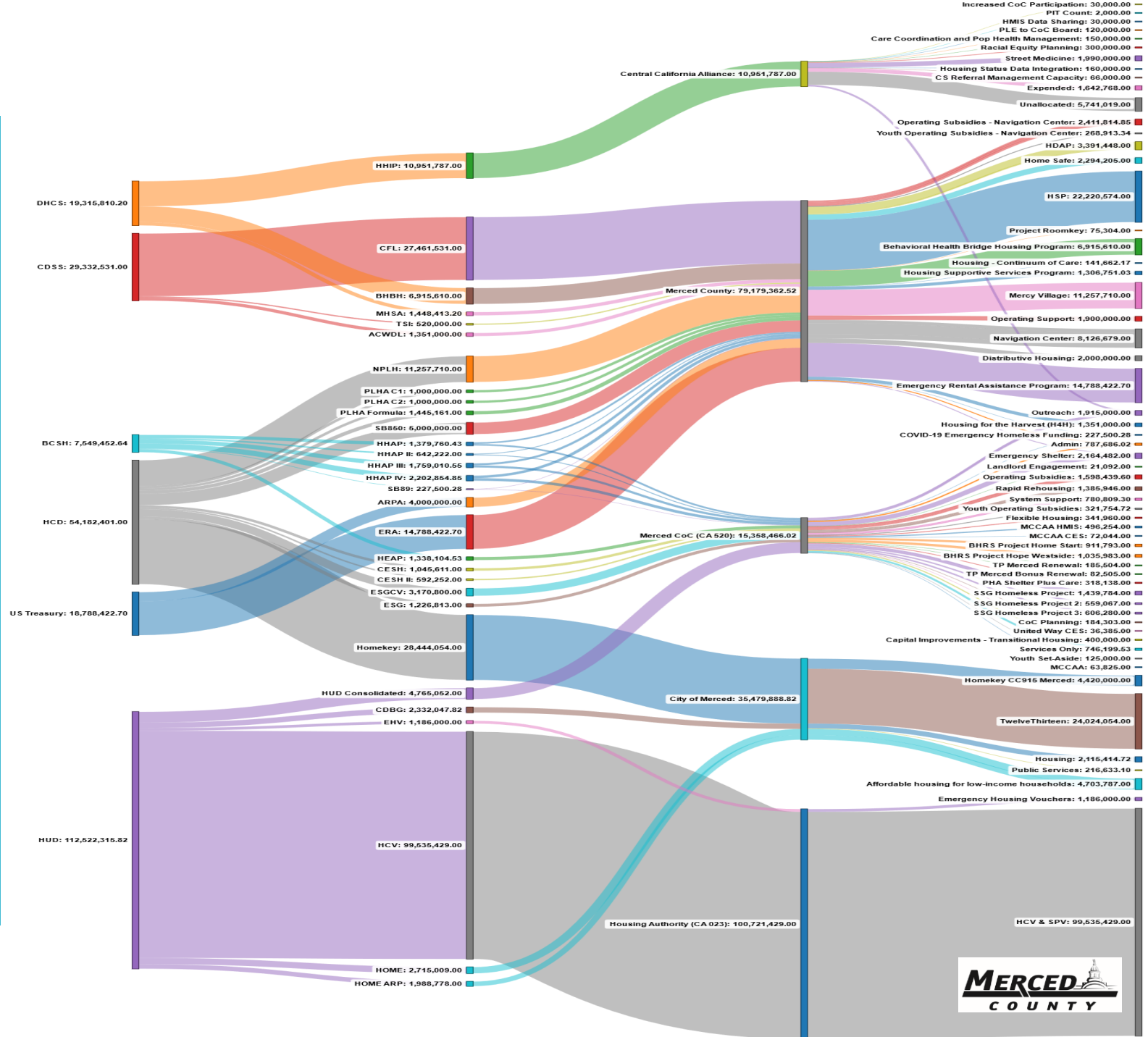
Unsheltered Adults: 389

- Chronically Homeless Persons n=137 (35.1%)
- Persons with Developmental Disabilities n=44 (11.3%)
- Persons with HIV/AIDS n=5 (0.1%)
- Persons with Serious Mental Health Problems n=81 (20.8%)
- Persons with Physical Disabilities n=90 (23.2%)
- Substance Users (on-going problem) n=90 (23.2%)

Total Sheltered Adults: 394

- Chronically Homeless Persons n=129 (32.7%)
- Persons with HIV/AIDS n=2 (0.5%)
- Persons with Serious Mental Health Problems n=118 (30%)
- Substance Users (on-going problem) n=124 (31.5%)

Merced County Funding Matrix



Merced County Navigation Center

The Navigation Center is a 76-bed, 24/7 operation congregate emergency shelter campus. This is a low barrier, Housing First approach serving individuals experiencing homelessness committed to offering an environment that support people through the process of securing housing.

Funding Sources & Annual Budget

FY 23-24 \$1,887,326.00

FY 24-25 \$1,943,945.00

Funding Source	Funding Amount	Admin FY21/22	Admin FY22/23	Admin Allocation	Fiscal Year 20/21	Fiscal Year 21/22	Fiscal Year 22/23	Fiscal Year 23/24	Fiscal Year 24/25	Fiscal Year 25/26	Total Expenditures	Notes
BHRS/MHSA	\$ 2,525,507.35	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$ 893,693.16	\$ 1,631,814.19					\$ 2,525,507.35	
HHAP 1	\$ 663,533.00	\$ 1,934.14	\$ 1,185.86	\$ 46,447.00			\$ 617,086.00				\$ 663,533.00	
HHAP 2	\$ 303,329.00	\$ 3,300.45	\$ 2,276.43	\$ 21,233.00			\$ 282,096.00				\$ 303,329.00	
ARPA CEO	\$ 2,000,000.00	N/A	N/A	N/A			\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00	
HHAP 3	\$ 849,322.55	N/A	\$ 1,562.62	\$ 59,452.58			\$ 390,314.00	\$ 399,555.97			\$ 849,322.55	
PLHA F1	\$ 310,947.00	\$ 7,813.55	\$ 2,047.33	\$ 15,547.00			\$ 295,400.00				\$ 310,947.00	
PLHA F2	\$ 508,297.00	N/A	\$ 1,313.24	\$ 25,414.85			\$ 482,882.15				\$ 508,297.00	
HHAP 4*	\$ 1,066,317.63	N/A	N/A	\$ 74,642.23			\$ 305,697.88	\$ 685,977.52			\$ 1,066,317.63	
PHLA F3*	\$ 625,917.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 31,295.85				\$ 594,621.15			\$ 625,917.00	
PHLA F4*	\$ 210,263.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 10,513.15				\$ 199,749.85			\$ 210,263.00	
PHLA F5*	\$ 210,263.00	N/A	N/A	\$ 10,513.15				\$ 106,069.48	\$ 93,680.37		\$ 210,263.00	
SB 850 NAV	\$ 92,235.81	N/A	N/A	N/A		\$ 92,235.81					\$ 92,235.81	
SB 850 Repairs	\$ 1,762,072.11	N/A	N/A	N/A			\$ 950,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 312,072.11	\$ 1,762,072.11	
Total		\$ 13,048.14	\$ 8,385.48	\$ 295,058.81	\$ 893,693.16	\$ 1,724,050.00	\$ 2,739,496.00	\$ 2,233,536.00	\$ 2,336,418.00	\$ 905,752.48	\$ 11,128,004.45	0

Total Served FY 22-23: 509 Total Number of Enrollments



Operational Projects

The Retreat Apartments. 30 units dedicated to homeless population. This project is up and running with project-based vouchers.

Hope for Families. 20 units dedicated to families experiencing homelessness. This project is up and running with support from HUD VASH and Housing Support Program.

Projects in Production

1213 V Street Homekey 1.0. 95 units, 45 dedicated to chronically homeless. This project is slated to open December 2023. Project is being support through BHBH, CoC Rapid-Rehousing, and Housing Disability Advocacy.

Homekey 1.0. 20 units dedicated to veterans experiencing homelessness. Project is slated to open early winter of 2023. Project supported by HUD VASH vouchers.

No Place Like Home. Mercy Village is a 65-unit development with an on-site health clinic alongside one-bedroom units. The project will house individuals with Serious Mental Health and high services needs with operational supports through project based vouchers.

Proposals

Merced city council approved Homekey 3.0 applications:

Shangra-La Developer, Motel 6 conversion for 80 units. Operating Subsidies support provided by Continuum of Care.

Tiny Homes project. 55 units dedicated to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Support provided by Merced County Housing Support Program and Housing Disability Advocacy Program.

Los Banos Motel Conversion of 60 units dedicated to individuals and families experiencing homelessness. Operating subsidy provided by City of Los Banos Permanent Local Housing Allocation.

Homeless Housing Projects

To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) offers the six pillars of the 'AT HOME' Plan.



Accountability- Clear responsibilities aligned to authority, resources, and flexibility for all levels of government.



Transparency- Integrate and expand data to improve program effectiveness.



Housing- Increase and maintain housing units across the spectrum.



Outreach- Develop sustainable outreach systems and increase workforce to support these systems.



Mitigation- Strengthen safety net programs



Economic Opportunity- Create employment and education pathways, as well as supports for basic needs



Public Role and Increased Jurisdictional Capacity

Enhance partnership between County Departments, Jurisdictions, Housing Authority, and Continuum of Care members in accordance with the CSAC AT-HOME Plan, HHAP Round Four Best Practices, HHAP Round Five planning requirements.

- Role clarity
- Improve capacity of other jurisdictions
- Identify a jurisdictional strategy and implement projects

Solutions:

- Utilize the Continuum of Care Structure.
 - Reflective of organizations identified in HHAP Rounds 4&5 best practices document and planning requirement
 - Establishing a Regional Housing Consortium.
 - Establish a Regional Public Space Management Consortium.
- Conduct a Comprehensive Landscape Analysis (fiscal and services).
- Development of a long-term funding and braided funding strategy.

Questions?

Thank you

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GOOD SAMARITAN SHELTER

Santa Barbara County Housing Disability and Advocacy Program

Partner Agency: Good Samaritan Shelter



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To empower the most vulnerable community members who are experiencing complex barriers hindering their ability to access and maintain adequate housing and income.

The vision of Good Samaritan's Housing Disability and Advocacy program:

The HDAP team strives to do this by:

- ❑ Prioritizing housing navigation and providing rental assistance
- ❑ Supporting clients in increasing income
- ❑ Collaborating with The Legal Aid Foundation to submit Social Security benefit applications
- ❑ Connecting clients to wrap-around services in the community
- ❑ Equipping clients to reach self-sufficiency by providing enhanced case management and housing retention services



Program Components

- All staff are SOAR certified
- Clients are dually enrolled with the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County
- Good Samaritan team provides housing supports as well as Enhanced Care Management



Braided Model

- Good Samaritan braids HDAP funding with Rapid Re-Housing, tenant based rental assistance, CalAim programs and Emergency Housing Vouchers
- This braided model has allowed program participants to be set up for long term success and maximize the program funding

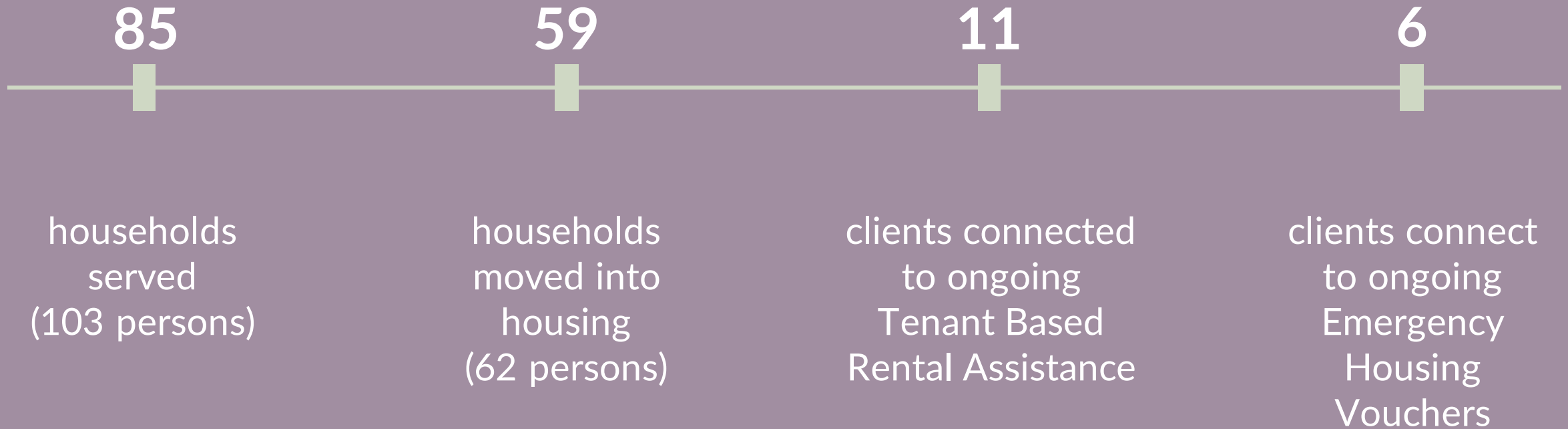


Services Good Samaritan Provides:

- ❑ Case Management
- ❑ Housing Navigation
- ❑ Transportation
- ❑ Medical Coordination including accompaniment to appointments
- ❑ Help in obtaining medical records
- ❑ Advocacy
- ❑ Furniture assistance for new units
- ❑ Linkages to other and ongoing services
- ❑ 24-hour support hotline
- ❑ Low staff to client ratios (less than 18:1)



Program Numbers



Questions?