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Collaborative Applicant

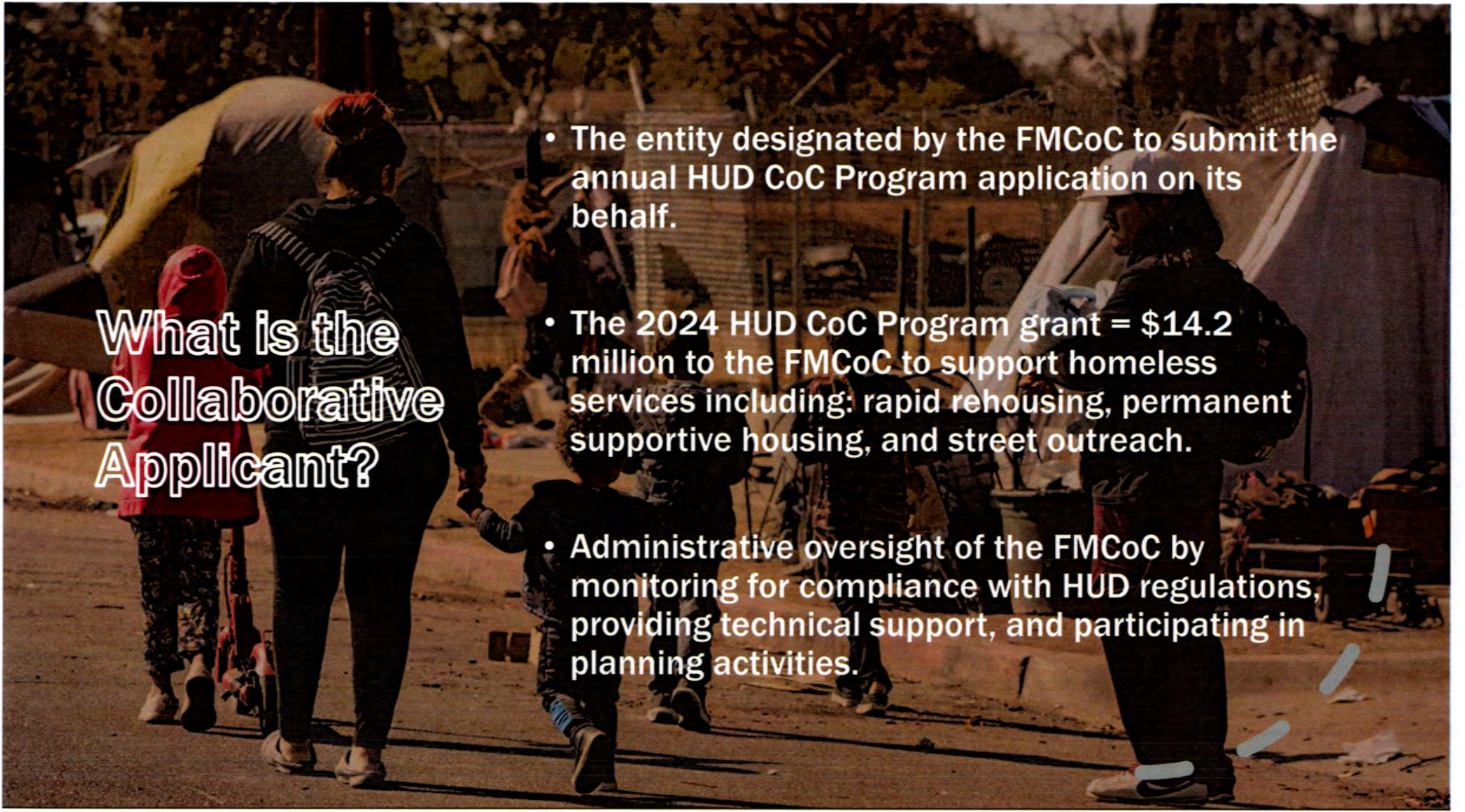
Fresno Madera Continuum of Care

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What is the Collaborative Applicant?

- The entity designated by the FMCoC to submit the annual HUD CoC Program application on its behalf.
- The 2024 HUD CoC Program grant = \$14.2 million to the FMCoC to support homeless services including: rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, and street outreach.
- Administrative oversight of the FMCoC by monitoring for compliance with HUD regulations, providing technical support, and participating in planning activities.

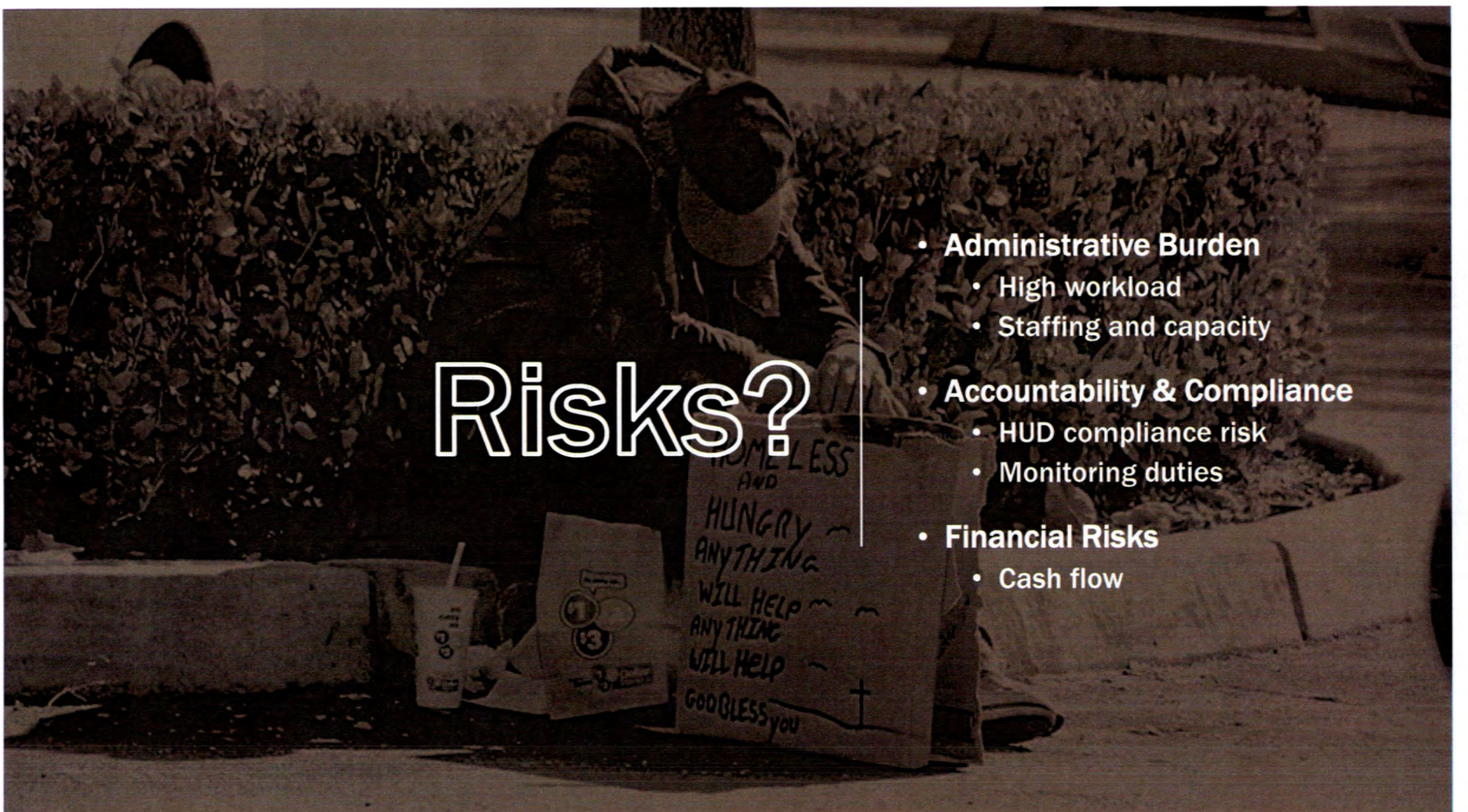
Who's doing it now?

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- The Fresno Housing Authority is the current Collaborative Applicant and has served in that role since the inception of the FMCoC.
 - Fresno Housing Authority will no longer perform this role after the current HUD CoC contract year ending November 30, 2025.
 - The County of Fresno is the only eligible local entity with the experience providing homeless services to both rural and metro Fresno County and the administrative capacity to perform the role of Collaborative Applicant.

Why do this?

- The County would be eligible for CoC Planning Grant funds to offset administrative costs and would leverage existing CoC support staff to facilitate a smooth transition.
- The County will ensure the continued efficient operations of the FMCoC and sustain communitywide efforts to end homelessness.



A photograph of a person sitting on the ground, leaning against a large bush. They are wearing a dark jacket and a cap. In front of them is a large, hand-drawn sign that reads "HOMELESS AND HUNGRY ANYTHING WILL HELP ANYTHING WILL HELP GOD BLESS YOU". There are also some smaller signs and a cup on the ground. The word "Risks?" is overlaid in large white text on the left side of the image.

Risks?

- **Administrative Burden**
 - High workload
 - Staffing and capacity
- **Accountability & Compliance**
 - HUD compliance risk
 - Monitoring duties
- **Financial Risks**
 - Cash flow



Risks of NOT participating?

- **No viable alternatives**
- Reduced leadership role
- Limited control over planning and strategy
- Risk of mismanagement
- Application risks
- Lack of neutral oversight
- Reduced transparency

Staff's Recommendation



Authorize CAO to submit the Letter of Interest to the FMCoC to serve as the Collaborative Applicant.



Create the Collaborative Applicant function within the CAO's office



Work with the FHA to transfer the function to the County

A photograph of a person in a dark jacket and pants sweeping a dirt area with a broom. In the background, there is a chain-link fence with laundry hanging on it, including a pair of dark pants and some blue items. To the right, there is a patterned tarp or blanket hanging over a structure, and a white plastic chair is visible. The ground is dirt and littered with some trash. The overall scene suggests a makeshift or temporary living space.

Discussion/Questions