

OFFICE OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



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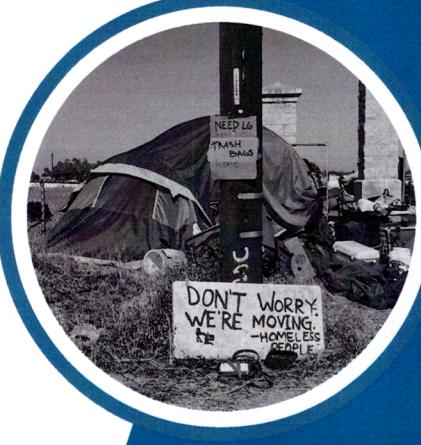


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OFFICE OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS PURPOSE

To provide centralized leadership, coordination, and accountability for the County's efforts to prevent and end homelessness.

The Office of Housing & Homelessness would coordinate across County programs, cities, service providers, and the FMCoC to align resources, advance equitable and effective solutions, and ensure accountability for measurable progress toward ending homelessness.



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WHY NOW?



CHANGING ROLE OF COUNTY IN SUPPORTING FMCOC

- CAO **Regional Representative** role on FMCOC Board of Directors - April 2025
- **Collaborative Applicant** - Approved by BOS April 2025
 - CAO lead on 2026 PIT
- **Management Entity** - Approved by BOS November 2025
 - CAO work on CES redesign process



CHANGES IN FUNDING FOR HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

- Shifts in state funding **focus on behavioral health (BHSA & Prop 1)**
- Shifts in state and federal funding **focus on emergency shelter**
- **Funding decreases** requires higher levels of coordination with outside agencies
- Funding shifts require a more global perspective and **higher level multi-jurisdictional coordination**



FOCUS ON STRENGTHENING REGIONAL COLLABORATION

- Homeless Outreach redesign workgroup led by County CAO
- County/City of Fresno (**CAO staff & City staff**) **Collaboration Meetings**
- **County Supervisors/City Mayor** Collaboration Meetings
- **County/Rural Cities' Administration** Meetings/Discussions on Homelessness Response

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BENEFITS OF CENTRALIZATION

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FOCUSED VISION

Ensures a **focused vision** on the County's efforts to **end homelessness** that is directly guided by the BOS.

Allows for more **consistent decision making** that aligns with the BOS' priorities on homelessness response.

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INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY

Clear chain of command which is tied to outcome monitoring and management.

Chain of command runs up **directly through CAO to BOS**.

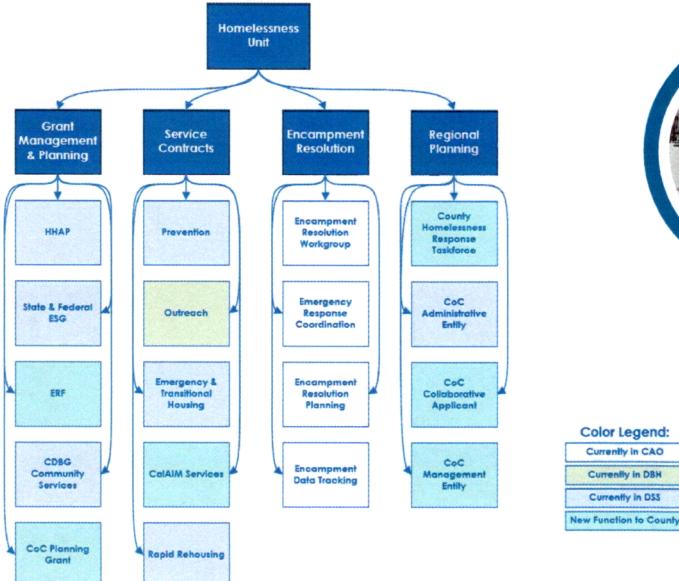
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CLARITY TO INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Clear communication lines and points of contact for internal and external partners.

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PROPOSED ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE OFFICE OF HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS



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NEXT STEPS

Creation of Office of Housing & Homelessness in CAO

To include existing homelessness functions in CAO as well as new functions.

Operational Transfer of Homelessness Response Programs

Operational and physical transfer of homelessness response programs and associated staff from DSS to Office of Housing and Homelessness ([December 2025](#)).

Budget and Official Transfer of Homelessness Response Programs

Staff to return to BOS for adoption of OHH Budget and approval of salary resolution to officially transfer programs and staff ([by March 2026](#)).

Update and Further Recommendations

Staff to return to BOS with an update on the OHH and present any further recommendations ([both by November 2026](#)).



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THANK YOU & QUESTIONS?

“Every system is perfectly designed to get the results that it gets”
- W. Edwards Deming