

Merced City & County



Continuum of Care

**A collaborative effort
to end homelessness**



The Association of Governments is where the cities and the county come together as equal partners to solve problems that can only be accomplished by working together.



WHY?

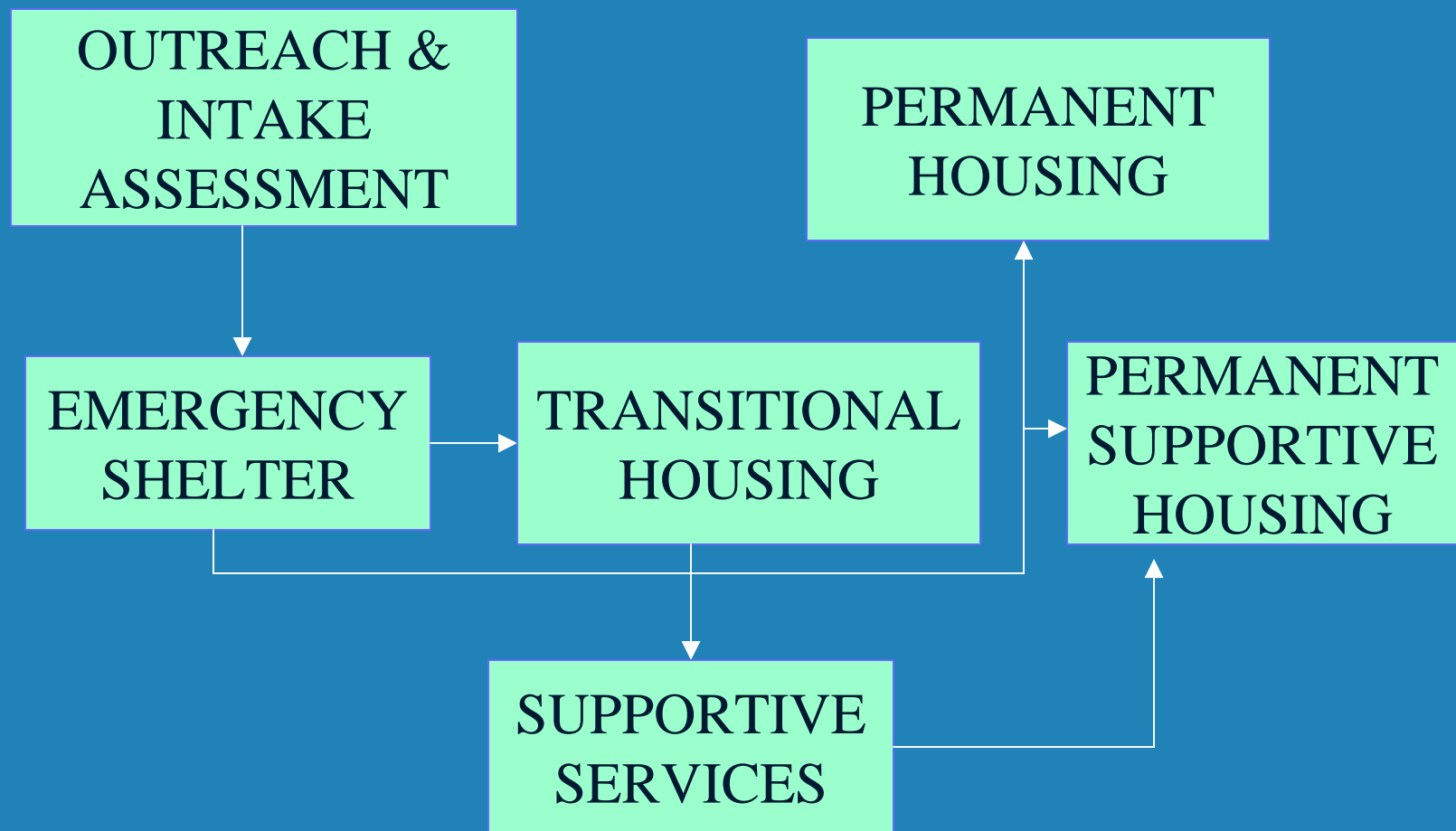
- *HUD - Support localities in their need to coordinate efforts*
- *City & County - Funding opportunity for homeless programs*



HUD's Definition

" A Continuum of Care Plan is a community plan to organize & deliver housing & services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self sufficiency."

Components of a Continuum of Care Homeless System





Organizational Structure

- *Executive Council*

Main decision making body of the CoC.

- *General Collaborative*

Design most appropriate programs.

Implement annual CoC Plan.

Pursue funding for homeless programs.

Ensure that services do not overlap or duplicate

- *Prioritization Panel*

Reviews grant proposals and prioritizes order in plan



Strategic Planning

- *Discharge policies*
- *Projects that are consistent with unmet needs*
- *Leveraging of funds (local match)*
- *Action steps with measurable achievements*




Performance

- *Increase number of permanent housing beds for chronically homeless population*
- *Individuals moving to and maintaining permanent housing*
- *Individuals successfully employed and access to mainstream resources*



Other Criteria

- *Housing to services ratio*
- *HMIS participation*
- *Needs assessment*



Current Projects

- *Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS)*
- *Project Home Start*

Funding Opportunity

<i>Year</i>	<i>Eligible \$</i>	<i>Application</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>First year</i>	<i>\$84,000 – HMIS implementation Awarded</i>
<i>2005</i>	<i>\$575,000</i>	<i>\$565,953 – HMIS (2yr) & Project Home Start (3yr) Awarded</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>\$580,986</i>	<i>\$570,338 - Expansion of Home Start – Not awarded</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>\$589,316</i>	<i>\$315,000 – Expansion of HMIS Awarded \$81,000</i>
<i>2008</i>	<i>\$579,947</i>	<i>\$84,000 – Renewal of HMIS Awarded \$81,000</i>



Funding Opportunities

Supportive Housing Program

- ❖ Transitional Housing
- ❖ Permanent Housing for homeless persons with a disability
- ❖ Supportive Services Only



Funding Opportunities

Shelter Plus Care Program

- ❖ Sponsor-based Rental Vouchers
- ❖ Project-based Rental Vouchers
- ❖ Tenant-based Rental Vouchers

Funding Opportunities

Match Requirements

<u>Activity</u>	<u>SHP</u>	<u>S+C</u>
Acquisition	1:1	Grantees must match rental assistance with an equal amount of supportive services from other sources.
Rehab	1:1	
Construction	1:1	
Supportive Services	80:20	
Leasing	No match	
Operating	75:25	



POTENTIAL BARRIERS

- *Match Requirement*
- *Agency Capacity*
(accounting system, voluntary board, non-profit status)
- *Reporting Requirements*
(project milestones, financial reporting, case management, audit of files)

Funding Opportunities Missed

<i>Year</i>	<i>\$ Not Applied For</i>
<i>2005</i>	<i>\$9,000</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>\$10,000</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>\$274,000</i>
<i>2008</i>	<i>\$496,000</i>



Remember.....

- *Use the CoC Forum*
- *Ask for help*

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