

**Are U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs and Health and Human Services
Partner Programs Participating in California's State-wide
Continuums of Care Homeless Management Information Systems?**

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The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) asked Continuums of Care (CoCs) applying for 2015 Continuum of Care Program funding which of the following federal partner programs were currently using their local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS):

- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' **Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)**, which provides a wide-range of supportive services and financial assistance to help veteran households with obtaining and maintaining permanent housing;
- U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs' **Grant and Per Diem Program (GPD)**, which provides services to homeless veterans to achieve residential stability and increase their skill levels and/or income;
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' **Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) Program**, which provides street outreach, emergency shelters and longer-term transitional living and maternity group home programs, services for domestic victims of human trafficking, and capacity building for LGBTQ for youth;
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' **Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**, which provides a wide-range of health mental health and substance use treatment services for individuals who are homeless and have serious mental illnesses.

A summary of their responses as noted in Table 1 below follows:

- 30 or 75% noted that the SSVF program participates in their local HMIS;
- 22 or 55% noted that the GPD program participates in their local HMIS;
- 23 or 57.5% noted that the RHY program participates in their local HMIS; and
- 19 or 47.5% noted that the PATH program participates in their local HMIS.

Next Steps

California CoCs may not have been able to select all federal partner programs because of the following reasons: 1) an agency operating a federal partner program may not be actively involved in the CoC; 2) an agency operating a federal partner program that is involved in the CoC may not be entering program data into HMIS; and 3) no agencies within the CoC boundaries were currently receiving funding from one of the four federal partner programs.

Thus, in order to achieve 100% participation into HMIS, California CoCs will need to

- Make sure that all agencies operating federal partner programs are actively involved in the CoC;
- Begin to work with, or continue to work with, agencies that are not entering their program data to ensure that they begin entering program data into HMIS; and
- Encourage appropriate agencies to apply for funding for any of the four federal partner programs if funding within the CoC has not yet been awarded and ensure participation in HMIS if funding is awarded.

The U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provide information on web sites regarding the four federal partner programs that includes program descriptions, list of grantees, and future funding opportunities. Links include:

- <http://www.va.gov/homeless/ssvf/index.asp> for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program;
- <http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/GPD.asp> for the Grant and Per Diem Program;
- <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/fysb/programs/runaway-homeless-youth> for the Runaway Homeless Youth (RHY) Program;
- <http://www.samhsa.gov/homelessness-programs-resources/grant-programs-services/path> for Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH).

NOTE: In the table below, a check mark indicates which of the federal partner programs participate in the local HMIS for each of the 40 California CoCs who applied for 2015 Continuum of Care Program funding.

Table 1. California CoCs and Federal Partner Programs Participating in HMIS

Continuum of Care:		VA Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF):	VA Grant and Per Diem (GPD):	Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY):	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH):
CA - 500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 501	San Francisco CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 502	Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓

CA - 503	Sacramento City & County CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 505	Richmond/Contra Costa County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 507	Marin County CoC		✓		
CA - 508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County CoC	✓			
CA - 509	Mendocino County CoC			✓	
CA - 510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 511	Stockton/San Joaquin County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 512	Daly City/San Mateo County CoC	✓		✓	
CA - 513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties CoC	✓			✓
CA - 514	Fresno City & County/Madera County CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer, Nevada Counties				✓
CA - 516	Redding/Shasta County CoC				
CA - 517	Napa City & County CoC				
CA - 518	Vallejo/Solano County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County CoC			✓	✓
CA - 520	Merced City & County CoC	✓			

CA - 521	Davis, Woodland/Yolo County CoC		✓		✓
CA - 522	Humboldt County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 523	Colusa, Glen, Trinity Counties CoC	Did not apply for 2015 CoC funding			
CA - 524	Yuba City/Sutter County CoC				✓
CA - 525	El Dorado County CoC	✓		✓	✓
CA - 526	Tuolumne, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa Counties CoC	✓			
CA - 527	Tehama County CoC	✓			
CA - 529	Lake County CoC	Did not apply for 2015 CoC funding			
CA - 600	Los Angeles City & County CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 601	San Diego City and County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 602	Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County CoC	✓		✓	✓
CA - 603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County CoC	✓	✓	✓	
CA - 604	Bakersfield/Kern County CoC	✓	✓		✓
CA - 606	Long Beach CoC	✓	✓		
CA - 607	Pasadena CoC				
CA - 608	Riverside City & County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 609	San Bernardino City & County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓
CA - 611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County CoC	✓	✓	✓	✓

CA - 612	Glendale CoC				
CA - 613	Imperial County CoC	✓			
CA - 614	San Luis Obispo County CoC	✓			✓
CA - 615	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties CoC	Did not apply for 2015 CoC funding			
Total:		30	22	23	19