



Hope Housing Marina

A DHCS Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program

Health, Housing, Homelessness, and Human Services Committee

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COUNTY OF MONTEREY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT



MONTEREY COUNTY
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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Background

Funded by DHCS Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Grant

- Sept 2022: Budget Act (Assembly Bill 179) provides funding through June 30, 2027

2024 National Point in Time (PIT) count estimates that:

- 24% (187,084/771,480) of those experiencing homelessness nationally live in CA
- 45% (123,974/274,222) of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness nationally live in CA
- The Regional CoC (Monterey & San Benito) 2024 PIT homelessness survey estimates that 74% (1,998/2,704 overall) are experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Monterey County BHB was awarded \$11.3 million

- Provides funding for housing and services for people experiencing homelessness with serious behavioral health conditions (SMI & SUD)
 - Includes funds for capital improvements (\$2.8 million) and operations (over 3 contracts)

Hope Housing Marina

Partnership between MCBH, Sun Street Centers, Interim, Inc., and HACM

Located in Marina at the former Pueblo del Mar site on the former Ft Ord

- HACM owned property deed restricted as recovery housing
- MCBH holds primary lease and subleases to participants and families
 - 12 month-lease with month to month up to 24 months
- MCBH pays security deposits
- Referred through MCBH
- Started Accepting Referrals July 1, 2024
 - First leases were signed August 28, 2024



Hope Housing Marina

All available units were occupied as of June 2025 with ongoing turnover and there is a waiting list

- Housing First Recovery Model
- "Low Barrier" housing
- 55 2BR/1B units and includes individual shared and family housing
 - 30 family units- max occupancy 4 people= up to 120 beds
 - 24 shared individual = 48 beds
 - One "flex unit"
 - rent = 30% of income
- Currently housing and serving 121 people
 - 79 Participants
 - 2 spouses
 - 40 minors

Goal



The goal of Hope Housing is to provide **services** and **transitional housing** to help people experiencing **homelessness** who have been diagnosed with a **serious mental illness** and/or a **substance use disorder** to overcome barriers to accessing and maintaining **long-term** housing.



**HOPE
HOUSING**

Criteria

Eligible applicants are:

- Adults 18 years of age and older AND
- Residents of Monterey County AND
- Individuals experiencing homelessness or who are at-risk of homelessness, AND
- Individuals diagnosed with a serious mental illness, (SMI) OR
- Individuals diagnosed with a substance use disorder (SUD) OR
- Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) program participants



Criteria

To ensure the safety of Hope Housing participants and their families, individuals will *not* be eligible if:

- the individual is a registered sex offender, OR
- has a history of fire starting or arson, OR
- has a recent history of dangerous or exploitative behaviors without concern for the safety of others, OR
- the individual does not agree with the program rules or otherwise is not able to understand or adhere to the program agreement or lease responsibilities.



Housing Services

Housing Services are provided to *all participants* through Sun Street Centers

- Provide Transitional Bridge Housing 12-24 months
- Individualized housing plans
- Life skills coaching
- Referrals for wraparound services
- Housing navigation (Housing Resource Center)
- Daily daytime staff with evening security patrol
- Meals provided depending on need



Specialty Services

INTERIM INC.

(SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES)

- An adult with a primary serious mental illness diagnosis
- May have secondary co-occurring disorder
- Services are individualized and include case coordination, med support, individual and group counseling and activities, & crisis intervention
- Care will be transferred to Interim only during participation in Hope Housing

SUN STREET CENTERS

(OUTPATIENT SUBSTANCE USE SERVICES)

- An adult with a primary substance use disorder diagnosis
- May have secondary co-occurring mild to moderate mental health diagnosis
- Services are individualized and include individual and group substance use counseling and sober living activities

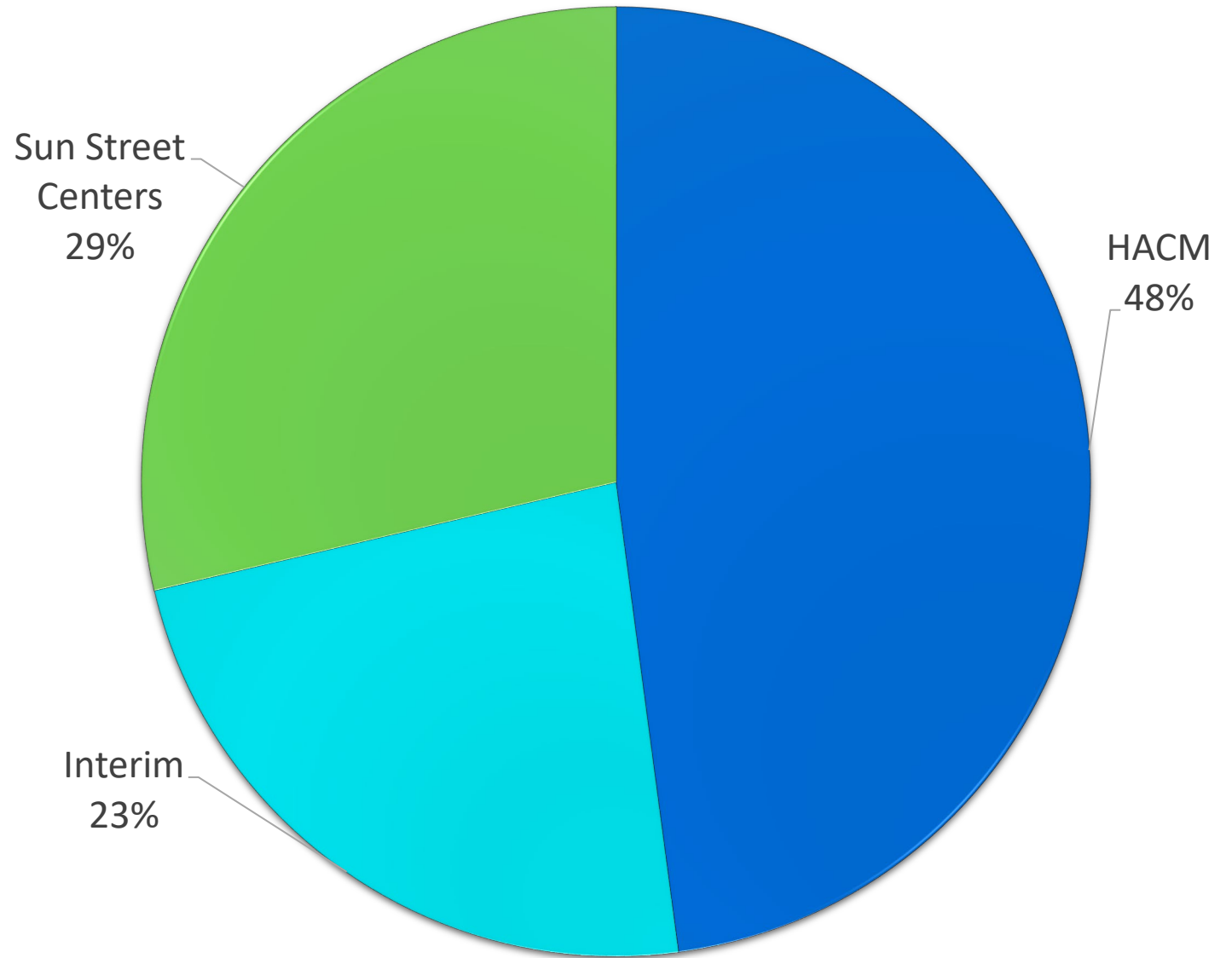


Funding

\$11.3 Million BHBH Grant
Funding Ends June 30, 2027

Funds are expected to be
fully spent by April 2027

Entity	Service	Amount
HACM	Infrastructure	\$2.8M
HACM	Rent & Security Deposits	\$3.0M
Interim	SMHS	\$2.5M
SSC	SUD	\$450K
SSC	Housing	\$2.6M
Total		\$11.3M



Successes

Established Resident Council

To date, Hope Housing Marina has housed and served over **140** community members

- **98** adults
- **42** minors/children
- Over 40 adults are domestic violence survivors

15 households discharged

- **7** obtained permanent housing



Challenges

- This is the first BHBH program in the County of Monterey
- This is the first project BHB and HACM have partnered on in this way
- Effective, efficient communication between all key partners (BHB, HACM, SSC, Interim)
- Housing and Behavioral Health programs, language, etc. is very different so there has been a learning curve for everyone
- Sustainability once grant funding runs out (April 2027)
- CARE Court participants receive priority for placement in BHBH programs however we do not have any CARE participants at Hope Housing as they have needed higher levels of care

Pending Items

- Finalize draft MOU with HACM for Evictions
- Establish MOU regarding Property Management Functions
- Rent for Nancy Dodd Community Center
- Long-Term Sustainability of Program



Thank you

