

# AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC)

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This agenda item is being submitted for consideration by the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee (CCPEC) at their meeting on March 17, 2025.

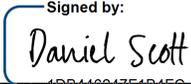
**Title/Subject/Description:** Annual Allocation for AB 109 Funded Programs and Resources – Realignment Housing Program

**Background Information:** In 2014, the Alameda County Board of Supervisors dedicated 50% of the AB109-funding received from the state to local Community Based Organizations. That funding is used to contract with local CBOs that provide resources and programs that address a client’s risk and needs and promote safety for the community and success for the Participant. This item requires additional funding for Fiscal Year 2025-26 for continuity of services and resources.

**Fiscal Impact\*, if any:** \$3,521,737

**Recommended action to be taken:** Approve the annual allocation to continue funding this item for the realigned population.

*\*When requesting funding, please answer the questions in either Section 1 or 2 below. If requesting funding for a new program idea, answer the questions in Section 1. If requesting funding for a program with an existing AB 109-funded contract, answer the questions in section 2.*

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## **Section 1: Requesting Funding for a New Idea**

### **Addressed in the Logic Model**

*A logic model from the Programs and Services Workgroup may be attached in lieu of answering the following questions:*

- What part of the AB 109 population do you propose to serve? (For example: unhoused individuals, clients disengaged from Probation services etc.)
- Which client needs are being addressed? (For example: housing, employment, substance abuse etc.)
- What are the objectives and benchmarks for success of the proposed program/activity?
- What are the resources and activities required by an organization to make the program successful? (For example: staffing, development of workshops etc.)
- How will Probation Officers inform clients about the program/activity?
- If referrals don't come from Probation, how will clients be informed of the program/activity?

### **Background Research**

- Is the initiative evidence-based or a promising new idea?
- If this is an evidence-based program, what does the research say about it?
- If there is existing research, was the research done on a population similar to the population the program anticipates serving?
- Is Probation funding any similar activities?
- If Probation is funding similar activities, what is unique about this program/activity, why is it necessary?
- Lived experience can often provide a layer of knowledge often not captured by traditional research methods. Please provide any anecdotal knowledge based upon lived experiences that contributes to or strengthens your proposed program/activity.

### **Fiscal Impact**

- What is the total proposed budget for this program/activity?

## **Section 2: Request to Renew or Extend an Existing Contract**

### **Information About the Program**

- **What part of the AB 109 population was served under the previous contract?** (For example: unhoused individuals, clients disengaged from Probation Services, etc.)
  - Individuals who are unhoused or at risk of homelessness, who are AB 109 eligible and whose needs cannot be met by other Probation housing programs.
- **What client needs were addressed?** (For example: housing, employment, substance abuse etc.)
  - Housing—Rapid Rehousing (RRH), which is short-term housing support to quickly re-house program participants who are experiencing homelessness. RRH provides participants with housing-related support which includes housing identification, deposit, move-in and rental assistance, case management services and identification of additional resources to meet family needs. RHP also provides one-time financial assistance for clients needing help with obtaining furniture and household supplies, past due rent or utilities, or rent in emergency situations.

- Housing – Emergency Shelter (ES) along with wrap-around supportive services that will reduce barriers to employment and increase employment opportunities.
- **How many people did your organization serve under the contract?**
  - In FY23-24 (7/1/23 – 6/30/24), RHP served 445 individuals including 329 who received RRH services and 116 who received ES services.
- **How many people was your organization expected to serve under the contract?**
  - Contract service goals for FY23-24 were 190 participants and family members for RRH. The contract services goal for ES was 833 bednights per month.
- **Please provide a summary of the program.**
  - The Realignment Housing Program (RHP) has two components: Rapid Rehousing and Emergency Shelter. RHP RRH services support participants in locating, securing, and retaining longer-term, stable housing upon release from incarceration. Services include housing identification, move-in and rental assistance, case management and referral and support services. RRH also provides temporary housing subsidies for these households and temporary housing support including emergency shelter, non-subsidy financial assistance to relatives who allow participants to live with them and, on rare occasions, short motel/hotel stays. RHP also provides one-time financial assistance for clients needing help with obtaining furniture and household supplies, past due rent or utilities, or rent in emergency situations.

RHP's ES component provides 22 emergency shelter beds 365 days a year, with 12 funded by Alameda County Social Services Agency. Participants receive assessment, case management, wrap-around services, mentorship, educational enhancement, vocational training, pre-employment readiness, job placement, employment retention, and permanent housing assistance.
- **Please provide a list of the objectives achieved by the program/activity.**
  - RHP served 341 households in FY23-24 consisting of a total of 445 individuals.
  - A total of 130 households (220 individuals) who received RRH services moved into housing during FY23-24.
  - Of the 169 participants and family members who received RRH services and exited the program, 70% exited into a positive housing situation.
  - RHP provided 6,414 bednights of Emergency Shelter services in FY23-24.

**Did your organization invest any resources to make the program/activity successful? (For example: staffing, development of workshops etc.)**

- H&H convenes regular monthly provider meetings that address reporting requirements, coordination with ACPD staff, and other issues as they arise.
- RHP service contractors provide ongoing staff training in a range of areas, including DEI, Critical Intervention, Motivational interviewing, strategies for efficient case management, client engagement, CPR, Housing and Quality Inspections, landlord engagement strategies, unit acquisition, tenancy rights and fair housing law.
- **Did you do any outreach to the target population, outside of referrals by Probation? If so, what were the results of your outreach?**
  - No. DPOs refer individuals to the ACPD RHP Coordinator, who screens the candidates and refers those who can benefit from the program to the service providers. All referrals come from the ACPD RHP Coordinator.

- **Describe how successfully your organization achieved your contract milestones and the other contract deliverables?**
  - A total of 329 individuals received RRH services in FY23-24, which is 173% of the service goal for this component.
  - RHP provided 6,414 bednights of ES services in FY23-24, which is 64% of the service goal of 9,996 bednights per year (833 bednights per months times 12 months).

### **Background Research**

- **Is the program/activity evidence based or a promising new idea?**
  - RHP uses evidence-based models including those developed in conjunction with the National Alliance to End Homelessness Rapid Re-housing standards.
- **If the program/activity is an evidence-based program, what does the research say about it?**
  - According to the National Alliance to End Homelessness, research demonstrates that those who receive rapid re-housing assistance are homeless for shorter periods of time than those assisted with shelter or transitional housing. Rapid re-housing is also less expensive than other homeless interventions, such as shelter or transitional housing.
- **If there is existing research, was the research done on a population similar to the population served?**
  - A few small studies (i.e., less than 50 subjects) of rapid rehousing's effectiveness with the reentry population have been conducted recently. They support the findings of earlier studies about rapid rehousing services for the general population of unhoused individuals.
- **How do milestones/contract deliverables compare to the outcomes of similar work in other jurisdictions?**
  - Unknown – data is not readily available.
- **Is Probation funding any similar activities?**
  - Yes, emergency shelters, transitional housing vendor pool, and Family Reunification contractors provide housing stipends for participants living with family.
- **If Probation is funding similar activities, what is unique about this program/activity, why is it necessary?**
  - RHP serves individuals for whom Probation's other Transitional Housing Programs are not appropriate, including those with spouses and children, pets, physical health needs, and sex offenders.
  - RHP rental assistance is tenant-based, with participants living in their own housing and not a Transitional Housing Program facility.
  - RHP goes beyond the help with basic needs that Probation's other Transitional Housing Programs provide. The program offers flexible creative services to clients who don't need ongoing rental assistance, including move in assistance such as payment of first month rent, security deposit, packing supplies, and purchase of furniture, cleaning supplies, kitchen ware etc. RHP also provides housing preservation services such as paying past due/back rent or utilities due to sudden change in participant circumstances.
- **Lived experience can often provide a layer of knowledge often not captured by traditional research methods. Please provide any anecdotal knowledge based upon lived experiences that contributes to or strengthens your proposed program/activity.**

In 2022, Abode Services launched the Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB), comprised of twelve individuals who are currently unhoused or have experienced homelessness. LEAB volunteers share their insights with Abode to ensure the voices of those who we serve are reflected in all aspects of our work. Each

LEAB volunteer receives a small monthly stipend, a tablet to use for web-conferences/calls, and support to attend monthly, in-person meetings. Lastly, all LEAB members receive regular orientation and training sessions to ensure they have the tools to be successful. Over the past year, LEAB reviewed and provided thoughtful feedback on eighteen separate policies, trainings, and projects, while also generating ideas on a range of topics, including: property design; housing processes; training sessions for participants; and conceptualizing a participant info web-portal. One activity that was especially impactful was the completion of an on-site walkthrough at our Doug Ford PSH location by LEAB. Afterward the visit, LEAB provided a list of recommendations and considerations on the layout, amenities, artwork, furnishing, and more that continue to shape how we design properties as part of the work of Abode Housing Development. Moving forward, Abode will continue to request input from LEAB on future site developments. One challenge we also hope to address is the timing of LEAB onsite walkthroughs: late enough in development to get meaningful feedback, while also leaving sufficient time and funding to incorporate their recommendations.

### **Program Data**

- **How many people were referred to the program/activity by Probation?**
  - During FY23-24, ACPD sent RHP service providers 142 referrals.
- **Why should the contract be extended/renewed rather than going out to bid?**
  - This is the 13<sup>th</sup> renewal for the RHP project, the contractors have developed processes and systems to adequately support the referrals from the Probation department and there are no significant deficiencies in performance. The renewal contract starts on 7/1/25, to prevent a disruption in service we recommend approving funding for another contract cycle.
  - Please note that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for RHP service providers is in process and will be released before the end of February.
- **Please provide program milestones and other contract deliverable data.**
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  - RHP provided 6,414 bednights of ES services in FY23-24, which is 64% of the service goal of 9,996 bednights per year (833 bednights per months times 12 months).
- **Has this contract been extended before? If so, how many times and why?**
  - Alameda County contracted with three service providers (Abode, EOCP, MOVA) for the RHP pilot program in 2012. Its contract has been renewed every year since then because of its experience serving the population.
  - Please note that a Request for Proposals (RFP) for RHP service providers is in process and will be released before the end of February.

### **Fiscal Impact**

- **What is the total proposed budget for the requested program/activity?**
  - \$3,521,737
- **What was the total budget for the program/activity under the previous contract?**
  - \$2,923,938
- **If the proposed budget is higher than that of the previous contract, please justify the increase.**

- RHP was initially funded with AB109 funds in 2011, and the project has operated without significant changes to the program design and without funding adjustments for increased program and administration costs. ACPD contracts with the Housing & Homelessness (H&H) department to administer the project, and H&H will issue the first RFP for RHP by March 2025. The RFP will provide the project with an opportunity to enhance and expand services for Realigned individuals and households. The increased funding will be used to add at least one new contractor to the project who can provide emergency shelter services for females. The project only provides shelter beds for males, and ACPD has indicated that the expansion of emergency shelter services to females has long been a priority that must be addressed in the next renewal cycle. Additionally, our contractors have indicated that the increased funding will allow them to provide more services to the referrals from ACPD. It is anticipated that the addition of the emergency shelter services will cost approximately \$300,000.00. The balance of the requested increase will be allocated to rental assistance and supportive services for eligible AB109 referrals to RHP.
- **If the proposed budget is lower than that of the previous contract, please explain.**
  - N/A

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