

**CAP Solano Project Roomkey Overview:**

Named “Project Roomkey” by State officials, Governor Newsom and the State of California have worked with County regions to secure approximately 15,000 hotel or motel units statewide, targeting the highest COVID-19 homeless capacity needs in communities. In Solano County, the funding for the Project Roomkey program is coordinated through the efforts of CAP Solano and implemented by several of the member cities, the county and nonprofits. The initial funding for Project Roomkey was through a combination of several existing CAP Solano homeless grants that were repurposed for the program as well as new revenue streams including CARES funding braided together to run the program initially through June 2020, then extended through July 2020, and more recently through August 2020. At the August 4<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the Board of Supervisors approved in concept a County commitment to support County CARES contribution to Project Roomkey through December 2020. At the August 11<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting, the Board received an item to review and approve the expenditure plan associated with the Solano County CARES allocation where staff recommended to fully cover the Project Roomkey operations costs through December 2020.

**CARES Funding Containment Capacity Requirement**

The State of California recently allocated its remaining portion of the CARES funding to counties and cities as the Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) for COVID-19 related costs and response, including Solano County’s allocation. In order to have access to and utilize the funds, the State CRF requires local jurisdictions to maintain compliance with all Gubernatorial and Public Health orders since March 2020, including a requirement to maintain an ability to temporarily house at least 15% of county residents experiencing homelessness due to the pandemic health crisis. This percentage is based upon the 2019 Point in Time Count and is specifically required in case of an outbreak among this population requiring isolation and quarantine. In January 2019, there were 1,151 homeless individuals identified in the Solano Point in Time Count, reflecting a need to maintain an ability to shelter approximately 172 individuals through December 2020.

**Project Roomkey October 2020 Update :**

A Funding Agreement has been executed with CAP Solano JPA who acts as the fiscal agent for PRK. CAP Solano is now able to begin processing monthly invoices from the two projects to make payments, accordingly. Based upon a projected monthly budget provided by the two PRK projects, \$2,921,244 has been obligated to pay for PRK expenses from September through December 2020. Though the PRK CARES budget was developed based upon projected budgets, monthly invoices will be processed based upon actual expenses incurred to ensure proper utilization of funds. Should any line items be identified as being underspent in September and October, the PRK budget projections and Funding Agreement will be updated accordingly. In that scenario, any unspent funds would be returned to Solano County to obligate toward other CARES eligible projects that can benefit from additional funding.

**Containment Capacity Update:**

As of the week of October 12th, there are 162 individuals being temporarily housed in Project Roomkey, covering approximately 94% of the Containment Capacity Requirement, alone. With the largest assistance in meeting this requirement coming directly from PRK, compliance with this requirement will continue to be maintained through December as: 1) CAP Solano has 10 dedicated, additional hotel rooms available as needed for COVID positive homeless individuals

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to isolate for 14 days; 2) the City of Fairfield funded a 50 bed temporary shelter program to operate from September through December 2020; 3) there are other local non-profit organizations that continue operating emergency shelter programs in Solano County, and; 4) CAP Solano is continuing to leverage other grants that may be considered for additional temporary shelter beds, as necessary.

**PRK Client Statistical Update:**

Since May 2020, 232 total individuals have enrolled in Project Roomkey

- 145 chronically homeless persons have been enrolled in the project
- 217 individuals over the age of 18, and 15 individuals under the age of 18 have been enrolled in the project
  
- 54% identify as Male
- 46% identify as Female
  
- 49% identify as Black or African American
- 41% identify as White
- 4% identify as Multiple race
- 3% identify as Asian
- 2% identify as Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- 1% client doesn't know/client did not respond
  
- As of October 12, 2020, 162 individuals are currently enrolled in Project Roomkey

**PRK Program Exits Update:**

Since May 2020, 70 individuals have exited the program

**19 individuals have exited to permanent destinations:**

Permanent Destinations include rental units with no subsidy, rental units with housing authority voucher, rental units with temporary rental assistance, permanently moving in with family or friends, and becoming an owner of a unit.

**19 individuals have exited to interim/temporary destinations:**

Interim/Temporary Destinations include emergency/temporary shelter programs, transitional housing programs, other hotel or motel room programs, and temporarily moving in and staying with family.

**4 individuals have exited to institutional settings:**

Institutional Settings include long-term care facilities or nursing homes, substance abuse treatment facility, and hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facilities.

**28 individuals have exited to other destinations:**

Other destinations include places not meant for habitation such as a vehicle or anywhere outside, for some the data wasn't collected as no exit interview was completed due to leaving the project, or the client didn't know or declined to answer.