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Mr. Matt Downing
City Manager
City of Arroyo Grande
300 E Branch Street
Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

RE: Request for City of Arroyo Grande ARPA Funds for Homeless Services

Mr. Downing,

I am writing to request allocation of your City's remaining ARPA funds, \$200,000, that have been set aside for homeless services. We are very grateful for the previous award of \$100,000 that is supporting operation of our winter inclement weather shelter at 1023 E. Grand through November 2026.

This request is to support 5CHC's housing assistance program which offers direct financial assistance for Arroyo Grande residents to pay for housing and immediate needs; and the operation of our interim non-congregate shelters (totaling 50 beds) located in the neighboring City of Grover Beach. This request is based on the priorities of the County's recently adopted plan to address homelessness.

Housing Assistance Request:

We are requesting \$50,000 to provide direct financial assistance to support housing and utility needs through our housing assistance program for residents of Arroyo Grande. Funds will be used to help those experiencing homelessness to obtain housing through Rapid Re-Housing and those at-risk of homelessness to avoid eviction through our Homeless Prevention Program. This contribution from Arroyo Grande will also help us to provide the local match required for other federal and state funds, which require a dollar-for-dollar local match. These funds will be fully expended by December 2026, unless an earlier date is requested.

In the first 9 months of this fiscal year (since July 2023) 5CHC has provided housing assistance to residents of Arroyo Grande as follows:

Rapid Re-Housing Move-in Assistance (Deposit and Rent):

- 13% of 5CHC RRH assistance has supported Arroyo Grande residents
- 16 households, 26 people
- \$59,883 to-date, averaging \$3,743 per household

Homeless Prevention (Deposit and Rent):

- 23% of 5CHC HP assistance has supported Arroyo Grande residents
- 25 households, 59 people
- \$91,155 to-date, averaging \$3,636 per household



Shelter Request:

We are requesting \$150,000 to provide shelter and housing navigation services through our 20-bed Cabins for Change Program (located at 1523 B Longbranch, GB) and our soon-to-open 30-bed Balay Ko on Barca Program (located at 998 Barca Street, GB). Both locations will operate with the same program requirements with a goal of assisting participants to find permanent housing within 90 days. Both sites will pull participants from the same waitlist, which currently has 313 individuals awaiting services. This funding request amounts to 2.86% of the 5CHC's shelter program two-year budget. Funds will be fully expended by December 2026, unless an earlier date is requested.

Cabins for Change

- 20-Bed Shelter Opened in December 2022
- Average Length of Stay – 106 days
- Total participants 88 - 5% of participants from Arroyo Grande
- Total housed – 46, 68% of participants
 - Arroyo Grande Participants - 2 currently enrolled, 5 have been housed
 - Arroyo Grande Participants - 43% chronically homeless at entry
 - Arroyo Grande Participants - 29% over the age of 60
- Current wait list 313 - 12% of the applicants report being from Arroyo Grande

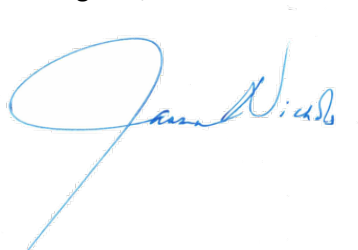
Additional 5CHC Services:

In our current fiscal year since July 1, 5CHC has provided additional services that also support Arroyo Grande residents.

- Outreach Services – Connected with 27 individuals residing in AG. These outreach services include assistance with documents, food, hygiene, and housing navigation services.
- Warming Center (Winter Inclement Weather): 37 nights open, 74 unique individuals served (Five Cities Region).

Please let me know if you would like to meet to discuss further, or if you have additional questions.

Best regards,



Janna Nichols
5Cities Homeless Coalition