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### Today's Presenters

- **Teresa DeSimone**, Community Development Commission of Mendocino County
- **Paul Davis**, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center
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### Community Development Commission of Mendocino County

Rental Assistance Programs

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### Community Development Commission of Mendocino County

Rental Assistance Programs

**WHAT IS PROVIDED?**

- The Community Development Commission (CDC) of Mendocino County offers a diverse variety of rental assistance programs for low-income individuals, families, the elderly, homeless, veterans, and persons with disabilities.
- A rental subsidy is provided to households allowing a more sustainable, self-sufficient, safe, and decent living environment. Participants pay a portion of the monthly rent (which is dependent on the household's income) and CDC provides a housing subsidy for the remaining portion of rent.
- CDC administers rental assistance to approximately 1,250 households in Mendocino County.
- In collaboration with the CoC, local homeless service providers, and our Landlord Liaison, CDC was able to house 85 homeless individuals/households in 2023 with rental assistance.

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**Community Development Commission of Mendocino County**  
Rental Assistance Programs

**WHO IS ELIGIBLE AND HOW DO THEY APPLY?**

CDC administers many different rental assistance programs, each unique to the communities needs.

- **HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER (HCV) PROGRAM:** The HCV program is CDC's largest rental assistance program, providing rental subsidy to approximately 1,000 households in Mendocino County. When the waiting list is open, this program is available to low-income individuals and families.

**How to Apply:** This waiting list is currently CLOSED, CDC is fully utilizing our voucher program and has housed as many households as possible with the funding we were awarded. Our intention is to open this waiting list towards the end of this year. When the list is open, your client would need to complete a pre-application and submit that to CDC during the waiting list opening dates, this will secure them a spot on the waiting list.

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- **VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (VASH):** The VASH program is designed for homeless Veterans receiving case management and/or clinical services which are provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). CDC provides rental assistance to approximately 60 VASH households.

**How to Apply:** Mendocino County's local Veteran's Clinic screens homeless Veterans for this program. Eligible homeless Veterans are referred by the VA Clinic directly to CDC. Once CDC receives the referral we will process the application for income eligibility, and if eligible, will issue a voucher for the family to search for housing in Mendocino County. Homeless Veterans may contact Mendocino County's Ukiah VA Clinic at 630 Kings Court Ukiah, CA 95482 or call (707) 468-7700 to start the assessment process for the VASH program.

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- **FAMILY UNIFICATION PROGRAM (FUP):** The FUP program is designed for low-income families in which Mendocino County's Public Child Welfare Agency has determined the lack of adequate housing is a factor in removing a child/children from the home or allowing the child/children to return to the home. CDC also has Youth Vouchers under this program for 18-year-old to 24-year-old individuals who left foster care and are homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless. CDC provides rental assistance to approximately 20 households under the Family Unification Program.

**How to Apply:** Mendocino County Family and Children Services determine if a household meets the eligibility criteria for this program. If determined eligible, Family and Children Services will submit a referral directly to CDC. Once CDC receives the referral the family will be placed on the waiting list.

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- **PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH) PROGRAM:** The PSH program is a collaborative program between the Community Development Commission and Mendocino County's Homeless Service Providers. This program provides rental assistance to approximately 136 households and is designed to help chronically homeless individuals with a disability and their families.

**How to Apply:** CDC selects clients for the PSH program directly from the Coordinated Entry System (CES). If your client is chronically homeless with a disability, it is important to make sure they have had a Coordinated Entry Assessment in order to be considered for this program. If you do not have access to the Coordinated Entry System make sure to refer your client to a Front Door Access Point for an assessment (see last slide).

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**PROJECT BASED VOUCHERS (PBV):** The project-based voucher (PBV) rental assistance program is offered by CDC for specific developments located within Mendocino County. A rental subsidy is attached to an identified unit and is provided to individuals and families when they lease a unit at the development. CDC has 140 agency owned project based voucher units located throughout Mendocino County, and Project Based Voucher units located at Orr Creek Commons (Ukiah), Sun House (Ukiah), The Plateau (Fort Bragg), and Walnut Apartments (Fort Bragg).

**How to Apply:** Applying for a PBV unit is different depending on the location of the development.

- **Agency Owned PBV Units:** CDC owns and operates 140 project based voucher units located throughout Mendocino County. These units are available to low-income individuals/households. The waiting list for these units is OPEN. Applications can be obtained at our office or on our website at [www.cdhousing.org/documents#tenant](http://www.cdhousing.org/documents#tenant). Complete the application and submit it to CDC to be placed on the waiting list.

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**Community Development Commission of Mendocino County**  
Rental Assistance Programs

PBV – HOW TO APPLY CONTINUED

**Project Based Voucher units in Fort Bragg**

- **The Plateau PBV Units:** The Plateau offers a total of 20 one-bedroom and two-bedroom project based voucher units located within the Plateau development. These units are designated for low-income, homeless individuals/households and CDC selects applicants directly from the Coordinated Entry System (CES). If your client is homeless, it is important to make sure they have had a Coordinated Entry Assessment in order to be considered for these PBV units. If you do not have access to the Coordinated Entry System (CES) make sure to refer your client to a Front Door Access Point for an assessment.
- **Walnut Apartments PBV Units:** Walnut Apartments offers 25 PBV units consisting of one, two and three-bedroom apartments. This project is available to low-income individuals/households. This waiting list is currently CLOSED.

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**Community Development Commission of Mendocino County**  
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PBV – HOW TO APPLY CONTINUED  
**Project Based Voucher units in Ukiah**

- **Sun House PBV Units:** These units are designed for senior Veterans who receive supportive services from the VA. Eligible households are identified by Mendocino County's local VA. If a unit becomes available, the local VA will submit a referral directly to CDC. If your client is a homeless veteran be sure they contact the Ukiah VA Clinic at 630 Kings Court Ukiah, CA 95482 or you may call (707) 468-7700.
- **Orr Creek Commons:** Orr Creek Commons offers a total of 20 one-bedroom and two-bedroom project based voucher units located within the Orr Creek Development. These units are designated for low-income individuals and families who are receiving specific services from Redwood Community Services (RCS) or Health and Human Services. RCS and/or Health and Human Services identify eligible households and provide the household with a verification letter. With this verification letter the household can submit an application for these PBV units to CDC. Applications can be obtained at our office or found on our website.

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**Community Development Commission of Mendocino County**  
 Rental Assistance Programs

HOW DO WE GUIDE CLIENTS TO YOUR PROGRAM?

- Our website lists any open waiting lists CDC has available, and also includes information on who is eligible and how an applicant can apply for a program. If you are working with a homeless individual, be sure they have had a coordinated entry assessment.
- We realize it's complicated, but we are here to help! You can always contact our Public Service Representatives at (707) 463-5462 if you have questions.
- CDC always sends out an announcement to CoC partner agencies when a waiting list is going to open. Look for these announcements and make sure you are aware of the opening and closing dates.

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**Community Development Commission of Mendocino County**  
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HOW CAN WE HELP MANAGE CLIENT'S EXPECTATIONS WHEN REFERRING TO YOUR PROGRAM?

It is important clients know they are applying for a waiting list. CDC does not have any emergency or quick housing options available. How fast CDC gets through that waiting list is dependent on our funding from HUD.

What is the process?

1. **Apply for rental assistance when a waiting list is open.** If CDC's waiting lists are open, applications can be found on our website at [www.cdchousing.org](http://www.cdchousing.org) or located outside our front office doors.
2. **Wait until your name reaches the top of the list.** Once your client applies they will remain on the waiting list. We notify applicants by mail. Make sure your client gives a good mailing address. If their mailing address changes, make sure they know to always update that address with CDC.
3. **Program Eligibility.** Once your client's name reaches the top of the waiting list, we will send the applicant notification by mail. The notification will include a list of documents the applicant must submit in order for CDC to determine eligibility.
4. **Voucher Briefing.** Once eligible, your client will attend a briefing appointment where they will be issued a voucher to search for housing in Mendocino County. If they applied for a PBV unit and CDC determines they are eligible their application will be referred to the development's property manager.

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**Community Development Commission of Mendocino County**  
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HOW DO WE REACH YOUR PROGRAM FOR FURTHER QUESTIONS?

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

Contact our Public Service Representatives at (707) 463-5462 or email us at [info@cdhousing.org](mailto:info@cdhousing.org)

Check out our website! <http://cdhousing.org/>

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**Front Door Coordinated Entry Access Points**

<p><b>Ukiah – Building Bridges</b>          1045 S. State Street          Ukiah CA. 95482          (707) 234-3270  <a href="https://www.redwoodcommunityservices.org/">https://www.redwoodcommunityservices.org/</a></p>	<p><b>Fort Bragg – Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center</b>          101 N. Franklin Street          Fort Bragg CA 95437          (707) 961-0172  <a href="https://www.mendocinochc.org/">https://www.mendocinochc.org/</a></p>
<p><b>Ukiah – Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority</b>          694 Pinoleville Road          Ukiah CA. 95482          (707) 468-1336  <a href="https://nciha.org/">https://nciha.org/</a></p>	

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**Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center**  
 Rental Subsidies & Assistance

<p><b>Presenter</b>          Paul Davis          Executive Director          (707) 961-0172 x1100          Email: <a href="mailto:paul@mendocinochc.org">paul@mendocinochc.org</a></p> <p><b>Agency</b>          Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center:          101 N. Franklin Street          Mendocino Coast Hospitality House:          237 N. McPherson Street          Fort Bragg, CA 95437</p>	<p><b>Agency Contact Information</b>          Hospitality Center Phone: (707) 961-0172          ➤ Monday through Friday 8:30 AM - 5:PM          Hospitality House Phone: (707) 961-1150          ➤ Seven days a week between 7 AM and 8 PM  <a href="https://www.mendocinochc.org/">https://www.mendocinochc.org/</a></p>
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**Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center**  
 Rental Subsidies & Assistance

**Housing Services**

- Coordinated Entry (CE) Enrollments
- Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Deposit assistance
- Temporary rental assistance
- Landlord Liaison
- Case Management
- Assistance with CDC paperwork
- Transitional Housing
- Assistance with low-income housing paperwork
- Project Homekey Referrals

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**Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center**  
 Rental Subsidies & Assistance

**How to Access Services**

- Open Mon-Fri 8:30 am – 12 pm & 1 pm – 3 pm
- Walk in Appointment Times:
  - Monday 10am – 12pm
  - Friday 1pm – 3pm
- Application Assistance
  - Wednesday 11am
- Phone appointments may be available under special circumstances. Please call (707)961-0172 ext.1150

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**Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority**

**Presenter**  
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 Empowerment & Supportive Services Manager  
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**Agency Contact Information**  
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 Ukiah, CA 95482  
 Office Phone: (707) 468-1336  
 Fax: (707) 468-5615  
<https://nciha.org/>

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**Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority**

Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) works on behalf of 8 Federally Recognized Tribes in Northern California to carry out housing-related programs

- Berry Creek Rancheria of Maidu Indians
- Guidiville Rancheria
- Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
- Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation
- Manchester Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians
- Mooretown Rancheria of Maidu Indians
- Redwood Valley Little River Band of Pomo Indians
- Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians
- Wilton Rancheria

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**Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority**

**Programs and Services**

- Empowerment & Supportive Services (ESS)
- Home Rehabilitation
- Homeowner Assistance Fund
- Move-In Deposit Assistance
- On-Site Housing
- Rental Assistance
- Waugh Lane Residency
- <https://nciha.org/programs/>

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**Special Projects Team  
Housing Needs Flex Fund**

Zoey Fernandez, Program Specialist, Special Projects Team  
Mendocino County Department of Social Services

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**Housing Needs Flex Fund**

- Housing Needs Flex Fund can provide financial assistance to individuals and families impacted by homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- This Flex Fund is designed to be the funder of last resort.

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**Housing Needs Flex Fund**

- Most common uses of the fund is for security deposits, first month of rent, back rent to prevent eviction and rental application fees.
- Rental assistance for more than one month is determined on a case by case basis, but it is only available for families with children.

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**Housing Needs Flex Fund**

- Clients are not permitted to submit an application directly- it must come from a partner agency
- Applications and instructions are on the Mendocino County Continuum of Care website- [mendocinococ.org](http://mendocinococ.org) under "Resources"

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### Housing Needs Flex Fund

- Complete applications must include back up documentation, which generally is a W9, a lease agreement, and/or a ledger for back rent and eviction notice
- HMIS forms for each member of the household and a Verification of Housing Status form is also required
- Funding is not guaranteed and each application is evaluated on a case by case basis
- Checks can take up to three weeks to be ready

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### Housing Needs Flex Fund

- For questions about allowable expenses or any other questions, feel free to email me at [fernandez@mendocinocounty.gov](mailto:fernandez@mendocinocounty.gov)

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### Housing Needs Flex Fund

<https://mendocinococ.org/flexfund>

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**Social Services  
CalWORKs Housing Support  
Program (CWHSP)**

*The CWHSP is through the Mendocino County Department of Social Services, located at Career Point.*

CalWORKs Job Services  
2550 N. State Street, Suite 3  
Ukiah, CA 95482

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**CalWORKs Housing Support  
Program (CWHSP)**

**What can be provided?**

Housing Support services are determined on a case-by-case basis and may include but are not limited to:

- Processing/credit check fees
- Security deposits
- Household items
- Temporary rental assistance

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**CalWORKs Housing Support  
Program (CWHSP)**

**Who is eligible?**

- Must be enrolled in CalWORKs
  - Apply at 737 S. State St. in Ukiah or 764 S. Franklin St. in Fort Bragg
  - Apply online at <https://benefitscal.com/>
- Assists CalWORKs participants who are
  - Experiencing homelessness and used the Temporary Homeless Assistance
  - or
  - Pending eviction

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**CalWORKs Housing Support Program (CWHSP)**

How do we refer a client to your program?

- Eligible CalWORKs recipients are referred to CWHSP by their EFAS Eligibility Specialists.

How do we guide clients to your program?

- Refer them to their EFAS Eligibility Specialist.
- Contact Information for the EFAS Eligibility Specialist can be found at the top right corner of written communications sent to the participant

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**CalWORKs Housing Support Program (CWHSP)**

How can we help manage client’s expectations when referring to your program?

A referral does not guarantee receipt of financial assistance.

What is the process?

When a referral is received from Eligibility Specialist; customer will be contacted by CWHSP Program Specialist either by phone or mail.

Is there a waitlist or an open/closed period?

There is currently a waitlist for CWHSP, but referrals are still encouraged.

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**CalWORKs Housing Support Program (CWHSP)**

How do we reach your program for further questions?

- Contact the CWHSP Program Specialist, Olivia Leon, at 707-467-5505

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Redwood Community Services

**Sage Wolf**

- Homeless Resource Center
- Housing Navigation
- Enhanced Care Management (ECM) & Community Supports

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