

# SSVF Priority 1 Community Plan

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**1. Primary Planning and Coordination Group:** Identify the primary group responsible for planning and coordinating efforts to prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in the CoC. Identify the principal members of this group and their affiliation.

<b>Primary Group Name: Riverside and San Bernardino Counties SSVF Large Planning Group</b>	
<b>Principle Members</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Lois Perkins	Life Community Development (GPD Provider)
Sharon Green	San Bernardino County CoC Chairperson
Christy Hamilton	Office of Homeless Services (San Bernardino County)
Tom Hernandez	Office of Homeless Services (San Bernardino County)
Becky Murillo	Housing Authority County of San Bernardino
Albert Rivera	U.S.VETS Outreach
Elinor Obien	VAMC HUD/VASH and SSVF POC
David Leahy	Riverside County CoC Chairperson
Angela Myles	Hope for Heroes (PSH Provider for Veterans)
Victor Myles	Hope for Heroes (PSH Provider for Veterans)
Jill Kowalski	Riverside County CoC (Collaborative Applicant-DPSS)
Susan Larkin	Valley Restart Shelter (Riverside County)
Renee Smith	Community Action Partnership (San Bernardino)
Kent Paxton	Board of Supervisor Staff San Bernardino County
Karyn Young-Lowe	LightHouse Social Service Centers
Raushanah Walker	U.S.VETS
Teresa Grenawalt	Community Catalysts of California
Janeth Ventura	Community Catalysts of California
Laurie Martell (via phone)	VAMC Social Work Supervisor
Caron Bayor	VAMC HUD/VASH Supervisor
Julie Burnette	KEYS
Maureen O'Keefe-Hodge	KEYS
Josephine Escalante	VAMC GPD Liaison

**2. Ongoing Review and Coordination:** Briefly describe how often (e.g., monthly) the above group or a related review/coordination group meets to review Veterans who are homeless, track progress toward re-housing, and coordinate efforts. Include a summary of what information is reviewed during these meetings.

COC- CA 609 decided to create 2 groups to establish coordination efforts for reviewing and monitoring purposes. The large group would meet on a quarterly basis with the primary goal to look at strategies related to Bridge Housing (set-asides), shelter availability, and better coordination of services. The small group includes: SSVF providers, VAMC staff (including supervisors, VA Outreach workers), and Project HOPE would meet monthly to track the number of placements of veterans (RRH and HP), and the VA will also report the GPD and VASH numbers for housed veterans. The small group will also monitor progress with the CoC Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) pilot. All meetings would be scheduled throughout the County. Priority 1 surge funding will serve 45 Rapid Rehousing and 30 homeless prevention services for SB County. The COC target grantees will serve a total 225.

**3. SSVF Grantees Serving CoC Geography:** Identify each SSVF funded agency serving Veterans in the CoC geography and each SSVF total grant award amount for FY15, including priority 1 (“surge”), 2 (renewals), and 3 (other new) awards. If one agency has multiple awards, list each separately. Pro-rate a grant award amount if the award covers more than one CoC geography. Include the projected annual number of households each grantee can serve and the total number of households across all grantees.

Grantee Agency Name	Grant Amount	Total Annual Projected Households	Total Annual Projected Households: Rapid Re-Housing	% of Total Households to be Assisted with Rapid Re-Housing
LightHouse (SBC)	\$282,642	75 households	45 households	60%
US Vets (SBC)	\$372,402	75 households	45 households	60%
US Vets (SBC Surge)	\$500,000	75 households	45 households	60%
KEYS	\$619,133	150 households	90 households	60%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,774,177</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>60%</b>

**4. Annual Demand and Need for Rapid Re-Housing Assistance:** Using the *Veterans Demand Analysis and Progress Tracking Tool* or other demand analysis data agreed to by the primary group above, identify:

- The most recent actual or projected annual unduplicated number of homeless Veterans (on street and/or who access emergency shelter, Safe Havens, or transitional housing, including GPD) in the CoC geography, by household type
- The number of those Veterans who will need rapid re-housing assistance to exit homelessness
- The number of Veterans needing rapid re-housing assistance who are projected to be eligible for SSVF RRH assistance.

	Annual Unduplicated Homeless Veteran Households	Estimated # of Needing RRH (a)	Projected # to be Assisted with SSVF RRH (b)	Projected # to be Assisted with Other RRH (c)	Gap (a-(b+c))
Households without Children	516	361	220	18	123
Households with Children	11	7	5	0	2
<b>Total Homeless Veteran Households</b>	<b>527</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>125</b>

**5. CoC Goals for Ending Homelessness Among Veterans:** List the CoC’s goals for ending Veteran homelessness by the end of 2015 (fill in additional related goals the CoC has determined, if relevant).

**What are the CoC’s goals for the estimated number of Veterans, including chronically homeless Veterans, who will be homeless as of the night of the January 2016 PIT Count?**

	All Homeless Veteran Households (including CH)			Chronically Homeless Veteran Households		
	Sheltered	Unsheltered	TOTAL	Sheltered	Unsheltered	TOTAL
Households without Children	37	93	130	3	5	8
Households with Children	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total Households</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>

Has the CoC established other goals related to preventing and ending homelessness among Veterans by the end of 2015?  Yes  No

If “Yes”, please describe:

**6. SSVF Integration into CoC Coordinated Assessment System:** Briefly describe how Veterans access SSVF assistance (across all SSVF grantees) via the CoC’s coordinated assessment system (e.g., “All Veterans who present to the CoC coordinated assessment center are screened for their current situation, needs, and SSVF eligibility. Then, If not yet fully developed, describe your plans and implementation timeframe. Specifically address:

- a) How Veterans who present for shelter are screened and diverted to SSVF homelessness prevention assistance when they have somewhere safe and appropriate to stay that night.
- b) How Veterans who become literally homeless are screened and triaged to SSVF rapid re-housing assistance as soon as possible once it is clear the Veteran is unable to resolve their homelessness without assistance.

- A. The coordinated entry and assessment system for the County of San Bernardino will be a hybrid of the telephone-based centralized intake (2-1-1) and through the San Bernardino Homeless Outreach Proactive Team (HOPE). San Bernardino will pilot the CAS with selected cities. The HOPE team and 211 staff members will be conducting VI-SPDAT assessment with all homeless individuals. VI-SPDAT will be entered into HMIS will match household to the appropriate housing placement. Outreach staff will send alert through HMIS as well as follow up phone call to the appropriate housing referral which will include SSVF. The CoC has reached out to ESG providers to provide bridge housing. Veterans will be assigned a case manager to address needs and a SSVF housing navigator to obtain permanent housing. Once permanent housing is obtained, a SSVF case manager will continue to work with SSVF clients until it is clear that the Veteran no longer requires the case manager services.
- B. The planning meeting is working strategically to attract other services providers to assist in the collaboration efforts towards the goal of ending veteran homelessness by the end of 2015.

**7. Long-Term System Improvements:** Briefly describe how the CoC plans to utilize SSVF Priority 1 and all other SSVF funding over the next three years to foster long-term system improvements and optimization so that homelessness is prevented whenever possible and when it does occur, it is rare and brief. Specifically address areas for improvement related to:

- a) Further integrating SSVF assistance into the CoC's planning, oversight processes and coordinated assessment system.
- b) Ensuring comprehensive coordination with VA systems and other VA funded programs.
- c) Improving or establishing partnerships with community-based services and public/private housing providers.

- a) The COC plans on utilizing the SSVF Surge and other funding to meet those with highest needs to eliminate homelessness in San Bernardino County. All SSVF providers have established set a sides. This will integrate and develop best practice in referral eligible veterans to SSVF.
- b) VA representatives will be in attendance at monthly meetings and will ensure adequate coordination to appropriate services.
- c) COC members will launch a collective impact campaign to increase landlord engagement, advocate for additional funding for Stand Downs, direct serves, etc., and strategize effective methods to serve veteran with 290 felony convictions and veterans who have been dishonorably discharged.

**8. Other Strengths and Challenges:** Briefly describe any additional strengths and/or challenges relevant to your achieving VA and local goals.

Strengths: Countywide SOAR Training, Greater collaboration as a result of the CAHP, & outreach services, Development of "Bridge Housing" and additional emergency housing, Coordinated outreach/cross interagency, Regular review of shelter waiting lists, Additional outreach done by SSVF providers, including landlord engagement (meet landlords where they are hear their concerns), and Countywide Housing Fairs.

Challenges: Large geographic area to serve, transportation across the region, finding additional funding for Stand Downs, looking at better ways to serve veteran with 290 felony convictions and veterans who have been dishonorably discharged