

4. *If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.*

The County meets the requirement for homeless participation in the provision of services by consulting and coordinating services with the CoC and Council on Homelessness. The CoC and the Council on Homelessness provide a forum for communication and coordination among agencies and as a group provides advice and input on the operations of homeless services. Consumer input is incorporated into the development of local services through the ongoing participation of consumers in local meetings where they are given the opportunity to provide specific feedback on their needs and experiences with the existing system. In addition, each funded project is required to outline how homeless persons are involved in the operation of shelter and provision of services. Furthermore, the County's Council on Homelessness has a Consumer/Consumer Advocate seat in which the person appointed to that seat typically is either a current or previous consumer of the County's homeless services. The Consumer/Consumer Advocate seat is currently filled.

5. *Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.*

A performance measurement outcome statement is included in all ESG contracts between the County and subrecipients. Projects are monitored and evaluated on meeting the requirements detailed in the statement. Subrecipients are also required to submit periodic progress reports detailing project progress to objectives, problems and/or resolution to meeting goals, quantitative participation data by ethnicity, income and household status. The projects are also subject to financial audit review by County staff. Additional requirements for performance goals and the evaluation of outcomes are established in conjunction with the CoC and the Council on Homelessness.

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