

**FRESNO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION
SANCTUARY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

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Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 9:30 a.m.

Agenda

	<u>Presenter</u>	<u>Motion</u>	<u>Page</u>
I. CALL TO ORDER	Tanya Hicks		
II. ROLL CALL	Anita Ponce		
III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES January 15, 2026, Meeting Minutes	Tanya Hicks	Approve	1
IV. PROGRAM UPDATES A. Impact Reports B. Accomplishments and Challenges C. Funding Activities	Misty Gattie-Blanco	Information	3
V. PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS A. Cooling with Care, July 24, Various locations in Fresno and Madera Counties	Misty Gattie-Blanco	Information	
VI. OTHER BUSINESS A. Sanctuary Advisory Board Disbandment a. <i>Today marks the final meeting of this Advisory Board, as it is no longer required by the state or our funding entities.</i>	Misty Gattie-Blanco	Information	
VII. ADJOURNMENT			

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Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Tanya Hicks, Chairperson, at 11:44 AM

II. COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE

Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.

III. ROLL CALL

Arambula-Reyna, Kathleen <i>Fresno EOC Commissioner</i>		Cervantes, Cynthia <i>Health Representative</i>	X
Buckley, Elizabeth <i>Fresno EOC Commissioner</i>	X	<i>Social Services</i>	V
Turner, Patrick <i>Business/Civic Organization</i>	X	<i>Law Enforcement</i>	V
Hicks, Tanya <i>Community At Large</i>	X	<i>Current/Former Program Representative</i>	V
Corey, Kirsten <i>Education</i>	X	<i>Current/Former Program Representative</i>	V

Present = X, Phone = P, Absent = A, Vacant = V, Excluded = N/A

Staff Present:

Misty Gattie-Blanco, Sanctuary Director
Chrystal Streets, Assistant Director
Anita Ponce, Administrative Assistant III

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting Minutes, December 3, 2025

Motion by: Turner **Second by:** Corey

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard

VI. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Impact Reports

Gattie-Blanco provided an overview to the Committee and noted the LGBTQ+ Resource Center closed on December 27, 2025.

B. Accomplishments and Challenges

Gattie-Blanco provided an overview to the Committee. Turner offered to attend the Reedley City Proclamation for CVAHT.

C. Funding Activities

Gattie-Blanco provided an overview to the Committee. Corey inquired which program starts on January 1, 2026, Gattie-Blanco informed the Committee Project Home will provide permanent housing through master leasing at scattered sites for 23 households.

VII. PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Fresno Madera Point-In-Time Count, January 27 & 28, Fresno & Madera Counties
- B. 40-hour Case Worker Training, TBD, 1900 Mariposa Street, Suite 125, Fresno, CA 93721

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

The Committee voted on moving the remainder of the scheduled 2026 Advisory Board schedule to virtual meetings.

Motion by: Hicks **Second by:** Corey

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM

January - March 2026



Outreach Services



58

**Total Individuals Served
with Navigation**

7 individuals exited to
safe exits

**Rapid
Rehousing**

45

Exits to a safe &
positive destination

1

**Sanctuary
Transitional
Shelter**

58

Exits to a safe &
positive destination

34

**Bridge
Housing**

43

Exits to a safe &
positive destination

25

**Permanent
Housing**

86

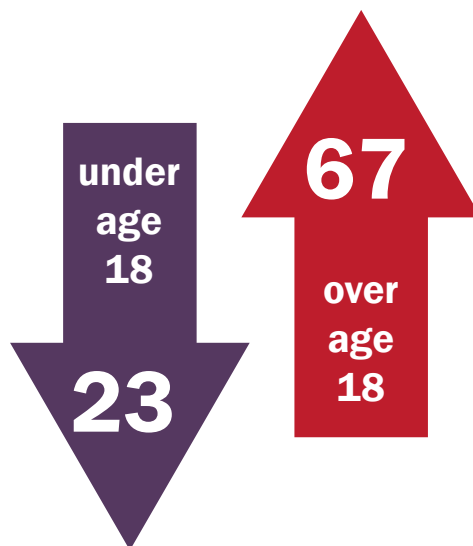
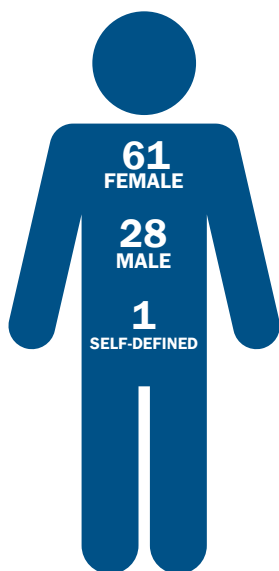
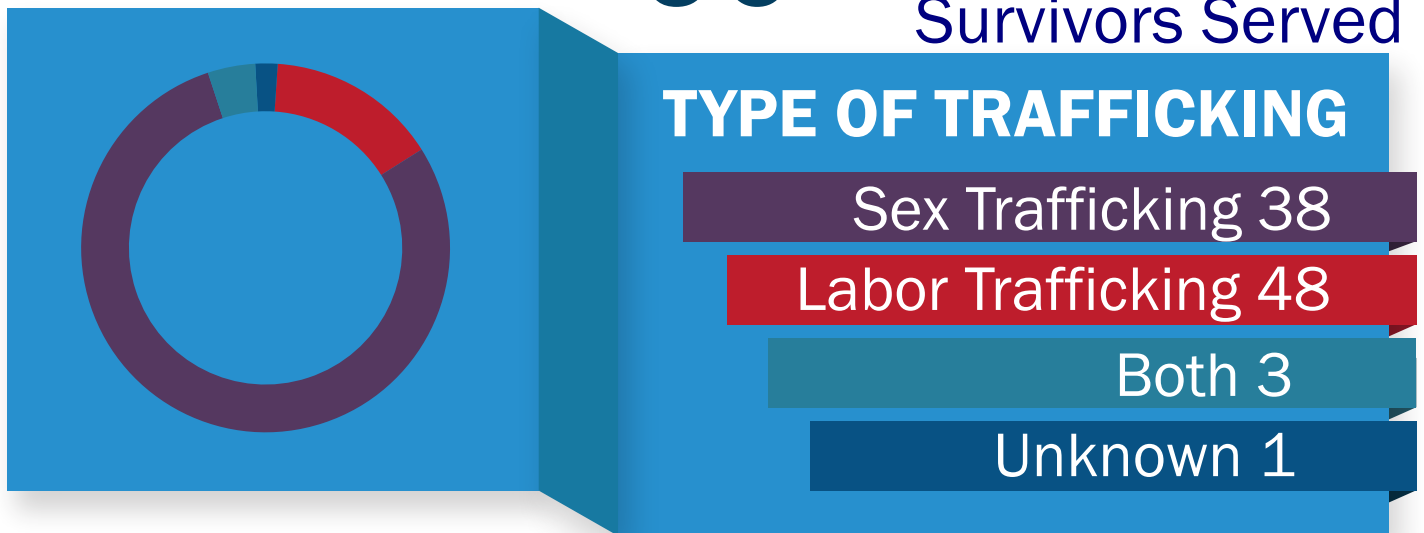
Exits to a safe &
positive destination

1

Central Valley Against Human Trafficking

January - March 2026

90 Human Trafficking Survivors Served



Accomplishments and Challenges January – March 2026

Program	Accomplishments	Challenges	Acclamations
Outreach and Navigation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HERO Team identified and assisted over 58 unduplicated individuals with street-based outreach services. HERO Team also navigated seven (7) exiting to positive destinations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HERO Team created 2,000 health and hygiene kits for the 2026 Point-In-Time Count.
Safe Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Safe Place Week took place March 15-21. Sanctuary featured one partner daily on social media and also visited all 17 Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County to show the programs appreciation of their partnership. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lack of dedicated funding to support a Safe Place Coordinator or support staff makes this project difficult to maintain. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanctuary Director was appointed to the National Safe Place Advisory Board in January 2026. Fresno EOC has had a presence on that board since 2013.
Shelters and Youth Bridge Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sanctuary Transitional Shelter assisted 58 people with 34 exiting to a positive destination. Bridge Housing assisted 43 individuals with 25 exiting to a positive destination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time.
Youth Rapid Rehousing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Spark assisted 27 households (45 individuals) with rapid rehousing assistance (one year of housing services); one (1) household existed to permanent housing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time.
Permanent Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Phoenix assisted 86 with permanent housing; (one) 1 household exited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None at this time. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project HOME, new master leasing PSH opened in January and has been ramping up to fill all 23 households.
Central Valley Against Human Trafficking (CVAHT)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVAHT's Emergency Shelter Apartment has continued to offer safe temporary shelter and is currently sheltering one (1) client. CVAHT staff served a total of 90 clients from January to March 31st. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Case Manager/Advocates have taken on full caseloads and are at capacity. The program continues to search for additional funds to meet the increasing demand for HT services. CVAHT experienced turnover of one (1) staff position and spent significant time recruiting. The position was filled in March with a previous staff reducing the training time as they were certified in the required 40-hour training. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CVAHT participated in several proclamations in January with partner agencies for "National Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month". Proclamations included the City of Fresno, the County of Fresno, the City of Reedley, Kerman and Mendota. CVAHT hosted their 40-hour Human Trafficking Caseworker Training in February with 18 new Case Manager/Advocates that became certified from Merced, Fresno, Madera, Bakersfield, San Jose and Redding CA.

Funding Activities

Current Projects

Sponsor/Funding Entity	Grant Name / Type of Work	Component	Project Date	Funding Amount
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)	Homeless Youth Emergency Services Pilot (HY) Program Funds will continue crisis intervention and stabilization services for homeless youth (18-24). Funding is up to \$500,000/year for five years.	Homeless Services	04/01/22 - 03/31/27	\$2,375,000
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime	Integrated Services for Minor Trafficking Victims of Human Trafficking To provide direct services to minor victims of all forms of human trafficking and partner with two sub-awardees.	CVAHT	10/01/23 - 09/30/26	\$618,230
County of Fresno	Homeless Housing Assistance and Rapid Rehousing (HHAP) for Youth To continue Youth Bridge Housing at N Street and expand to include Youth Rapid Rehousing	Homeless Services	07/01/24 - 06/30/29	\$4,368,334
City of Fresno	Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) for Youth Funding to continue Youth Bridge Housing located at N Street and expand to diversion and navigation assistance.	Homeless Services	10/01/24 - 06/30/28	\$899,745
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)	Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program Partner with sub-awardees to provide safety and supportive services to victims and survivors.	CVAHT	04/01/25 - 03/31/26	\$566,666
Various MCP's	FMCOC - LE Funding to support a Lived Experience Liaison and stipends with FMCOC.	Homeless Services	07/01/25 - 06/30/27	\$305,948
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) - PHoenix Project, PSH Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	09/01/25 - 08/31/26	\$565,578
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) - HERO Team 2 Expansion Supportive Services Only Funding to provide additional outreach and assessment to chronically homeless individuals and/or families and identify an assessment site location.	Homeless Services	09/01/25 - 08/31/26	\$558,816
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) - Project Rise Expansion Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	11/01/25 - 11/30/26	\$779,877



Sponsor/Funding Entity	Grant Name / Type of Work	Component	Project Date	Funding Amount
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) – Project Hearth, PSH Funding for rental assistance, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	10/01/25 – 09/30/26	\$375,642
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) – Project Home Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	01/01/26 – 12/31/26	\$542,405

Funding Activities

Pending Projects

Sponsor/Funding Entity	Grant Name / Type of Work	Component	Project Date	Funding Amount
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)	Human Trafficking Victim Assistance Program Partner with sub-awardees to provide safety and supportive services to victims and survivors.	CVAHT	04/01/26 - 03/31/27	\$566,666
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime	Housing Assistance for Trafficking Victims of Human Trafficking To provide short-term housing assistance to victims of all forms of human trafficking.	CVAHT	07/01/26 - 06/30/29	\$1,190,265
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime	Integrated Services for Minor Victims of Human Trafficking To provide case management and supportive services to minor victims of all forms of human trafficking.	CVAHT	07/01/26 - 06/30/29	\$688,780
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime	Preventing Trafficking of Girls To provide prevention and early intervention services for girls at risk or who are victims for sex and/or labor trafficking.	CVAHT	07/01/26 - 06/30/29	\$497,000
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) - PHOENIX Project, PSH Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	09/01/26 - 08/31/27	\$539,967
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) - HERO Team 2 Expansion Supportive Services Only Funding to provide additional outreach and assessment to chronically homeless individuals and/or families and identify an assessment site location.	Homeless Services	09/01/26 - 08/31/27	\$558,816
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) - Project Rise Expansion Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	11/01/26 - 11/30/27	\$609,927
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) - Project Hearth, PSH Funding for rental assistance, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	10/01/26 - 09/30/27	\$313,000



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) – Project Home Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	01/01/27 – 12/31/27	\$542,405
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Funding Activities

Completed Projects

Sponsor/Funding Entity	Grant Name / Type of Work	Component	Project Date	Funding Amount
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Program, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention	Mentoring for Youth Affected by the Opioid Crisis and Drug Addiction To address opioid and stimulant use through education, prevention and treatment and providing one on one mentoring.	LGBTQ	10/01/21 - 09/30/24 *extension approved through 04/30/25	\$625,000
U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Office for Victims of Crime	Housing Assistance for Trafficking Victims of Human Trafficking To provide short-term housing assistance to victims of all forms of human trafficking.	CVAHT	10/01/21 - 09/30/24 *extension approved through 06/30/25	\$594,316
SCAN Health Plan	SCAN Community Giving To provide emergency financial assistance to at-risk and/or homeless adults over 55 years old.	Homeless Services	07/01/24 - 06/30/25	\$25,000
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) - PHOENIX Project, PSH Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	09/01/24 - 08/31/25	\$487,032
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) - HERO Team 2 Expansion Supportive Services Only Funding to provide additional outreach and assessment to chronically homeless individuals and/or families and identify an assessment site location.	Homeless Services	09/01/24 - 08/31/25	\$525,000
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) - Project Hearth, PSH Funding for rental assistance, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	10/01/24 - 09/30/25	\$325,490
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care Program Competition	FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) - Project Rise Expansion Provides permanent housing through master leasing, operations, supportive services, and administration.	Homeless Services	11/01/24 - 11/30/25	\$682,100
City of Fresno	LGBTQ+ Resource Center Funding approved during the City Council's General Budget hearing to support general operations and staffing.	LGBTQ	07/01/25 - 02/28/26	\$75,000