

See attached response to the report titled *How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?*. I apologize for the tardiness of this submission.

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How is Orange County Addressing Homelessness?

City of Westminster Response

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R4: The City of Westminster is currently in the process of creating the Central Cities Navigation Center, in collaboration with Garden Grove and Fountain Valley. This facility is on track to be completed and operational by the end of 2023. The facility will be able to house people with severe and persistent mental illness and addiction issues in a secure setting.

R5: The City of Westminster partnered with real estate developer Meta Housing Corporation and other local agencies and organizations to build a 65-unit affordable housing development. The development is named Westminster Crossing and was completed in 2022. Of the 65 units, 44 are devoted to working individuals and/or families earning between 20% and 70% of Orange County's median income. The remaining 20 units are permanent supportive housing units serving individuals experiencing homelessness and Orange County Health Care Agency (OCHCA) clients with complex physical and behavioral health conditions. The Orange County Housing Authority (OCHA) accepted applications for Project Based Voucher (PBV) units for individuals experiencing homelessness starting in April 2021. Admission preference was given to applicants experiencing homelessness, eligible for services under the Special Needs Housing Program, and referred by the Orange County Coordinated Entry System (CES) to OCHA. The project serves as an affordable housing option for individuals exiting the emergency shelters in Orange County.

The City of Westminster also has an open Request for Project Proposals (RFP) seeking applications and proposals from organizations that can be certified as Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's), with the qualifications and capacity to develop affordable, multi-family rental housing for lower income households at or below 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI) per the income requirements of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) regulations. An estimated \$1,978,706 in HOME CHDO funds from FY 2022-2023 and prior year carryovers, \$1,294,125 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), \$2,985,339 in Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) and \$1,371,141 in HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP), for a total of approximately \$7,629,311, is expected to be available under this RFP. The City hopes to attract a project that serves as an affordable housing option for individuals exiting the emergency shelters in Orange County.

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