

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This document comprises Alameda County's 2022 Youth Action, A Way Home Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) to prevent and end homelessness for youth and young adults while supporting those experiencing homelessness. It is the product of six months of collaborative work by the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), the YHDP core team (Healthcare Services Agency, Social Services Agency, Community Development Agency, ALL IN Alameda County and staff of the EveryOne Home (Continuum of Care (CoC)). The team engaged stakeholders across the county. The plan is focused on improving the access to and delivery of services to youth and young adults experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The plan is also focused on developing innovative solutions to address the extremely high cost of rent in Alameda County.

Youth and young adults were seen, heard, and supported to investigate the root barriers to ending youth and young adult homelessness and to develop solutions for overcoming those barriers. Members of the YAB both co-led the planning committee and authored sections of this report.

The document describes the mission and vision of the Youth Action, A Way Home Coordinated Community Plan Committee; illustrates the needs of youth and young adults experiencing or at risk of homelessness; describes the planning, governance, and implementation of the CCP; places the plan in the broader context of ending homelessness in Alameda County; and lays out the goals, objectives, and action steps (and entities responsible for these action steps) developed by the YAB and YHDP Core Team to meet the needs identified through the community planning process. Appendices contain supporting information, including additional data of the impact of COVID-19, special activities and YAB's letter of support.

Alameda County has identified objectives and action steps necessary to reach the following 5 goals to work towards ending and preventing youth homelessness proposes a total of \$6.7 million dollars to fund 5 projects driven by the following five goals:

1. Systems Enhancements: Cross-Systems Partnerships/Collaboration
2. Youth and Young Adult Collaboration
3. Economic Stability
4. Legal Advocacy
5. Increasing Transportation (Mobility) for YYA Experiencing Homelessness

We the representatives of Alameda County greatly appreciate the opportunity to participate in the YHDP and look forward to continuing to partner with HUD to end homelessness among youth and young adults in Alameda County.