



Housing and Homelessness Resource/Information List

Housing

[Housing Authority of San Luis Obispo \(HASLO\)](#) has been committed to building and maintaining affordable housing for citizens in our community since 1968.

[People's Self-Help Housing \(PSHH\)](#) has been serving California's Central Coast (SLO, Santa Barbara, Monterey, and Ventura Counties) since 1970 with a mission of building homes and providing services to strengthen communities and change lives.

[Transitions Mental Health Association \(TMHA\)](#) provides housing for those with mental illness and their families. They offer housing services to over 300 individuals each year, at every level of need.

[Access Support Network \(ASN\)](#) prioritizes finding suitable and stable housing for their clients that are HIV+ and/or living with Hepatitis C. They have a Housing Case Manager, as well as owning and operating 12 units of rent-subsidized units for low-income clients. They also operate a street outreach team in Monterey County and are hoping to expand this successful program to SLO County.

[SLO4Home](#) is a broad coalition of religious organizations, veteran and active-duty military members, and community activists who are helping Afghan refugees establish new lives and livelihoods on the Central Coast. In addition to housing, they focus on job assistance, education, health, transportation, culture and hospitality.

[Housing Trust Fund of SLO County](#) helps builders get funds at favorable rates to construct affordable housing that is badly needed.

[SLO County YIMBY](#) (Yes in my Back Yard) is a local group that meets monthly and says Yes to housing! They support inclusive, diverse, vibrant communities, and clean air and green space for everyone.

[HouseKeys](#) is the program administrator for the City of SLO affordable housing programs. They work alongside cities and builders to provide opportunities for income-eligible households.

[HomeShareSLO](#) partners home providers with those seeking housing. They serve all of SLO County and are offering a \$1,000 incentive to SLO County home providers who sign up to rent space in their homes to another SLO County resident.

[Waterman Peace Village](#) in Downtown SLO is seeking to build a sustainable micro village that is affordable and environmentally friendly, and will add up to 20 tiny homes at Dana Street.

Homelessness

Nonprofits:

[Homebase](#) is a statewide non-profit dedicated to building community capacity to prevent and end homelessness. This Month's Peer Communities call will focus on Re-Housing from Temporary Shelter on June 23 from 12-1pm; [register here](#).

[Hope's Village of SLO](#) is committed to planning a model sustainable community village of tiny houses for chronically unhoused veterans and other people who have little or no income in SLO County.



[Transitions Mental Health Association \(TMHA\)](#) has an expanded homeless services program, including their Housing Now, Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), Library Outreach Team (LOT), and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH).

Emergency and Transitional Shelter:

[5 Cities Homeless Coalition \(5CHC\)](#) serves the needs of the homeless in South San Luis Obispo County through a collaborative approach. Partnering with the County of SLO and City of Grover Beach, they will be implementing a temporary emergency shelter, anticipated to open Summer 2022!

[Lumina Alliance](#) provides survivors of intimate partner violence or sexual assault/abuse and their children with a safe space and emergency shelter for healing and recovery. Two are in North SLO County and one is in the city of SLO.

[40 Prado](#) is based out of the City of San Luis Obispo and provides services to assist the homeless, including emergency shelter, food, counseling, tutoring, job training, and assistance with finding permanent housing, and more.

[El Camino Homeless Organization \(ECHO\)](#) is a nonprofit helping those facing homelessness, and operates three facilities in North County that each provide meals and a safe and secure overnight shelter to meet the immediate needs of our community. Residents are provided individual case management services and are taught life skills to help them succeed.

County:

[Homeless Services Oversight Council \(HSOC\)](#) is a local collaborative planning and policy forum to advocate for and provide recommendations relating to homelessness.

[Blue Bag Partnership Pilot](#) was a successful 4-week collaborative effort to voluntarily remove trash from a Creekside homeless encampment and connect people to resources.

[County of SLO Department of Social Services](#) helps with anything from food stamps to housing to job placement and more.

Grassroots:

[SLO County Citizens Commission on Homelessness](#) was created to identify gaps and redundancies in services, as well as identify actionable steps to improve the human condition of our unhoused neighbors. View their Action Report and Recommendations [here](#).

Street Outreach and Crisis Care

Mobile Crisis Unit is a pilot program in the City of SLO to respond to non-emergency 911 calls related to things such as homelessness, with an EMT tech and social worker. Contact EMT Tech Keanu Morrison [here](#).

[Salvation Army](#) operates a street outreach team to provide resources for those who are chronically unhoused throughout the Central Coast, spanning four Counties in California. They also provide other services for the unhoused such as food pantries, re-entry services, and more.



[LAGS Recovery Centers, Inc. Mobile Mental Wellness Outreach Team](#) was created to help mitigate mental health crises on the street. Two teams serve SLO County as well as the city of Santa Maria.

[Mental Health Evaluation Team \(MHET\)](#) assists the community, hospitals and law enforcement with crisis intervention services and mental health consultations to determine whether immediate inpatient psychiatric treatment is required, and is an alternative to calling 911 for non-emergency situations.

Community Action Team (CAT) partners social workers with law enforcement side-by-side to respond to calls involving mental health issues and to provide immediate support options to the clients in crisis. [City of SLO](#) has a program, partnering TMHA with SLOPD, and the [County](#) operates another, partnering Behavioral Health with the Sheriff's Office.

Safe Parking

There are safe parking sites being operated at Railroad Square in SLO, at Oklahoma Avenue by the jail off Hwy 1, and at 40 Prado. Contact [CAPSLO](#) for more information.

Faith-Based and Community Services

[Catholic Charities](#) will help with assistance for rent, utilities, food stamp and health insurance applications, as well as immigration and citizenship pathways, laser tattoo removal, and more.

[Paso Cares](#) is a local non-profit whose mission is to provide for the immediate and longer term needs of homeless and needy persons and families in the Paso Robles area. Their members attend several local churches and come from a variety of professional backgrounds.

[Los Osos Cares](#) provides a resource center to serve families and adults in need. They aid with medical services, mental health services, employment, transportation, housing and legal issues, and provide free community dinners every Thursday of the month.

[Estero Bay Kindness Coalition](#) serves families across Estero Bay and created Bags of Love, a program that delivers 3 bags of groceries per week to over 130 families. They also operate Sunshine and Seed, a new and gently used kids clothing collective where kids can shop for free.

[Shower the People](#) is a community-based mobile shower program that offers showers to homeless people. They currently provide showers at locations in Grover Beach and SLO and are continuing to look to expanding. They also have lists of where to get something to eat across the County, including at faith-based organizations, little free food pantries, food bank locations, and more.

[Food Not Bombs](#) provides healthy meals for the hungry every Sunday from 1-3pm at Mitchell Park. They also provide clothing and connect participants to needed services.

[United Way of SLO County](#) operates [211 SLO County](#) where you can search for all kinds of services and resources across the County.