



**Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) Board
Agenda for November 30, 2022 (ADDENDUM)
1:00pm-5:00pm Pacific Time**

Public Zoom Link:

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	Agenda Item	Packet Item	Presenter	Time
	<i>Note: Item 6.5 is proposed for adoption via one motion as the Consent Calendar.</i>	N/A		
6.5	Letter of Support for Nation’s Finest (SSVF NOFA)	Staff report and draft letter	N/A – Consent Item	w/Consent Calendar

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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**Sonoma County Continuum of Care Board
Agenda Report**

Item No: 6.5 (Addendum Item)
Subject: Letter supporting Nation's Finest SSVF Funding
Meeting Date: November 30, 2022
Staff Contacts: Dave Kiff, Interim Executive Director, Dave.Kiff@sonoma-county.org

SUMMARY: [Nation's Finest](#) is applying for a grant from the US Department of Veterans Affairs' [Supportive Services for Veteran Families](#) (SSVF) Program Office. The funding would support Nation's Finest's homeless services work at Windsor Veterans Village. Nation's Finest has asked for a letter of support from the Continuum of Care to add to Nation's Finest's application.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Authorize the Board chair or Vice-Chair to sign the attached letter.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Letter of Support for Nation's Finest



Sonoma County Continuum of Care
1440 Guerneville Road, Santa Rosa CA

November 30, 2022

US Department of Veterans Affairs
Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Program Office

VIA E-Mail at SSVF@va.gov

Dear Department of Veterans Affairs SSVF Program Office:

The Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC) understands that Nation's Finest is applying for SSVF funding to serve homeless at-risk veterans in our CoC service area. We support this application.

Nation's Finest actively participates in the Sonoma County's Coordinated Entry process by entering veterans in the system and coordinating referrals to the Windsor Veterans Village and to other residential programs. Nation's Finest also participates in the bimonthly By Names List meetings for homeless veterans. Nation's Finest is a member of the Coordinated Entry Advisory Committee and Emergency Shelter Standards Committee within this CoC, and is actively involved in improving the coordinated entry process.

Nation's Finest has helped build the capacity of the coordinated entry system by coordinating placement of veterans in the system into permanent supportive housing at the Windsor Veterans Village and/or providing emergency housing assistance to them, reducing the demand on the local shelter system. Nation's Finest has served hundreds of veterans who were homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in Sonoma County this past year.

The Sonoma County Continuum of Care is supportive of Nation's Finest pursuing this funding and welcomes Nation's Finest as a continuing provider within this CoC. Thank you for your anticipated support of Nation's Finest's proposal.

Sincerely,

TOM SCHWEDHELM
Board Chair, Sonoma County Continuum of Care