



DRAFT Objectives for Action Planning for FYs 2020-2021 and 2021-2022

For Consideration at October 26, 2020 HCFC Council Meeting

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This Action Planning process is currently continuing to use the structure of the national [Framework for an Equitable COVID-19 Response](#) to help guide planning process, and these draft Action Planning Objectives are organized by the Framework's five (5) Action Areas.

At the October 26, 2020 HCFC Council Meeting, Council Members and the public will have the opportunity to weigh in on these draft Action Planning Objectives and the Council will be asked to approve a version of these Objectives which will be used to guide the more detailed planning work to follow. Through further stakeholder input discussions, planning across State agencies, and Council meetings, prioritized strategies and activities will be identified and developed to support the pursuit of these Objectives.

Informed by those planning processes, these Objectives may be further revised prior to final adoption of the Action Plan by the Council, currently forecast for the March 2021 Council meeting.

HCFC DRAFT ACTION PLANNING OBJECTIVES

Action Area A: Unsheltered People

- 1. Continue to support California communities to implement multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional outreach and protective measures addressing the health and safety needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond.**
- 2. Improve access, and address racial inequities within such access, to essential State-supported services appropriate for the needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including through Medi-Cal and behavioral health care reforms.**

Action Area B: Shelters

- 3. Partner with communities to implement innovative approaches and expand the supply of safe, housing-placement focused sheltering and interim housing models for Californians experiencing homelessness.**
- 4. Expand alignment and engagement of State resources, including Medi-Cal and behavioral health care resources, in efforts to address health disparities and services needs among Californians temporarily staying within sheltering and interim housing options.**

Action Area C: Housing

- 5. Mobilize State resources, technical assistance, and guidance to strengthen implementation of Housing First approaches and other best practices in support of equitably and urgently rehousing people from Project Roomkey sites, from other temporary settings, and from unsheltered homelessness.**
- 6. Foster the creation of an expanded supply of affordable and supportive housing opportunities, paired with appropriate health and behavioral health care resources, that is accessible and**

culturally responsive to people exiting homelessness, to people at lowest income levels, and to people from historically marginalized communities.

7. **Improve access to short- and longer-term forms of rental assistance** to encourage innovations, to support racially equitable and successful exits from homelessness, and to support housing development activities.

Action Area D: Diversion and Prevention

8. **Reduce entries into homelessness as people exit and/or receive services from State-funded settings and systems, addressing racial inequities within risks of experiencing homelessness**, with initial focus on people re-entering communities from jails and prisons, young adults connected to the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems, and people exiting health care settings and programs.
9. **Enhance communities' capacity to provide targeted homelessness prevention interventions and to successfully divert people** from entering shelter or experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Action Area E: Strengthening Systems for the Future

10. **Strengthen racial equity-focused responses, strategies, and activities of organizations** receiving State funding for any homelessness services and housing activities.
11. **Ensure that State and local planning and decision-making processes are deeply informed and guided by recommendations from people with lived expertise** from experiences of homelessness.
12. **Incentivize interjurisdictional and regional planning, decision-making, and accountability, and support capacity for such coordination** through "mapping" and local gaps analysis activities focused on needs, demographics and inequities, and service delivery capacities.
13. **Enhance partnerships between homelessness services systems and workforce development systems** to improve access to employment services and employment for people experiencing and exiting homelessness.
14. **Support California communities to develop disaster preparedness plans that are more inclusive** of the needs of people experiencing homelessness.
15. **Expand State communications efforts to create public awareness** of the State's homelessness strategies, successes, challenges, and the importance of Housing First approaches.