

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA

# California Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 3 (HHAP-3) Talking Points for Elected and Government Officials

### Overview of HHAP-3 Funding

- 1 billion dollars in California HHAP-3 funding has been made available to support building regional coordination and a unified response to reduce homelessness across California. The funds available in this third round of HHAP funding is greater than rounds 1 and 2 combined.
- Applications must be submitted with a local Homelessness Action Plan including locally established outcome goals to be achieved by 2024.
- The local homelessness action plan and outcome goals must be agendized at a regular meeting of the community's governing body and include opportunity for public comment before submitting to the State by no later than June 30, 2022.
- Not all funding is being offered now; 180 million dollars in bonus funding will be available to grantees that meet funding obligations and achieve outcome goal requirements.

### Outcome Goal Setting

- Outcome goals should be ambitious and based on the full landscape of resources and investments in the homeless response system.
- The State has provided every community with baseline data points from HDIS data to help in setting these goals. Communities must use this data for their goal setting.
- Outcome goals must be focused on reducing the number of people experiencing homelessness, increasing the rate at which people secure housing, shortening the length of time people remain homeless, reducing the number of people who return to homelessness after they are permanently housed, reducing disparities, and achieving greater equity.

### Requirements to Ensure Consistency with Best Practices

- HHAP funds must be invested in programs and services that are Housing First compliant, low barrier, trauma-informed and culturally responsive.

- Housing First: Persons experiencing homelessness should be connected to a permanent home as quickly as possible. Participation in services is not a condition of housing tenancy.
- Low-Barrier: Programs do not establish eligibility criteria beyond what is mandated by funding or health and safety regulations.
- Trauma-Informed: An approach to service delivery that recognizes and responds to program participants' previous trauma and provides participants with safety, respect, and choice.
- Culturally Responsive: Services are framed by understanding of culture and include participants in the design, delivery, and evaluation of services.
- HHAP grantees must establish a mechanism for people with lived experience of homelessness to meaningfully inform and shape all levels of planning and implementation.
- HHAP grantees should demonstrate commitment to advancing racial and gender equity through identifying and implementing strategies to reduce disparities in the local homeless response system.

### Regional Partnerships

- Overlapping jurisdictions (city/county/CoC) should partner together to review baseline data and establish shared outcome goals.
- Cooperation and alignment between jurisdictions will strengthen local homelessness action plans, assist with developing shared outcome goals and complimentary strategic investments of HHAP-3 and other funding to achieve outcome goals.

