



OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

Introduction

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is seeking partnership with California Federally Recognized Tribes and stakeholders in the development of the 2023 Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (Tribal HHAP) Program.

Tribal HHAP provides up to \$20 million to California Federally Recognized Tribes to help prevent and end homelessness in their communities in culturally appropriate, meaningful ways. This second round of Tribal HHAP funding will be awarded to grantees in 2023.

Tribal HHAP is built in tribal partnership and consultation, with community input utilized in the development of key programming, such as the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), Tribal HHAP Application, and more. Through meaningful partnerships with the communities in need of funding, Tribal HHAP has set a state precedent that is being built upon in 2023.

Cal ICH is seeking to expand upon these partnerships and further improve upon Tribal HHAP, ensuring funding to prevent and address homelessness is accessible to those California Federally Recognized Tribes who need it most.

Funding Flexibility

Tribal communities hold the expertise to design and implement culturally responsive solutions that meet the needs of their communities. With that in mind, funding is available that can flexibly support a variety of interventions. Examples of eligible uses include, but are not limited to:

Rapid Rehousing: Case management, services, and financial support to help individuals and families find and retain permanent housing, including assistance with move-in costs, essential supplies, and connections to supports and services to ensure continued success.

Landlord Incentives: Financial incentives to encourage landlords to allow a home to be rented and to support staff that engage landlords and support individuals and families that may otherwise have trouble securing housing.

Permanent Housing & Innovative Housing Solutions: The development of new permanent housing solutions, including motel conversions and financial leverage to access other funding sources.

Operating subsidies: Subsidizing new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.

Strengthening Crisis Response Systems: Emergency shelters, street outreach, and other crisis services. Strengthening partnerships between behavioral health, child welfare, juvenile justice, criminal justice, and tribal systems. Meeting needs like shelter, clothing, and personal hygiene, while also



helping individuals and families resolve crisis and swiftly secure permanent housing opportunities that will end their homelessness.

Services Coordination: Improving access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing. Transportation for individuals and families in supportive programs, and childcare.

Systems Support: Activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations, including homeless youth. This includes coalition development and software necessary to implement data-informed programs.

Prevention & Shelter Diversion: Services and activities that connect individuals and families to permanent housing and help them to be successful. Payment of overdue rent costs for individuals and families at risk of homelessness. Cultural mentors for youth at risk of homelessness.

Interim Sheltering: Supporting individuals and families in hotels, domestic violence centers, interim shelters, and treatment centers, while they are prepared for permanent housing with services such as workforce development, life skills, credit counseling, and substance use disorder treatment.

2023 Timeline

February -on, Cal ICH will be engaging California Federally Recognized Tribes to build relationship, announce the availability of funding, and share opportunities for partnership.

In **March**, Cal ICH will be seeking feedback from our Tribal Partners in the development of application processes that meet the needs of Tribal Communities, such as the NOFA, application, and allocation methodology.

In **April**, Cal ICH will release the application announcement, with consideration of the needs of California's Federally Recognized Tribes, for this year's round of funding.

In **April - June 2023**, Cal ICH will be further engaging California Federally Recognized Tribes and providing technical assistance as they complete their applications.

On **June 30, 2023**, applications must be submitted to Cal-ICH, per Section 50218.6(3)(B) of the Health & Safety Code. Cal ICH will respond to applications within 30 days of receipt.

It is expected grant awards will be paid by the end of **2023**.

2023 grant awards will need to be spent by **June 30, 2027**.

Contact Cal ICH

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