



# Tribal HHAP

## Application Guidance Q&As

### *Eligible Uses for Tribal HHAP Funding*

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**1. Do Tribal HHAP funds support transitional housing?**

Yes, transitional housing is an eligible use of funds.

**2. Can a Tribal HHAP Grantee use funds to purchase land to build a shelter on?**

Yes, purchasing land for purposes of preventing and ending homelessness is an eligible use.

**3. Can these funds be used to leverage other state and federal resources?**

Yes, Tribal HHAP funds can be utilized to help access other funding resources when used for eligible purposes to prevent and end homelessness.

**4. If a Tribal HHAP Grantee has a project funded by the Department of Housing & Community Development's (HCD) Homekey grant funds, could Tribal HHAP funds be used for operations?**

Yes.

**5. Are capital matching funds for HCD's Homekey an eligible use?**

Yes. These funds can be used as a match for Homekey capital or operating costs.

**6. Are "Cash for Keys" an eligible use? This is a program that includes an agreement that an individual or individuals in a foreclosed home will move out and leave the home in good condition in exchange for moving funds.**

Yes

**7. Do eligible uses include "Sprungs" structures used as shelters? (Sprung structures are a construction solution that requires portable warehouses, temporary storage shelters, or permanent or temporary storage.)**



Yes, sprungs can be an eligible use, when the structures are used to prevent and end homelessness.

**8. Is hiring/contracting with a professional housing developer or architect an eligible use?**

Yes, when used for a project that is designed to prevent and/or end homelessness within the community.

**9. Could a current staff member's existing salary be covered by Tribal HHAP funds at 100%?**

Yes, paying for employees who are 100% dedicated to eligible activities is an eligible use.

**10. Are Tribal HHAP Grantees required to demonstrate site control at the time of application submission?**

Site control is not a requirement for the submission of a Tribal HHAP Application. Applicants may be at different phases of acquiring land or structures used for the prevention and ending of homelessness at the time of the application.

**11. What are the documents needed to apply for funding to procure or purchase land with grant funds?**

No documents are required outside of the Tribal HHAP Application and attachments. However, please note that, should Cal ICH receive Tribal HHAP Applications that total more than \$20 million, a need-based allocation formula will be applied, and it is possible documents related to the applicant's needs will be requested.

**12. Is procurement a requirement for land purchases, when used for eligible Tribal HHAP purposes?**

No. Tribal HHAP comes from state general funds, which do not include this requirement.

**13. Are food purchases allowed?**

Yes, food purchases that support activities to prevent and end homelessness are allowable expenditures.



**14. Can Tribal HHAP funds be used to pay off an individual’s mortgage and give the individual the deed?**

No, but funds can be utilized to pay off a building owned by the tribe for purposes of sheltering or housing individuals or families in need. Additionally, mortgage payment assistance and other supportive services and options are eligible uses for individuals at risk of losing their home.

### ***Partnerships & Subcontractors***

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**15. Can a tribal jurisdiction partner with outside groups who are not Native American?**

Yes

**16. Are partnerships with subcontractors required?**

While partnerships are encouraged when they improve service delivery or coordination of services, partnerships are not a requirement for Tribal HHAP.

### ***Contract Language***

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**17. Will the standard agreement be available for review in advance of the grant submission deadline of June 30, 2022?**

Yes, the standard agreement will be available for grantees to view in advance of the June 30, 2022, grant deadline.

**18. Will Tribal HHAP Grantees be required to waive sovereign immunity in order to receive Tribal HHAP funding?**

No.

### ***Other Grant Requirements***

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**19. Will tribes be able to access bonus funding for HHAP Round 3 funding like CoC, County & City recipients?**

The bonus funding is tied to goal setting that is required of CoCs, but not a requirement of Tribal HHAP; therefore, Tribal HHAP Grantees are not eligible.

**20. What Average Medium Income (AMI) is required?**

Eligibility for services provided with Tribal HHAP funds is not based on AMI. It is for individuals or families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. There is no income cap set by Cal ICH.

**21. Will participants be required to pay some type of rent?**

Cal ICH does not set this requirement for Tribal HHAP Grantees.

**22. Does Tribal HHAP funding exclude applicants with prior criminal convictions?**

No, Cal ICH does not require or encourage such exclusions.

**23. What are reporting requirements?**

Cal ICH requires three quarterly reports that will be primarily fiscal in nature and one annual report that will include programmatic and fiscal reporting.

**24. Does Cal ICH define what “at risk of homelessness” means in Tribal HHAP?**

We do not set this definition for Tribal HHAP Grantees and are relying on the expertise of grantees as to who is at risk of homelessness within their communities and as defined within the Tribe’s cultural context.

**25. Is there a ceiling for the amount requested in a grant application?**

No. However, if we receive grant funding applications that total more than \$20 million, we will need to apply an allocation formula for funding approvals based on need.