



## OPPORTUNITY TO PREVENT & END HOMELESSNESS IN TRIBAL COMMUNITIES

### **Introduction**

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is seeking partnership with federally recognized tribes and stakeholders in the development of a tribal grant program, including an application process that meets the needs of tribal communities, and is seeking feedback as to how Cal ICH can best support federally recognized tribes in their goals to prevent and end homelessness in their communities.

The Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program includes a \$20 million tribal allocation for each of the next two years to assist federally recognized tribes to help prevent and end homelessness within their communities in culturally appropriate, meaningful ways.

### **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 include:**

Rapid Rehousing: Case management, services, and financial support to help individuals and families find and retain permanent housing.

Landlord Incentives: Financial incentives to encourage landlords to allow a home to be rented.

Permanent Housing & Innovative Housing Solutions: The development of new permanent housing solutions, including motel and hotel conversion into housing.

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. 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.



Systems Support: For activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery systems, particularly for vulnerable populations, including homeless youth.

Strengthening Partnerships: Strengthen partnerships between behavioral health/health, child welfare, juvenile justice, criminal justice, homelessness service systems, and tribal systems; strengthen transition, discharge planning and case management for individuals in these systems. Reduce barriers to housing, employment, and services.

Prevention & Shelter Diversion: Services and activities that connect individuals and families to permanent housing and help them to be successful.

Shelter Improvements: To lower barriers and increase privacy.

Interim Sheltering: Newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigations centers and shelters, with some limitations and additional requirements for approval.

## 2022 Timeline

In **February**, Cal ICH will be engaging 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.

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

In **April - June 2022**, Cal ICH will be further engaging tribes and providing technical assistance as they complete their applications.

On **June 30, 2022**, 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.

2022 Allocations will need to be spent by **June 30, 2026**.

## Contact Cal ICH

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