

# Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program

## Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)



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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** CALIFORNIA FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES,  
TRIBAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PARTNERS

**FROM:** VICTOR DURON, GRANTS DIRECTOR  
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**SUBJECT:** NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY  
TRIBAL HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND  
PREVENTION PROGRAM

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is pleased to announce the availability of \$20 million of Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (Tribal HHAP) grant funding. These funds are available for federally recognized tribes and are designed to be flexible to meet the unique needs of each community in their goals to prevent and end homelessness. Tribal HHAP is authorized by AB 140, which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 19, 2021.

### **Available Funding**

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 to assist federally recognized tribes to help prevent and end homelessness within their communities in culturally appropriate, meaningful ways.



### Timeline

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| March 2022       | Cal ICH is seeking guidance and feedback from our tribal partners in the development of this NOFA and application processes that meet the needs of tribal communities through consultation and listening sessions. |
| March 2022       | Notice of Funding Availability Announcement Release  |
| April 2022       | Cal ICH will release the applications, with consideration of the needs of California’s Federally Recognized Tribes, for this year’s round of funding.  |
| April -June 2022 | Cal ICH will further engage tribes and provide technical assistance as they complete their applications and provide application workshops.   |
| June 30, 2022    | Applications are due to Cal ICH  |
| July 30, 2022    | Cal ICH will review applications and respond to applicants within 30 days of receipt.  |
| June 30, 2026    | Deadline to spend 2022 funding   |

### Application Process

Cal ICH is receiving guidance from federally recognized tribes regarding their needs in the application process. An application that considers the needs of our tribal partners will be posted on the tribal program website

[https://www.bcsb.ca.gov/calich/tribal\\_hhap\\_program.html](https://www.bcsb.ca.gov/calich/tribal_hhap_program.html) in April 2022.

Per Health & Safety Code, Section 50218.6(3)(B), the application must include:

- The amount of grant funds the tribe is requesting.
- An explanation of the tribe’s local need, including an estimation of the number of people who need homelessness services and the current resources that exist.
- A description of what services in which the tribe plans to spend grant funds.

If an applicant has a data sharing policy approved within the tribe, this should be submitted with the application.

From April – June 2022, Cal ICH will provide technical assistance and application workshops to assist federally recognized tribes with their applications.

## Award Process

Once applications have been approved, an award letter and standard agreement will be prepared and sent to the applicant. If the total request for funds exceeds the \$20 million available, Cal ICH will determine an allocation methodology based on each tribal applicant’s proportionate share of need relative to all tribes that applied.

When the standard agreement is signed and returned by the applicant, the applicant will submit a request for funds. One hundred percent of funds will be disbursed in a one-time allocation upon execution of the standard agreement and receipt of request for funds. Funds will be issued directly to the federally recognized tribe.

## Definitions

“Applicant” refers to a federally recognized tribe that is applying for Tribal Program funds.

“Federally recognized tribe” means any Indian tribe, band, nation, or other organized group or community of Indians that is recognized as eligible for the special programs and services provided by the United States to Indians because of their status as Indians pursuant to the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. Section 450 et seq.).

“Grantee” refers to a federally recognized tribe that been approved to receive tribal program funds.

“Homeless” means

(1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:

- (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground.
- (ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or
- (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

(2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:

- (i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance.



- (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and
  - (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing.
- (3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:
- (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance.
  - (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance: and
  - (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities; chronic physical health or mental health conditions; substance addiction; histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect); the presence of a child or youth with a disability; or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or
- (4) Any individual or family who:
- (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence.
  - (ii) Has no other residence; and
  - (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, and faith-based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

“Homeless youth” means an unaccompanied homeless individual who is not older than 24. Homeless individuals not older than 24 who are parents are included in this definition.

### Eligible Uses for Funding

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. The examples provided below are not exhaustive. Federally recognized tribes are encouraged to partner with other agencies for the delivery of services that meet their community’s needs.



**Examples include:**

Capacity Building: Capacity building and workforce development for service providers within the community, including removing barriers to contracting with and building capacity of providers to administer culturally appropriate services.

Rapid Rehousing: Dedicated case management staff, 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 to people experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness.

Permanent Housing & Innovative Housing Solutions: The development of new permanent housing solutions, including motel and hotel conversion into housing on or off tribal lands. This includes the acquisition of new land, property, and buildings, if necessary.

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 homeless services and housing delivery systems, particularly for vulnerable populations, including homeless youth, elders, children, and families involved in the child welfare system, veterans, individuals with mental health and substance use disorders.

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. Examples of efforts include, but are not limited to, the coordination of multi-agency task forces.

Prevention & Shelter Diversion: Culturally responsive 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.

**Requirements:**

Meeting the Needs of Homeless Youth:

At least ten percent of funds must be used to meet the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness within the interventions proposed or in youth set aside activities. Projects that are designed with the specific needs of youth in mind are encouraged.

Administrative Costs:

Administrative costs are capped at seven percent of program funds, and include overhead costs related to the eligible activity. Staff and other costs directly related to carrying out eligible activities are not administrative costs and are considered general program costs.

**Eligible Applications**

Federally recognized tribes are the only applicants able to receive funding; however, tribes are able to partner with other organizations in their application and are encouraged to do so.

**Documentation & Reporting Requirements**

Grantees must be able to demonstrate that Tribal HHAP Program funds were expended for eligible uses to benefit members of the target population. Cal ICH will include reporting requirements in the standard agreement between Cal ICH and the grantee.

It is anticipated that reporting requirements will be required quarterly and annually.

By June 30, 2026, 100 percent of Tribal HHAP funds must be fully spent.

**Further Information**

Additional information and updates such as the application, a list of upcoming workshops, and resources can be found on the Tribal Program website:

[https://www.bcsch.ca.gov/calich/tribal\\_hhap\\_program.html](https://www.bcsch.ca.gov/calich/tribal_hhap_program.html)