



CALIFORNIA HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
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Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council Meeting January 17, 2019

Agenda Item V: Council Updates

1) Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

- All 43 Continuums of Care (CoCs) and the 11 large cities applied for their HEAP funds by December 31, 2018, the cutoff date for applications to be submitted for Round 1 of HEAP funding.
- This means a second round of funding is not needed and once HEAP funds have all been awarded, the HEAP team will turn its attention to providing technical assistance and support to the CoCs and cities as they implement their HEAP-funded programs.
- As of January 10, 2019, all of the 11 eligible large cities and 32 Continuums of Care (CoCs) have been awarded their HEAP funds:

City of Anaheim – \$3,690,886
City of Bakersfield – \$1,247,754
City of Fresno – \$3,105,520
City of Long Beach – \$2,869,833
City of Los Angeles – \$85,013,607
City of Oakland – \$8,671,117
City of Sacramento – \$5,645,700
City of San Diego – \$14,110,398
City of San Francisco – \$10,564,313
City of San Jose – \$11,389,987
City of Santa Ana – \$3,690,886

Alameda CoC – \$16,192,049
Alpine/Inyo/Mono CoC – \$590,112
Bakersfield/Kern CoC – for \$2,603,226
Chico/Paradise/Butte CoC – \$4,889,945
Colusa/Glen/Trinity CoC – \$631,071
Contra Costa CoC – \$7,196,771
Davis/Woodland/Yolo CoC – \$1,341,828
El Dorado CoC – \$1,448,324
Glendale CoC – \$625,114
Fresno/Madera CoC – \$9,501,363

Humboldt CoC – \$2,565,245
 Imperial CoC – \$4,859,411
 Kings/Tulare CoC – \$2,635,249
 Long Beach CoC – \$9,387,420
 Los Angeles CoC – \$81,099,808
 Merced CoC – \$1,338,105
 Oxnard/San Buenaventura/Ventura CoC – \$4,857,922
 Pasadena CoC – \$1,428,216
 Roseville/Rocklin/Placer/Nevada CoC – \$2,729,084
 Sacramento CoC – \$12,729,412
 Salinas/Monterey CoC – \$12,505,250
 San Bernardino CoC – \$9,389,654
 San Diego CoC – \$18,821,668
 San Francisco CoC – \$17,107,315
 Santa Ana/Anaheim/Orange CoC – \$15,568,716
 Santa Maria/Santa Barbara CoC -- \$9,385,186
 Sonoma CoC – \$12,111,292
 Stanislaus CoC – \$7,236,986
 Tehama CoC – \$592,346
 Tuolumne, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa CoC – \$1,273,314
 Watsonville/Santa Cruz CoC – \$9,674,883
 Yuba/Sutter CoC – \$2,565,990

- These awards total over \$417 million and represent almost 85 percent of the \$500 million total HEAP allocation.
- For 100 percent of these grants, we have met our commitment to disburse HEAP funds within 60 days of the date the application is deemed complete. We have also consistently met our internal goal of awarding HEAP funds within 15 days of receipt of a completed application.
- In response to the recent fires in communities within the Chico/Paradise/Butte, Colusa/Glen/Trinity, and Oxnard/San Buenaventura/Ventura CoCs, the award process was further expedited and contract requirements that prohibit obligation or expenditure of HEAP funds prior to receipt of those funds were waived, to allow these CoCs to engage in timely, effective fire-recovery activities addressing immediate needs of homeless residents, prioritizing those who were homeless or precariously-housed prior to the fire. The HEAP team was immediately in close contact with these jurisdictions to provide technical assistance, resources, and support.
- The cities and CoCs that have been awarded HEAP funds have committed to allocating these funds to the following general categories:

Services: \$158,428,691 (38.0 percent of total funds awarded)
 Capital Improvements: \$140,569,387 (33.7 percent of total funds awarded)

Rental Assistance: \$59,416,687 (14.2 percent of total funds awarded)
Homeless Youth: \$27,557,099 (6.6 percent of total funds awarded)
Administrative Costs: \$18,137,890 (4.3 percent of total funds awarded)
Other (e.g. hand washing stations, restrooms): \$13,152,253 (3.2 percent of total funds awarded)

- As of January 10, applications from the following 11 CoCs are currently under review:
 - Lake CoC – \$1,298,634
 - Marin CoC – \$4,831,856
 - Mendocino CoC – \$4,921,968
 - Napa CoC – \$1,234,588
 - Redding/Shasta CoC – \$2,695,572
 - Riverside CoC – \$9,791,805
 - San Luis Obispo CoC – \$4,837,814
 - San Mateo CoC – \$4,933,139
 - Santa Clara CoC – \$17,506,487
 - Stockton/San Joaquin CoC – \$7,148,364
 - Vallejo/Solano CoC – \$4,917,500
- Since November 13, 2018, the HEAP team has hosted weekly Office Hours. This is an opportunity for representatives of the CoCs and large cities to call in and receive updates from HEAP staff and to ask questions. A summary of the Office Hours is also provided by the HEAP team for those who are unable to call in.
- The HEAP team continues to present on HEAP at conferences and convenings and provide technical assistance to individual jurisdictions.

2) California Homeless Data Integration System (CHDIS), including a state-level Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Since the October 9, 2018 Council meeting, the following activities have been completed:

- Recruited and hired KC Mohseni as the Project Manager for the CHDIS project.
- Issued the Request for Information (RFI) that invited vendors to provide their proposed solutions to meet the goals of a CHDIS and offer general cost estimates for their solutions.
- Reviewed the 13 vendor responses received in response to the RFI and followed up with each vendor for additional market research.
- Identified key stakeholders, including representatives from CoCs and state departments, to participate in a working group that will assist the Council and staff as they continue exploring the potential development of a CHDIS, including a possible state-level HMIS. The first meeting of the working group was convened on December 6, 2018 and a second meeting was held on

January 10, 2019. There are 14 CoCs and eight state agencies and departments participating in the working group.

- Developed the scope of work for two consultants, an IT business analyst and a privacy/security expert, to assist in developing an approach that takes full advantage of the most current technology and is in full compliance with state and federal privacy laws. These consultants will begin work in late January 2019.
- Refined the mid-level business requirements for a state-level HMIS, one of the requirements for developing the statement of work for a possible Request for Proposals (RFP).
- Continued to conduct market research, analyzed alternative solutions and completed the preliminary financial analysis required by the California Department of Technology (CDT) as part of the state IT project development process.

A two-page summary of the CHDIS project is attached.

3) Response to Homelessness in Fire-Affected Areas

Council staff are committed to working in partnership with the state departments represented on the Council to identify opportunities to address homelessness in fire-affected regions. In addition to actively engaging with the CoCs in these communities to ensure their applications for HEAP funding were expedited and the funds were made available quickly, Council staff have done the following:

- Reached out to affected CoCs to assist them in identifying resources and strategies for ensuring the needs of residents who were homeless or precariously-housed prior to the fire are met.
- Convened a special meeting of the Interagency working group to discuss a coordinated response to support CoCs affected by the recent wildfires in serving their residents who were precariously housed before the fires and are excluded from FEMA assistance.
- Facilitated ongoing conversations and collaboration between the state departments represented on the Council who have homelessness-related programs and funding, through Interagency working group meetings and other convenings.
- Participated in fire recovery task forces (such as the Housing Task Force) as appropriate to ensure homelessness, especially the needs of residents who were homeless or precariously-housed prior to the fire, is considered and addressed.

Council staff will continue to collaborate with members of the Interagency working group to support ongoing fire-recovery efforts.

4) Other Council Business

In addition to the activities above, Council staff have:

- Identified and invited representatives from the Department of Education, Community Colleges Chancellor's Office and the Workforce Development Board to join the Interagency working group. The Interagency working group meets biweekly.
- Initiated an internal strategic planning process to identify priorities for Council activities in 2019. The draft 2019 Council action plan is being presented to the Council for discussion at the January 17, 2019 meeting.
- Participated in the West Coast Convening for Youth Homelessness with programs and advocates from California, Oregon and Washington.
- Convened the Governance Subcommittee to review the current Council governance guidelines and identify changes to be developed into a proposed Council Governance Charter. The Governance Subcommittee will present the draft Governance Charter to the Council for discussion at the January 17, 2019 meeting.
- Provided information on how to volunteer to participate in the Sacramento January 2019 Point-in-Time (PIT) count to members of the Interagency working group to share with their respective departments. Council staff are all planning to participate in the PIT count and will be trained by Sacramento Steps Forward in the next few weeks, along with members of the Interagency working group and interested staff from the state departments they represent.

Finally, there are two new staff members from BCSH working with the Council: Andrew March, a graduate student assistant who is primarily working on the CHDIS project, and Minerva Jimenez, an Executive Fellow who is primarily be working on supporting Continuums of Care. Welcome to them both!