



CALIFORNIA HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
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HIGHLIGHTS OF STATE ACTIONS TAKEN TO PROTECT HOMELESS CALIFORNIANS FROM COVID-19

- March 10, 2020 – The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) released [guidelines](#) to protect persons experiencing homelessness, employees of homeless assistance providers, and people who come into contact with persons experiencing homelessness from COVID-19 infection.
- March 11, 2020 – The Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency hosted a homeless providers stakeholder call walking through the HCFC guidance. Over 1000 stakeholders participated.
- March 17, 2020 – [Governor Gavin Newsom signed SB 89](#), which was approved unanimously by the state Legislature. SB 89 authorized a total appropriation of up to \$1 billion to aid help fight the spread of COVID-19.
- March 18, 2020 – Governor Gavin Newsom took [emergency actions](#), signing an [executive order](#) granting local flexibility on spending and building shelters, purchasing 1309 trailers, announcing efforts to lease hotels and motels for emergency protective measures, and authorized \$150 million in emergency funding from SB 89 to protect homeless Californians from COVID-19 and reduce the spread of COVID-19. \$100 million of that funding was set aside to go directly to all counties, Continuums of Care and the 13 largest cities – allocated using the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention program (HHAP) methodology.
- March 18, 2020 – HCFC released [updated guidelines](#) to provide public health guidance to homeless shelters and homeless service providers, and additional guidance on funding and resource availability.
- March 23, 2020 – The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council sent award letters allocating the \$100 million in COVID-19 emergency homelessness funding to all 58 counties, 44 CoCs and 13 large cities and published an [allocation table](#) showing where dollars will go.