



State of California  
**BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY**



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# **CALIFORNIA**

## **HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL**

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# **Council Meeting**

November 3, 2021

# Agenda for Today

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
- II. Adoption of September 22, 2021 Meeting Summary
- III. Housing First Update
- IV. Adoption of HCFC's FY20-21 Action Plan Implementation Progress Report
- V. Year End Review & Council Transitions
- VI. Future Meeting Agendas
- VII. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda
- VIII. Adjournment

# **Item II.**

# **Adoption of September 22, 2021**

# **Meeting Summary**

# Item III.

## Housing First Update

- Update on the tracking of state Housing First programs

# Housing First Statutory Requirements

- Agencies and departments administering state programs shall collaborate with HCFC to adopt guidelines and regulations to incorporate core components of Housing First

WIC § 8256

Housing First Core Components Summary	
Tenant Screening	Tenants accepted regardless of sobriety or "Housing Readiness"
Housing Based Services	Service providers use evidence-based practices
Services are Voluntary	No conditions in the participation in services
Housing Permanency	Tenants provided with a lease

# Housing First Updated Checklist

- HCFC created to oversee the implementation of Housing First policies, guidelines, and regulations
  - Last round of Housing First checklists conducted in 2018-2019
- Update for current programs
  - New programs established in 2019-2021
  - AB 1220 expands Housing First to emergency shelter programs
- Checklists will cover core statutory components of Housing First

# Checklist Draft



## HOUSING FIRST ASSESSMENT

Agency Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Program Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### TENANT SCREENING

*Does the program require providers who house tenants to accept applicants with the greatest needs or vulnerabilities? |*

#### State Programs Checklist

- Providers Must Accept Tenants Regardless of Sobriety/Use of Substances/ Completion of Treatment/Participation in Services
- Providers Do Not Reject Applicants for Poor Credit or Financial History, Poor, or lack of rental history/Criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy
- Providers May Not Impose a "Housing Readiness" Requirement on Applicants for Housing
- Providers Receive Referrals to Housing from Homeless Response System
- Program Offers Funding Incentives to Providers to Accept Referrals from Coordinated Entry/ Assessment Systems

Comments:

*Please provide any relevant comments here.*

Recommendations:

*Please provide any recommendations here.*

# Currently Confirmed Housing First Programs

- Council staff outreach to state departments to confirm Housing First Programs in October 2021
  - Programs that provide housing or housing-based services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- HCFC expects to follow up on these programs with for an updated Housing First checklist
- Confirmed 33 programs across 10 state entities





Department	Confirmed Programs	
<b>California Interagency Council on Homelessness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)</li> <li>Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encampment Resolution Funding Program</li> <li>Family Homelessness Challenge Grants and Technical Assistance Program</li> </ul>
<b>California Community Colleges (CCC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeless and Housing Insecure Pilot Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic Needs</li> </ul>
<b>California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Long Term Offender Reentry Recovery Program (LTOOR) Transitional Housing Program (THP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parolee Service Center</li> <li>Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming</li> </ul>
<b>California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAMHSA Projects for Assistance in the Transition from Homelessness (PATH)</li> <li>Mental Health Services Act/Community Services and Support Component</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Lieu of Services (ILOS)</li> </ul>
<b>California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homekey</li> <li>Multifamily Housing Program – Supportive Housing Program (SHMHP)</li> <li>California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)</li> <li>Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program</li> <li>Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG)</li> <li>Emergency Solutions Grant Program Coronavirus (ESG-CV)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP)</li> <li>No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program</li> <li>Transitional Housing Program (THP)</li> <li>Housing Navigators Program (HNP)</li> <li>Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV)</li> <li>HOME – American Rescue Plan (HOME – ARP)</li> </ul>
<b>California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Special Needs Housing Program (SNHP)</li> </ul>	
<b>California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (CalOES)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transitional Housing Program (XH)</li> </ul>	
<b>California Department of Social Services (DSS)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bringing Families Home (BFH)</li> <li>Home Safe Program</li> <li>Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing and Disability Income Advocacy Program (HDAP)</li> <li>CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)</li> </ul>
<b>California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program</li> </ul>	
<b>California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supportive Services for Formerly Homeless Veterans</li> </ul>	

# Housing First Next Steps

Time Frame	Activity
November – December 2021	Outreach to departments <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up on recommendations from previous checklists, where applicable</li> <li>• Gather input on new checklist</li> </ul>
December 2021	Finalize and send instructions for checklist
January – March 2022	Assist in the completion of checklists
March 2022	Checklist due

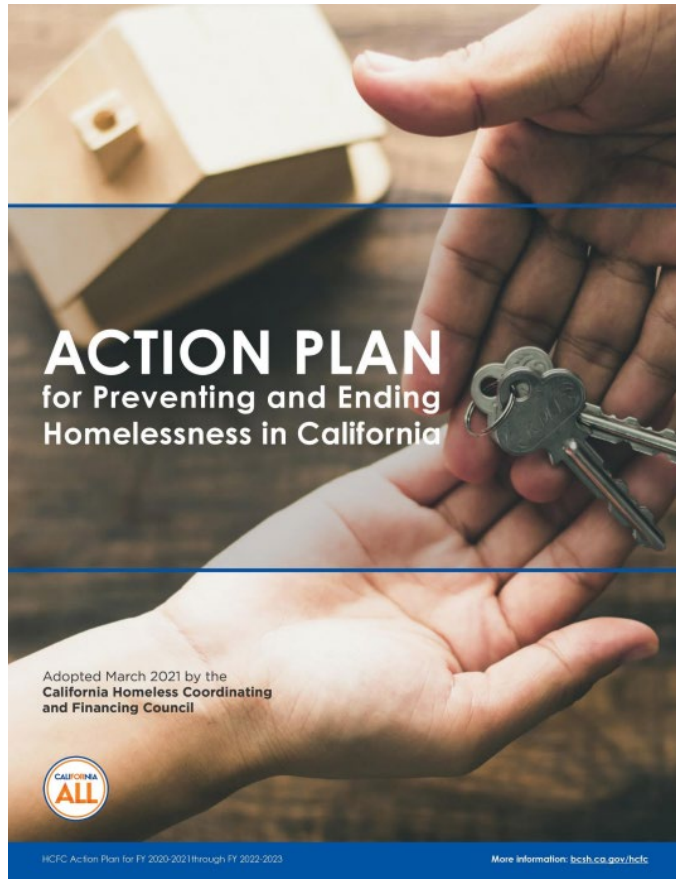
# **Item IV.**

# **Adoption of HCFC's FY 20-21**

# **Action Plan Implementation**

# **Progress Report**

# Action Plan



- Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California **adopted March 2021**
  - Planning began August 2020
  - Includes 5 action areas, 15 objectives, and 89 total activities with performance measures
  - Plans for five Working Groups focused on high-priority issues requiring interagency and cross-sector coordination and partnership
  - Identifies data needed to measure and assess progress
- Requires **annual reporting** on implementation progress

# FY 20-21 Reporting Process



# Report Details

**82 responses across 58 distinct activities  
(100% response rate)**

Action Area 1 (Strengthening Systems)	27 activities
Action Area 2 (Unsheltered Homelessness)	7 activities
Action Area 3 (Sheltering and Interim Housing)	7 activities
Action Area 4 (Permanent Housing)	10 activities
Action Area 5 (Preventing Homelessness)	7 activities

## 13 Reporting State Departments:

- BCSH
- HFA
- Cal OES
- CalTrans
- CalVet
- CCCCO
- CDCR
- CDE
- DHCS
- CDSS
- HCD
- CTCAC
- HCFC

# Report Structure

1. **Highlights** FY 20-21 accomplishments
2. Provides **baseline data measurements** for defining and assessing progress, including a comparison to national/regional trends and **racial equity analysis**
3. **Summarizes progress updates** for each FY 20-21 Action Plan activity, based on responses from Council departments
4. Presents **priority Action Plan activities** for FY 21-22

# Highlights from the Action Plan Report

- **BCSH** implemented the CA COVID-19 Rent Relief Program in partnership with HCD, which has served over 75,000 households with over \$897 million
- **CDSS** implemented Project Roomkey, through which 50 counties and 2 tribes secured over 16,000 rooms and served over 42,000 individuals
- **HCD** implemented Homekey, which has supported over 100 housing projects to bring 5,911 housing units online across the state
- **HCFC** spent every cent of \$500 million HEAP, began monitoring \$650 million HHAP-1, and awarded \$350 million HHAP-2



# Highlights from the Action Plan Report

- **CCCCO** provided grants to 14 community colleges assisting 519 students experiencing homelessness or housing insecurity
- **CDE** administered new and ongoing funding for K-12 students experiencing homelessness
- **CDCR** implemented the Returning Home Well initiative
- **DHCS** allowed Whole Person Care flexibility for COVID-19, which assisted at least 9 counties in building upon their Project Roomkey efforts
- **CalHFA** continued the Special Needs Housing Program, which financed 796 permanent supportive housing units

# Highlights from the Action Plan Report

- **Cal OES** helped communities with federal emergency reimbursements and continued management of grants for victims of crime
- **CTCAC** provided priority in tax credits for projects serving people experiencing homelessness
- **Caltrans** worked to remove barriers to employment for people experiencing homelessness and extended offers of employment to 60 people experiencing homelessness
- **CalVet** continued the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program, in partnership with HCD, which made awards to 16 projects to build 421 units of affordable, supportive, or transitional housing for veterans
- **HCFC** launched the Homeless Data Integration System

## **FY 21-22 priorities outlined in report, including...**

- Statewide Working Groups
  - Lived Experience Advisory Board
  - Encampment policies and grantmaking
  - CalAIM implementation
  - Homekey expansion
  - Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy
  - Revising Housing First Checklist
  - Housing is Key continued implementation
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- Update Action Plan in 2022

# Questions?

# Item V. Year End Review & Council Transitions

- FY 20-21 Council Achievements
- Changes to Future Council Meetings
- Transition to CA Interagency Council on Homelessness

# FY 20-21 Council Achievements

- Developed, adopted, and released the **Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California**, with extensive input from state and local government partners, community stakeholders, council members, and individuals with lived expertise
- Supported development and oversight of new and expanded programs through the **COVID-19 pandemic**
- Set up the state to make a **historic budget allocation** to prevent and end homelessness
- Prepared and reviewed the first Action Plan **Implementation Progress Report** with data and input from council members and staff

# Council Transitions

- **Changes to Future Council Meetings**
  - Co-chair structure and new membership
  - Advisory committee to be formed and report back twice yearly
  - Exploring hybrid remote/in-person meeting format
- **CA Interagency Council on Homelessness**
  - Name change effective January 1, 2022
  - Website, branding to be updated before first quarterly meeting

## CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

In recognition of your exemplary efforts as a member of the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC). Your remarkable leadership and great commitment to collaboration allowed for the creation of the first-ever comprehensive framework to end and prevent homelessness in California. Your transformational efforts have provided the State with a foundation to effectively address homelessness, and, for that, we recognize you with deep appreciation.



  
Lourdes Castro Ramirez, Secretary

11/3/2021  
Date





# Questions?

# Item VI.

## Future Meeting Agendas

- Discussion of matters not on the agenda for consideration at future meetings

# **Item VII.**

# **Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda**

# Item VIII.

# Adjournment

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