



State of California
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY



California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Council Meeting

May 31, 2022

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Agenda

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- II. Opening Remarks
- III. Consent Calendar:
 1. Adoption of the Meeting Summary from January 27, 2022 Council Meeting
- IV. Local Homelessness Action Plan**
- V. May Budget Revision
- VI. Break
- VII. Cal ICH **Statewide** Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness
- VIII. Cal ICH Staff Updates
- IX. Public Comments
- X. Final Remarks and Adjournment



II. Opening Remarks

- Council Co-chair opening remarks

III. Consent Calendar

- Adoption of the Meeting Summary from January 27, 2022 Council Meeting

IV. Local Homelessness Action Plan Framework

- Proposed framework for Cal ICH staff to review and approve HHAP-3 Application Packet with Local Homelessness Action Plans

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program: Round 3 Background

- \$1 billion for flexible homelessness block grant to expand local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges and support regional coordination.
- Eligible grantees include Continuums of Care, Counties, and large Cities.
- Funding is distributed through a formula allocation based on each eligible grantee's share of people experiencing homelessness as reflected in the Point-in-Time count.
- Grantees must submit an application packet that includes their Local Homelessness Action Plan and measurable performance goals.
- Grantees may be eligible for “bonus funding” if they meet all targets established in their performance goals.
- All funds must be spent by June 30, 2026

Summary of Requirements for HHAP-3 Application Packet

The following items are required for the HHAP-3 Local Homelessness Action Plan and application packet:

- **Part I: Landscape Analysis of Needs, Demographics, and Funding:** An analysis of the number of people experiencing homelessness, existing funding and programs, data on those currently being served, and funds currently being used or planned to be used.
- **Part II: Outcome Goals and Strategies for Achieving those Goals:** Description of outcome goals, and strategies for achieving those goals, across six performance measures.
- **Part III: Application Narrative Responses:** Information on regional coordination, capacity building, and equity related efforts in alignment with local action plan goals and strategies.
- **Part IV: HHAP-3 Funding Plan:** Budget documents describing the specific allowable activities to be supported with HHAP-3 funds.

Approval Timeframe

June 30: Statutory deadline for submission



30 Days: Award or Amend Application



30 Days: Submit amended application



30 Days: Award or additional guidance

Local Homelessness Action Plan Framework: Summary of Supports Provided by Cal ICH Staff

- Local Homelessness Action Plan and Performance Goal setting templates to ensure all grantees address minimum statutory requirements.
- Individualized Local Action Plan engagement sessions with all 76 HHAP-3 grantees
- Established and deployed Technical Assistance through four contracted providers with a range of expertise
- Conducted five technical assistance webinars on development of Local Action Plans and Performance Goals
- Bi-monthly grantee “Office Hours” and additional TA drop-in sessions

Local Homelessness Action Plan Framework: Summary of Proposed Criteria

Part I: Landscape Analysis of Needs, Demographics, and Funding

- Responsive to statutory requirements
- Based upon reliable sources of data
- Demonstrates alignment with overlapping jurisdictions

Part II: Outcome Goals and Strategies

- Goals are suitably ambitious and logically aligned
- Focused on areas needing most improvement
- Complemented by appropriate and trackable equity goals
- Supported by strategies that align with best practices and Housing First
- Inclusive of strategies that extend beyond HHAP resources
- Leverage the resources and strategies of overlapping districts

Local Homelessness Action Plan Framework: Summary of Proposed Criteria

Part III: Narrative

- Demonstrates regular and reliable cross jurisdictional collaboration
- Reflective of strong partnerships across all relevant systems and sectors
- Aligns with Housing First and inclusive of people with lived experience
- Describes specific action to enhance equity and access to services
- Includes specific and quantifiable systems level improvement strategies

Part IV: HHAP-3 Funding Plan

- Describes the specific activities to be funded through HHAP
- Reflective of investments that are complementary to other resources
- Investments support activities to advance progress toward goals
- Meets all statutory spending requirements (Youth/Admin set-asides)

Local Homelessness Action Plan Framework: Summary of Proposed Reporting

Cal ICH staff will provide the Council with progress reports on:

- Awards, amendments requested, and extensions
- Summary of applications with amendments requested
- Strategies for achieving outcome goals that could be bolstered through State work
- Summary of programmatic investments
- Summary of quarterly progress with HDIS
- Other relevant info from approvals, denials, or anticipated amendments

Local Homelessness Action Plan Framework: Next Steps

Upon approval:

- Apply criteria to review process and determine approval of applications
- Prepare tools and documents for reporting at September 1 Council Meeting
- Plan “lessons learned” presentation to council members and gather input for HHAP Round

Discussion Questions:

- What effective strategies have you seen within your programs to support cross-system and cross-jurisdictional partnerships?
- What additional ways we can look at evidence of cross-system partnerships in the application packets?
- What other elements should we consider when reviewing application packets for overlapping jurisdictions that chose not to apply jointly?
- What else do you want to see reported back to you after we assess the application packets and how would it be helpful to you?

V. May Budget Revision

- New and continuing investments in housing and homelessness

Housing and Homelessness Proposed Investments

California Blueprint: \$9.1 billion for housing and \$9.4 million for homelessness

Housing and Community Development Department (HCD)

- **Emergency Rental Assistance Program: \$2.7 billion**
 - Secure housing and prevent homelessness for renters who applied before March 31 deadline
- **Adaptive Reuse: \$500 million**
 - Upgrade infrastructure and convert underutilized buildings into housing
- **Homekey: \$150 million**
 - Continue innovative program to acquire and activate existing hotels and multifamily housing into affordable apartments
- **Interim Housing: \$500 million over two years**
 - Rapid housing and services connections for people experiencing homelessness on State-owned land



Housing and Homelessness Continued Investments

California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

- **Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant:**
 - HHAP (Round 3) \$1 billion over **five-years**
 - HHAP (Round 4) \$1 billion over **five-years**
 - One-time block grant funding requiring jurisdictions to fund evidence-based practices and create local action plans to track performance towards preventing and reducing homelessness
- **Encampment Resolution Grant: \$500 million**
 - Support community-based projects to help people living in encampments unsheltered situations successfully move into housing or be placed on a path to stable housing

Housing and Homelessness Recent Investments

CalHHS proposals in the May Revise build on investments made in Budget Act of 2021

Department of Social Services (DSS)

- Historic investments in DSS housing and homelessness programs embedded in **social safety net programs** and the creation of the **Community Care Expansion** to create residential settings for seniors and adults with disabilities

Department Health Care Services

- DHCS investments in **CalAIM, Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program**, and the **Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program**

Housing and Homelessness Proposed Investments

- **Behavioral Bridge Housing: \$1.5 billion over two years**
 - DHCS administered funding to county behavioral health departments to operate clinically enhanced bridge housing settings for people experiencing homelessness who have behavioral health conditions
- **CARE Court: \$65 million**
 - To deliver community-based behavioral health services and supports to Californians living with under or untreated schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorders
 - \$10M for CARE supporter (CDA)
 - 15M for training and technical assistance (DHCS)
 - \$40M for the judicial branch

Housing and Homelessness Proposed Investments

- **Department of State Hospitals**

- Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Waitlist Solutions: \$535.5 million 2022-23, increasing to \$638 million in 2025-26 including significant investments in Community Based Restoration and Mental Health Diversion.

- **Overdose Prevention**

- MR includes \$10M to provide lifesaving overdose reversal medication aimed at preventing overdose deaths among people experiencing homelessness.

VI. Break

- 10-minute break

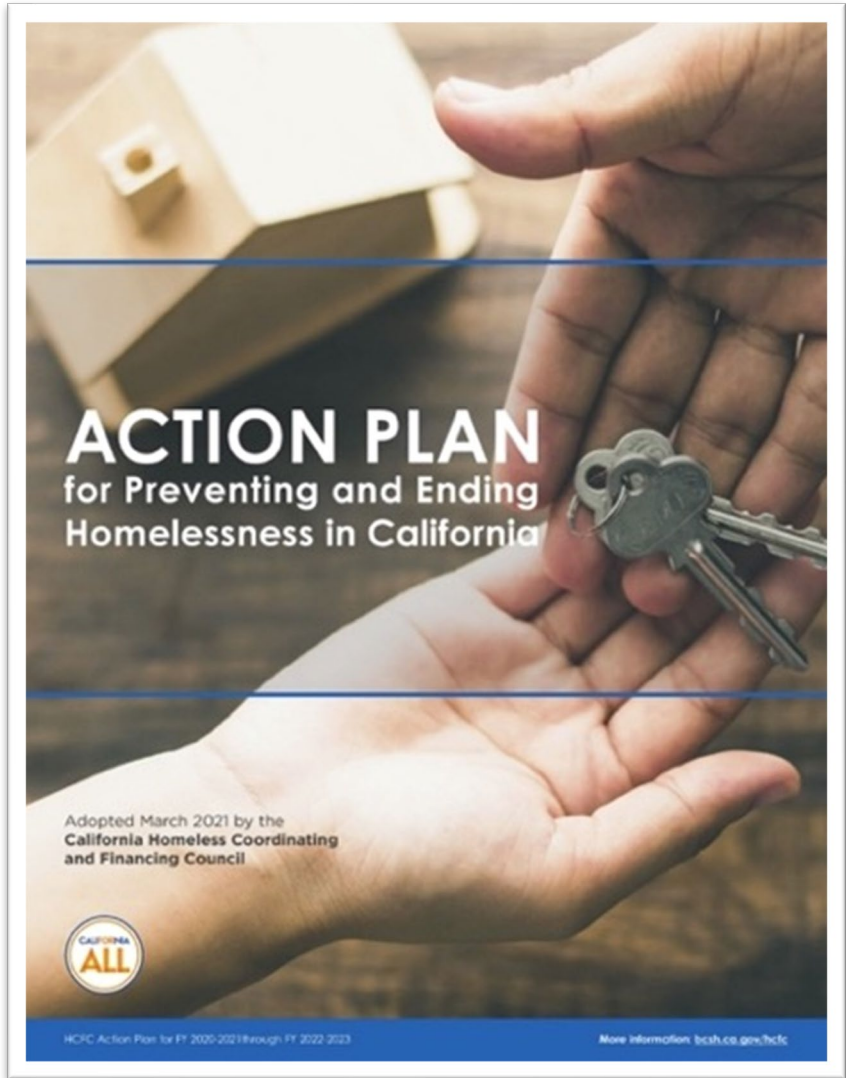
VII. Cal ICH Statewide Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness

- State Action Plan Revision Process and Discussion

Topics to be Addressed

- Overview of State Action Plan and update process
- Themes emerging from stakeholder input sessions
- Planned refinements to State Action Plan's Objectives
- Council discussion regarding new Activities, gaps that need greater inter-agency or inter-departmental collaboration
- Council decision regarding next steps and timeframe for updating process
- Public comment

Statewide Action Plan Background

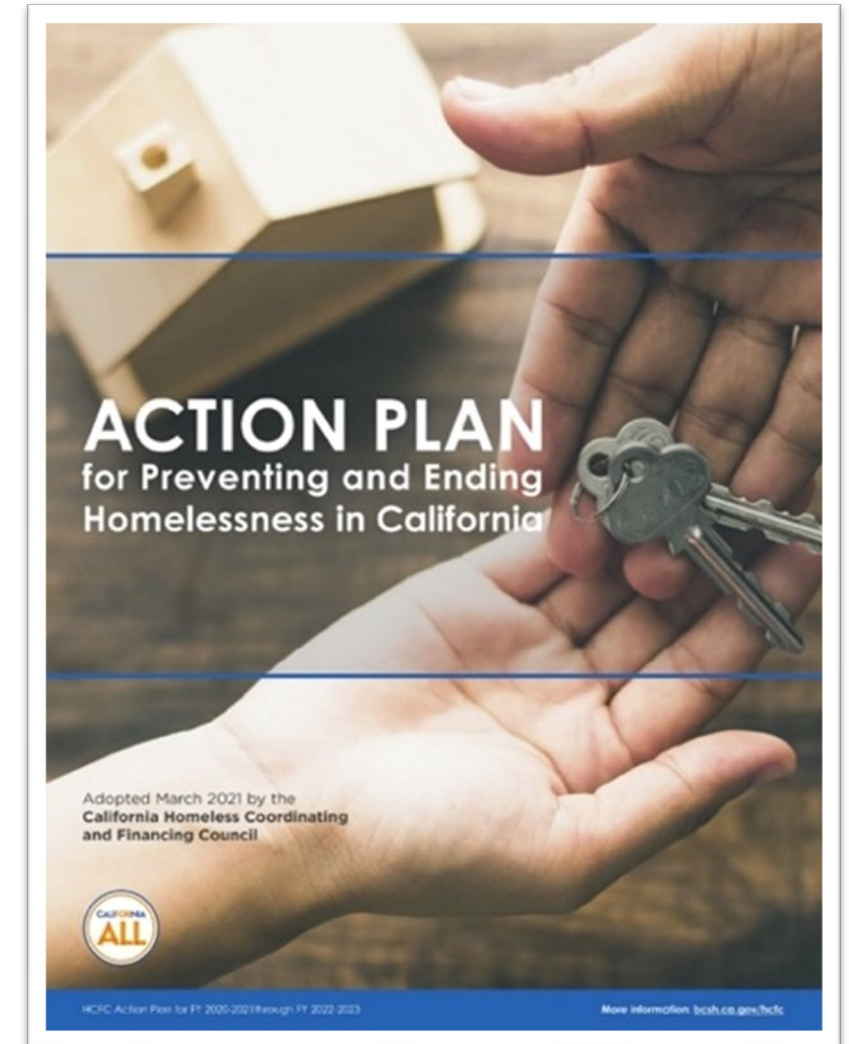


- Adopted in March 2021
- Plan **covers FY 20-21 through FY 22-23**
- Adopted with commitment to update Plan to make any **modifications to the Plan's Objectives and identify more specific activities for FY 22-23.**
- Increased importance now given the **newly expanded range of State agencies and departments on the Council.**

Statewide Action Plan Vision

Focused on a vision for the Council and state's work to prevent and end homelessness that features:

- **Increased leadership from the State** for identifying and supporting short-term and long-term solutions;
- **Purposeful, action-oriented coordination** and alignment across State agencies and programs; and
- **Stronger, collaborative partnerships** with public and private partners in communities.



Update Process

- Input **discussions with Council agencies and departments** began in February
- Consultation with **external stakeholders, including people with lived expertise**, began in April
- Two **virtual public input sessions** held in April and May attended by approximately 150 people
- **Identifying new and refined Activities** for inclusion for FY 22 – 23
- **Objectives being refined** for clarity and to ensure they fully convey range of Activities projected for FY 22 - 23

Statewide Action Plan Structure

ACTION AREA 1

Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California



ACTION AREA 2

Equitably Addressing the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of Californians Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness



ACTION AREA 3

Expanding Communities' Capacity to Provide Safe and Effective Sheltering and Interim Housing



ACTION AREA 4

Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Our Communities



ACTION AREA 5

Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness



Themes from Stakeholder Input



Ranking of which Action Areas needing more focus/attention from the state

ACTION AREA 4

Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Our Communities



ACTION AREA 1

Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California



ACTION AREA 5

Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness



ACTION AREA 3

Expanding Communities' Capacity to Provide Safe and Effective Sheltering and Interim Housing



ACTION AREA 2

Equitably Addressing the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of Californians Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness



Themes from Stakeholder Input

- **Permanent housing** supply
- **Streamlining** requirements and processes
- Challenges in **aligning capital resources, rental assistance, operating funding, and services resources**, to support strong outcomes
- Guidance and support regarding **aligning housing strategies and health and behavioral health strategies** to reach vulnerable populations and increase impact
- **Tailoring policies, data analyses, funding, programs, and practices for specific populations**, including youth, survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence, older adults, LGBTQ+ people, and others

Themes from Stakeholder Input

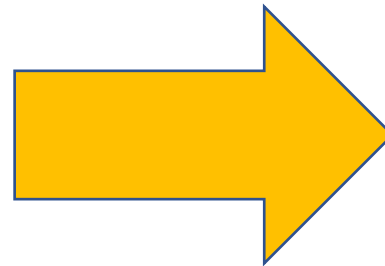
- **Flexible resources** for range of program models and range of people's needs
- Creating and sustaining **alternate models for providing shelter and interim housing options**
- Preventing homelessness among **people re-entering communities from jails, prisons, and other institutional settings**
- State support for **non-punitive, non-criminalizing approaches to addressing unsheltered homelessness and encampments** in communities
- **Skills, wages, and capacity of the workforce** within homelessness response and housing programs

Themes from Stakeholder Input

- Interest in seeing the state engage in **expanded communications and educational efforts**, including focus on:
 - **Housing First, Harm Reduction, Trauma-Informed Care**, and other best practices
 - **Reducing stigma** surrounding issues of homelessness, mental health, and substance use disorders
 - **Countering NIMBY** advocacy and arguments
 - **Successes** at the individual, program, and community level
 - Fundamental **role of lack of housing affordability**
 - **Range of investments** needed

Examples of Refining Objectives

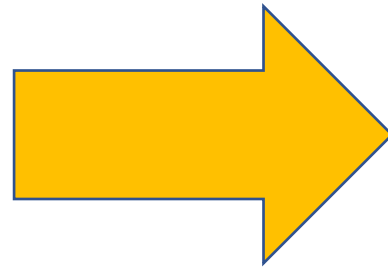
Objective 3: Incentivize interjurisdictional and regional planning, decision-making, and accountability, and support capacity for such coordination through “mapping” and local gaps analysis activities focused on needs, demographics and inequities, and service delivery capacities.



Objective 3: Incentivize and support cross-sector, interjurisdictional, and regional planning, decision-making, and accountability.

Examples of Refining Objectives

Objective 5: Support California communities to develop disaster preparedness plans that are more inclusive of the needs of people experiencing homelessness.



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Update Process Next Steps

- Cal ICH team to **continue to refine Activities, in partnership with Council member agencies and departments**, through early July 2022
- Cal ICH and Council member agencies and departments to add Activities, as needed, to **reflect final budget and new statutes**, through August 2022
- Refinement of **introductory and framing content** within the Action Plan document completed by mid-August 2022
- Council to engage in **further discussion, and consider recommendation for adoption of updated Plan**, at September 1, 2022 meeting

Discussion Questions

- What is one highly-impactful activity that your agency or department is identifying for inclusion in the updated Action Plan?
- What issues need greater inter-agency or inter-departmental collaboration to help drive progress?





Public Comments

VIII. Cal ICH Staff Updates

- Advisory committee update
- Working groups update
- Housing First update
- Landscape Analysis update
- Upcoming council meetings

Advisory Committee

- The council shall regularly seek guidance from the Advisory Committee
- Appointed members shall reflect racial and gender diversity, and include:
 - A **survivor of gender-based violence** who formerly experienced homelessness.
 - Representatives of **local agencies or organizations** that participate in the CoCs
 - Stakeholders with **expertise in solutions to homelessness and best practices** from other states.
 - Representatives of **committees on African Americans, youth, and survivors of gender-based violence**.
 - A **person currently or formerly experiencing homelessness**.
 - A **youth currently or formerly experiencing homelessness**.
- Representative to join council meetings to report on committee activities
- Goal is to establish and provide report by Sept. 2022 Council meeting

Interagency Working Groups

State Funding and Programs Working Group

- Continuing monthly meetings on topics such as HHAP-3 local homelessness action plans coordination, Tribal outreach and engagement in grantmaking, and updates to the Working Group's priorities based on the Action Plan.

Racial Equity Working Group

- Working with Technical Assistance Consultants to launch
- Starting with a diverse pre-implementation team to co-develop group direction and goals

Next: Youth and Young Adults Working Group

Housing First Survey

- Cal ICH oversees the implementation of Housing First core components in state programs providing housing or housing-based services (SB 1380, 2016).
- FY 21-22 Housing First Survey:
 - Identified 35 programs across 8 departments
 - Currently analyzing survey data and compiling comments to better understand departmental needs for implementing Housing First core components
 - Staff report to be presented at future Council meeting

Landscape Assessment: Progress Report

- Cal ICH is conducting a landscape assessment of the state's response to homelessness, per AB 140
- Purpose: Understand how programs are funded, implemented, and administered by California state agencies that serve people at risk of or experiencing homelessness
- Contracted with the Turner Center for Housing Innovation and Goldman School of Public Policy at UC Berkeley, UCSF's Center for Vulnerable Populations, the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative, and Abt Associates



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Landscape Assessment: Progress Report

Writing and Data Analysis

- Identified 35 state-funded, administered, and/or implemented programs
- Conducting a survey of programs, utilizing publicly available data, and communicating with state agency staff to collect data about program activities, administration, and funding distribution
- Cal ICH and partners currently collecting, cleaning, and analyzing the data described above
- Cal ICH added three staff members to assist with the writing and research associated with the landscape assessment (1 SSA, 1 AGPA, 1 RDA).
- An interim report is due to the legislature in July and our finalized report at the end of the year.

Upcoming Council Meetings

- Next council meeting: September 1
 - Report on Local Homelessness Action Plan
 - Adopt revised Statewide Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness
 - Adopt Housing First staff report
 - Introduction to Advisory Committee
 - Include topics of interest where possible
- Last scheduled meeting for 2022: November 10

IX. Public Comments



X. Final Remarks and Adjournment

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