



State of California
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY



California Interagency Council on Homelessness

Council Meeting

September 1, 2022

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Agenda

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- II. Council Co-Chair Opening Remarks
- III. BCSH/CalHHS Deputy Secretary Updates
- IV. Consent Calendar
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- V. Resolution: Individuals with Lived Expertise in Shared State Work
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Public Comment

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Council Decision

**Do Council members approve the item(s)
in the Consent Calendar?**

V. Resolution: Individuals with Lived Expertise in Shared State Work

Why do we focus on lived expertise of homelessness?

When we seek, value, and make decisions to reflect the perspectives of people who have direct, experiential knowledge of homelessness, we are both increasing the likelihood that those we intend to serve are done so in the ways that are most helpful.

✓ To be more inclusive and promote civic engagement among all community members



✓ To pursue and deepen our work toward racial equity

✓ To deepen our commitment to one of our principles to enable center the voices of people with lived experiences of homelessness across all systems to improve decision-making, and activities

What do we mean by incorporating lived expertise?

- **Peer support and staff** roles to support people navigating services; including acting as a translator (Example: health ambassadors)
- **Co-implementation and co-design of programs and services** through sharing and determining clear roles and power among mix of people including state staff, local partners, TA providers, and other partners with lived and other forms of expertise of homelessness (Example: HHAP and other state programs which require input from people with lived expertise)
- **Research and knowledge building** roles such as participatory policy analysis and/or research where those who are being studied work not with but as researcher to design, implement, and develop findings to research (Example: HHS/UCSF Survey)
- **Leadership roles** through serving in executive positions, on governing boards, and on committees that can shape the guiding policies, direction, process, and outcome of efforts (Example: state entity and departmental leaders)
- **Advisory bodies and committees** to provide input on identifying and addressing issues and objectives; tend to be semi-permanent (like boards that are not fixed) and episodic like focus groups (Examples on next slide)

Cal ICH efforts for Lived Expertise

Advisory Board to the Council: Advise on council work, initiatives, and decisions; statutorily identified and required

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB): Request for Proposal (RFP) released and once established will inform council of issue, and support Cal to issue guidance to grantees, and guide local communities in local planning

Working Groups: Including people with lived expertise where possible within topics (e.g., Racial Equity Working Group, Youth and Young Adult, Employment, Re-entry/ Transitions)

Statutory Changes for Increasing Engagement: Prioritization for people currently or formerly experiencing homelessness not compensated through an organization

SB 197 (2022) “Members of the advisory committee and any council working group shall receive a per diem of one hundred dollars (\$100) for each day spent in attendance at advisory committee meetings, and shall also be reimbursed for traveling and other expenses necessarily incurred in the performance of official duties”

Council Discussion

What are the **best practices that are happening in your departments** already related to engaging people with lived expertise of homelessness?

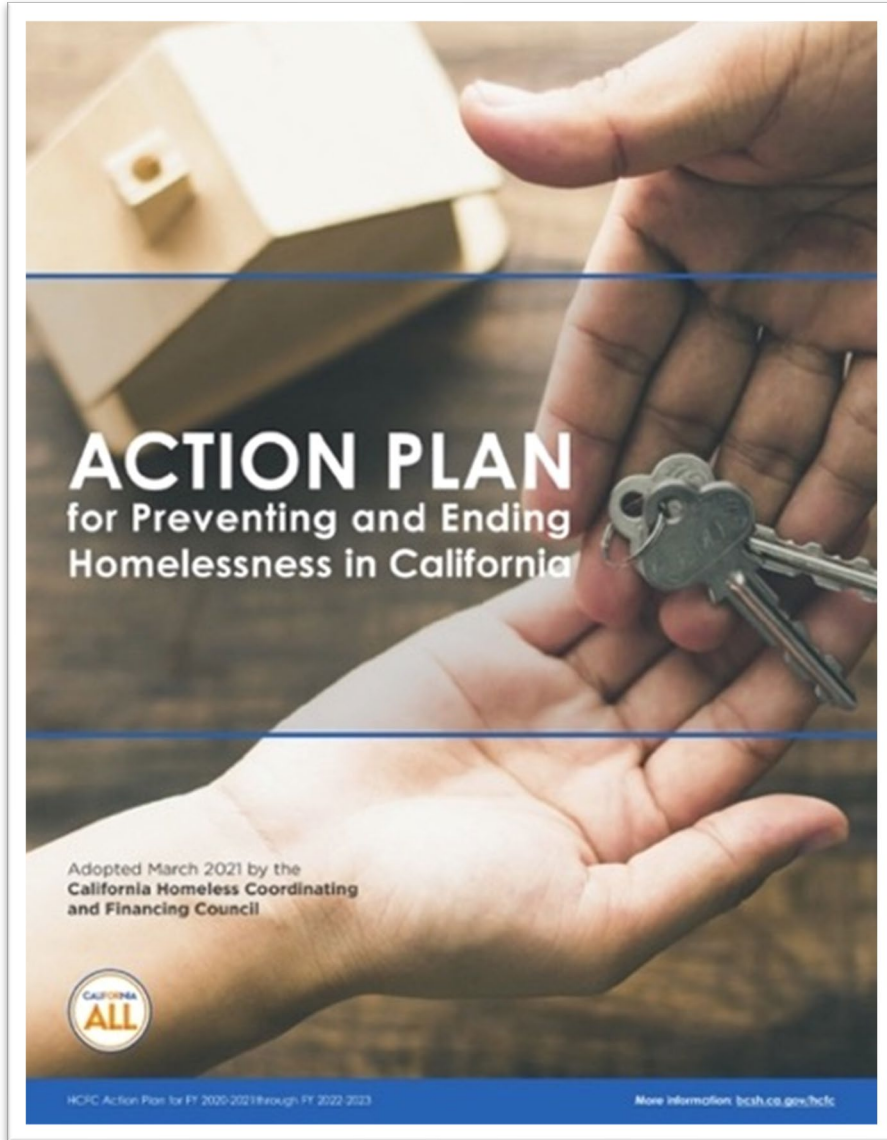
Where are ways that **an interagency focus on homelessness programs/systems** related to engaging people with lived expertise of homelessness **could be introduced/developed?**

VI. Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness

- Discussion and recommendation regarding adoption of the updated Action Plan

Presentation, Discussion, and Decision

- Overview of Action Plan and update process
- Identification of noteworthy changes in updated Plan
- Council discussion
- Public comment
- Council considers and takes action on recommendation to adopt updated Action Plan



- Adopted in March 2021
- Plan **covers the State's 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 given the **newly expanded range of State agencies and departments on the Council**

Update Process

- Input **discussions and communication with Council agencies and departments** from February into August 2022
- Consultation with **external stakeholders, including people with lived expertise**, began in April
- Two (2) **virtual public input sessions** held in April and May attended by approximately 100 people
- Discussion at **Council's May 2022 meeting**
- Council member agencies and departments were able to **confirm vast majority of Activities by early July 2022**, to guide their efforts from beginning of FY

Action Plan Updates

- **Sustained the Plan's current structure of five Action Areas and 15 Objectives**, and its timeframe (FY 20-21 through FY 22-23)
- **Revised language, data, and information** within the Plan's opening content
- **Refined descriptions of the Plan's Objectives** to ensure clarity and capture full range of Activities for FY 22-23
- **Updated Activities included in the original Plan and added many new Activities** – fully reflects the range of Activities being implemented during FY 22-23

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

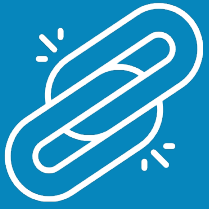
Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Our Communities



ACTION AREA 5

Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness





Action Area 1. Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California

Activities focused on pursuing racial equity in response to homelessness and housing instability; engagement and partnership with people with lived expertise from experiences of homelessness; supporting interjurisdictional and regional planning; partnerships to strengthen outcomes related to education, employment, income, and assets; disaster preparedness and response; and communications and public awareness.

► Objective 1

Strengthen racial equity-focused activities of State agencies and of local agencies and organizations receiving State funding for homelessness services and housing activities.

► Objective 2

Ensure that State and local planning and decision-making processes are deeply informed and guided by recommendations from people with lived expertise from experiences of homelessness.

► Objective 3

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





Action Area 1. Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California

▶ Objective 4

Improve access to education and employment services and opportunities for people at risk of, experiencing, and/or exiting homelessness.

▶ Objective 5

Support California communities to develop disaster preparedness plans and public health strategies more inclusive of the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

▶ Objective 6

Increase public awareness of the State's homelessness strategies, successes, challenges, and the importance of Housing First approaches, trauma-informed care, and other best practices.





Action Area 2. Equitably Addressing the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of Californians Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

Activities focused on addressing health and safety needs and increasing access to State-supported services and programs for people who are experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

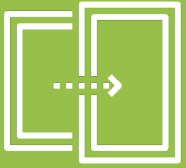
► Objective 7

Support California communities to strengthen outreach efforts and to address the health and safety needs of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

► Objective 8

Provide equitable access to essential State-supported programs and services, including health and behavioral health care services, for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness.





Action Area 3. Expanding Communities' Capacity to Provide Safe and Effective Sheltering and Interim Housing

Activities focused on expanding the supply of safe, housing-placement focused sheltering and interim housing models and addressing health and services needs of people staying within such programs.

► Objective 9

Partner with communities to implement innovative approaches and expand the supply of safe, housing-placement focused, and trauma-informed sheltering and interim housing models for Californians experiencing homelessness.

► Objective 10

Expand alignment and engagement of State resources, including health and behavioral health care resources, to address health and services needs among Californians temporarily staying within sheltering and interim housing options.





Action Area 4. Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Our Communities

Activities focused on strengthening Housing First approaches and expanding permanent housing opportunities through development strategies, short- and long-term rental assistance, and other rehousing activities.

► Objective 11

Strengthen implementation of Housing First approaches and other best practices in support of equitably and urgently rehousing people from shelters, interim housing, and other temporary settings, and from unsheltered homelessness.

► Objective 12

Foster the creation of an expanded supply of affordable and supportive housing opportunities, paired with appropriate health and behavioral health care resources, that are accessible and culturally responsive to people exiting homelessness, to people at lowest income levels, and to people from historically marginalized communities.

► Objective 13

Improve access to short-term, longer-term, and flexible forms of rental assistance to support racially equitable and successful exits from homelessness, and to support housing development activities.





Action Area 5. Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness

Activities focused on reducing entries into homelessness as people exit and/or receive services through State-funded programs and systems and enhancing communities' capacity to provide targeted homelessness prevention and diversion services and assistance.

▶ Objective 14

Reduce entries into homelessness as people exit and/or receive services from State-funded settings and systems, addressing racial inequities within risks of experiencing homelessness, and including a focus on people re-entering communities from jails and prisons, young adults connected to the child welfare and/or juvenile justice systems, and people exiting health care settings and programs.

▶ Objective 15

Enhance communities' capacity to provide targeted homelessness prevention interventions and to successfully divert people from entering shelter or experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



Refined Opening Content

- More clearly **highlights the priority being placed on aligning health, housing, and homelessness strategies**
- **Refinement of Objective descriptions** to clarify language and ensure fully capture range of Activities being implemented
- New **Key Principles and Practices** to include a focus on trauma-informed care and on alignment of health, housing, and homelessness strategies
- Information re: formation of the Council's **Advisory Committee and planned creation of a Lived Experience Advisory Board**
- **Updated data on homelessness in California, utilizing HDIS system data, documenting people served by homelessness systems across the State**

Updated Activities

- Activities **planned for implementation in FY 22-23**, some of which will continue into future FYs
- **More than 150 Activities** aligned with the Plan's Action Areas and Objectives
- **More than 80 new Activities**, including those from departments newly added to the Council in 2022
- New or updated **performance measures for every Activity**

Updated Activities

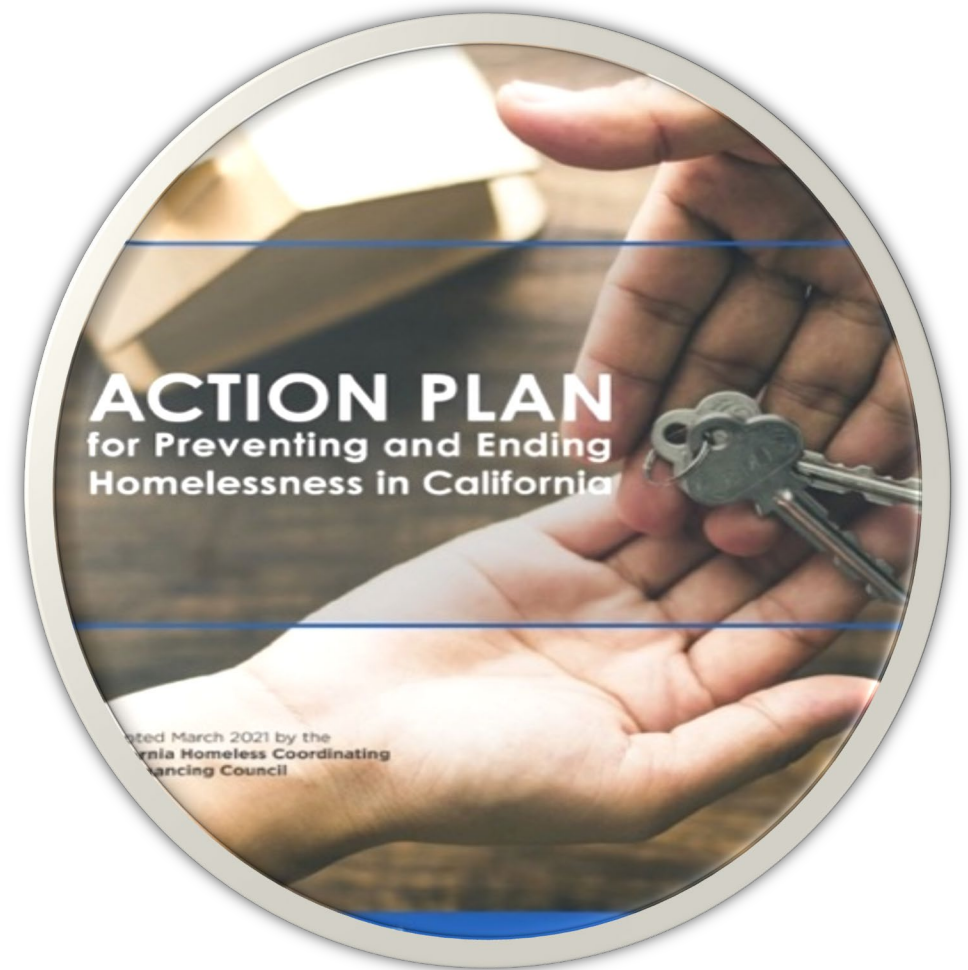
Significant **expansion of Activities addressing:**

- Intersections of **public health, physical and behavioral health care, and homelessness and housing** strategies and resources; and
- **Prevention of experiences of homelessness** as people exit and/or receive services from State-funded settings and systems

Council Discussion

Reflections on **your agency or department's updated Activities?**

How can this updated Action Plan further **advance interagency collaboration and coordination?**



Public Comment



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Council Decision

Do Council members vote to adopt the updated Action Plan?

Planned Next Steps

- **Finalize document** for publication and dissemination (pending Council decision)
- **Complete progress report** assessing implementation of Action Plan during FY 21-22

VII. Federal Updates

- USICH unsheltered homelessness guidance
- HUD Special NOFA and Housing Choice Vouchers

Federal Update

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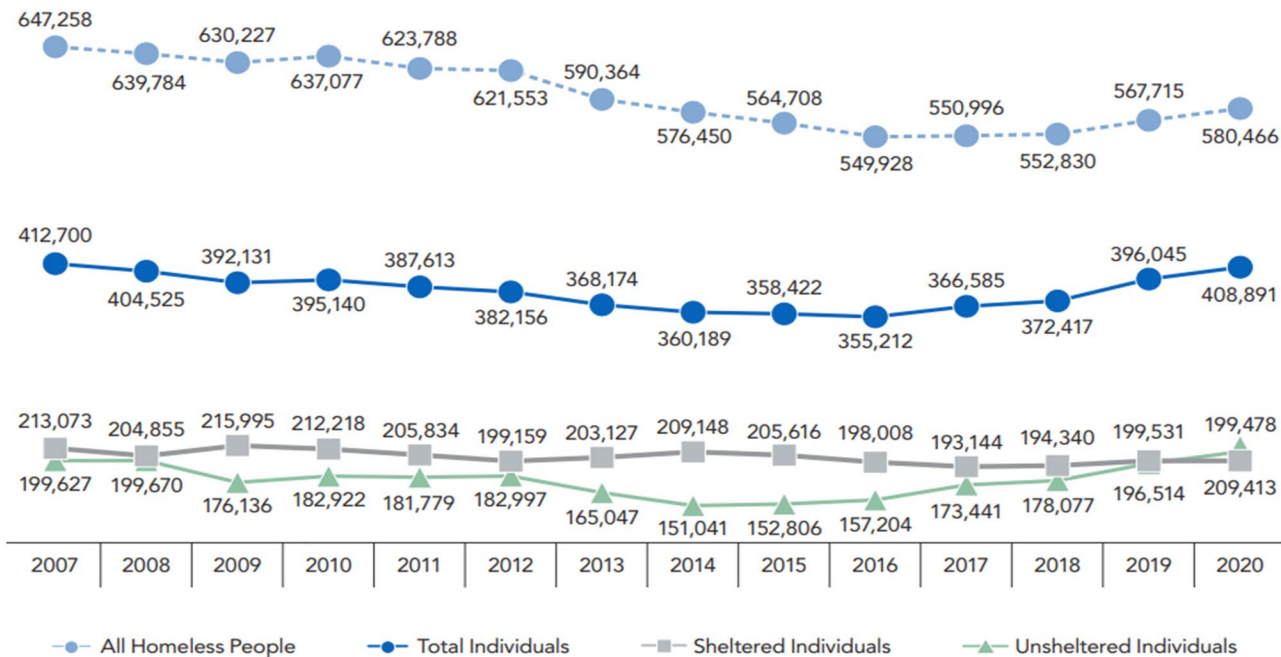


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State of Unsheltered Homelessness

EXHIBIT 2.1: PIT Estimates of Individuals Experiencing Homelessness
By Sheltered Status, 2007–2020



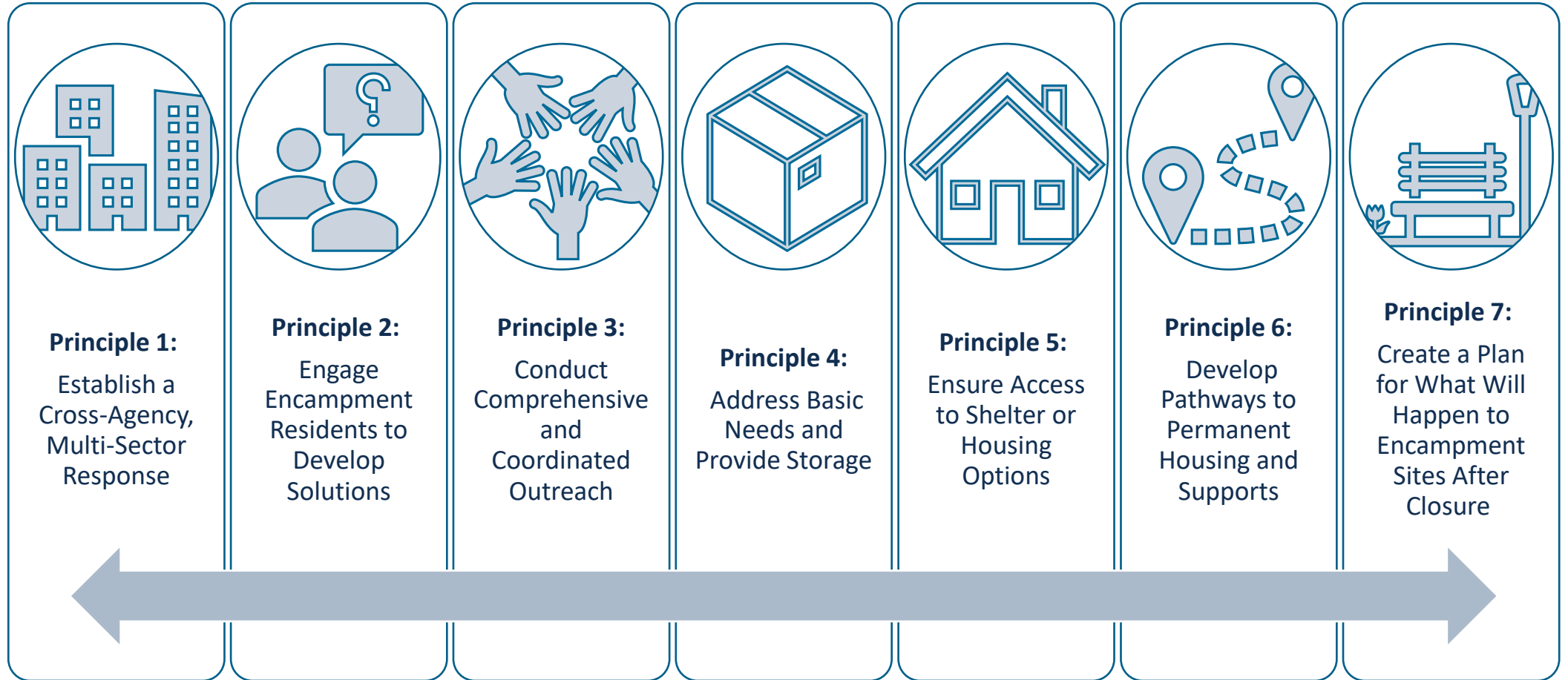
For the first time, in 2020, unsheltered homelessness exceeded sheltered homelessness among individuals.

HUD Definition of Homelessness
Individuals or families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including someone who is unsheltered.

Definition of Unsheltered
Having a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation.



Principles for Addressing Encampments





HUD NOFOs

Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered & Rural Homelessness

- \$322M Available
- Strongly promotes partnerships with healthcare organizations, public housing authorities and mainstream housing providers, and people with lived expertise of homelessness.
- Deadline: October 20, 2022

Annual CoC NOFO

- \$2.8B Available
- Expanded to Tribal Agencies Collaborative Applicants.
- Funding for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking; and youth.
- Deadline: September 30, 2022



Resources

- [Ending Homelessness for People Living in Encampments: Advancing the Dialogue | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness \(USICH\)](#)
- [Responses to Homelessness | Bureau of Justice Assistance \(ojp.gov\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Engaging Individuals with Lived Expertise - HUD Exchange](#)
- [Core-Components-of-Outreach-2019.pdf \(usich.gov\)](#)
- [Interim Guidance on People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness | COVID-19 | CDC](#)
- [Protecting Health and Well-being of People in Encampments During an Infectious Disease Outbreak \(hudexchange.info\)](#)
- [Infectious Disease Toolkit for CoCs: Preventing and Managing the Spread of Infectious Disease within Encampments \(hudexchange.info\)](#)
- [Caution Sanctioned Encampments Safe Zones 052318.pdf \(usich.gov\)](#)
- [Model Transitions Document FINAL \(hud.gov\)](#)
- [Homelessness Among People Living in Encampments | HUD USER](#)
- [Case Studies: Ending Homelessness for People Living in Encampments | United States Interagency Council on Homelessness \(USICH\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Planning a Housing Surge to Accelerate Rehousing Efforts in Response to COVID-19 \(hudexchange.info\)](#)
- [COVID-19 Homeless System Response: Housing Surges: Special Considerations for Targeting People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness \(hudexchange.info\)](#)
- [Microsoft PowerPoint - Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Final Presentation \(hud.gov\)](#)
- [The Curb-Cut Effect \(ssir.org\)](#)
- [spur gehl coexistence in public space.pdf](#)
- HUD [Unsheltered and Rural Notice of Funding Opportunity](#)

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Questions?



VIII. Cal ICH Staff Updates

- HHAP Round 3 application status
- Cal ICH Grants progress updates
- Cal ICH Working Groups
- Housing First Report

HHAP Round 3 Application Status

- HHAP-3: \$1 Billion in flexible funds for CoC's, Counties, and large cities to support direct services, capacity building, and system supports.
- Now requires:
 - Local Homelessness Action Plan
 - Measurable Performance Goals
 - Local Board and Public Comment
- Currently under review using robust evaluation framework supported by the Council at the May 31 meeting.

HHAP Round 3 Application Status

- Cal ICH conducted individualized engagements and technical assistance with all 114 eligible jurisdictions.
- All jurisdictions submitted by the June 30 statutory deadline.
- 75 application received, reflecting robust collaboration between overlapping jurisdictions choosing to apply jointly.
- Cal ICH staff conducted an initial review of all application by the July 30 statutory deadline.

HHAP Round 3 Application Status

- 70 of the 75 applications were found to need specific amendments.
- As of August 16, Cal ICH staff has conducted individualized engagements with 36 of the 70 applicants needing additional support.
- The type and complexity of support vary widely across jurisdictions on various issues including budgets, performance goals, and data analysis.
- Cal ICH will conduct a review and analysis of the data collected through this process to provide a more holistic report out of trends and top line takeaways related to the collective HHAP-3 local action plans and performance goals at the next council meeting.

Cal ICH Grants Updates

- **Tribal HHAP:** Cal ICH received applications from 16 Tribal entities and all Tribal funds will be fully utilized. We anticipate awards will be announced in September.
- **Family Challenge Grant:** Cal ICH received 32 applications and awarded 10 grants to fund a variety of projects in diverse entities across the state. The NIA was released on June 24, 2022.
- **Encampment Fund:** New funds were made available this year. Cal ICH is working to fund viable unfunded projects from last year and will start accepting applications for new grants by December.

Cal ICH Project Updates

Interagency Working Groups

- **State Funding and Programs Working Group**

- Continues to make progress on Action Plan priorities
- Created three subgroups:
 1. Ensuring Financial Resources, Technical Assistance, and Guidance Reaches Under Resourced Communities;
 2. Creating Greater Alignment Across State Funding Programs;
 3. Providing Guidance on the Uses, Targeting, and Deployment of State Funding.

- **Racial Equity Working Group**

- The pre-implementation team had its first meeting to help determine the direction, priorities, and recruitment of the larger Working Group.

Cal ICH Project Updates

Housing First

- Housing First Report for November 10 Council Meeting
- Upcoming efforts to provide greater assistance and guidance

Statewide Homelessness Landscape Assessment

- Fiscal analysis portion completed for all state-funded, administered, and implemented programs aimed at serving people at risk of or experiencing homelessness
- Interim Report to the Legislature submitted in June (attached to Council meeting packet)

Questions?

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