



California Interagency Council on Homelessness

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California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

California Interagency Council on Homelessness General Updates

The Council welcomes recently appointed CWDB Executive Director, Kaina Pereira and Dr. Margot Kushel, appointed by the Senate.

The Advisory Committee to the Council convened on May 21st, 2024, to discuss the upcoming selection process and role of Committee Co-Chair and provide feedback on the vision and tools in the upcoming 2024 Action Plan. The [meeting recording](#) and meeting materials can be accessed on our [Meetings Webpage](#).

The next Council and Advisory Committee Meetings are the following dates:

Council Meetings	Advisory Committee Meetings
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wednesday, June 12th, 1:00 – 4:00PMThursday, September 5th, 1:00 – 4:00PM	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Thursday, August 22nd, 1:00 – 3:00PMTuesday, November 12th, 1:00-3:00PM

To receive notice of these meetings and receive updates from Cal ICH, [subscribe here](#).

Council Administered Grants

Grants Development Section

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP)

Cal ICH received HHAP-5 applications from all eligible applicants on March 27, 2024. Cal ICH is currently working in close partnership with HCD to complete a thorough review of these HHAP-5 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plans and accompanying funding plans.

Tribal HHAP

The NOFA and application for Tribal HHAP round 3 were posted in April of 2024 and applications for this \$20 million will be due on June 28, 2024.

Family Homelessness Challenge Grant (FHC)

Applications for the second round of awards for FHC were due on February 27, 2024. Cal ICH is currently reviewing these applications and hopes to announce awards shortly.

Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Grant Program

Awards were announced for the first application window of ERF-3-R on April 18, 2024, providing nearly \$200 million to 17 communities and 20 Encampment Resolution projects. Cal ICH is currently reviewing and scoring applications received in Window 2 and will keep the application portal open until June 28, 2024. Final award announcements for ERF-3-R will be made after the transition to HCD in July.

Grant Operations & Support Section

Monitoring

The Monitoring Unit is responsible for monitoring statutory expenditure, reporting and application requirements of Cal ICH grants through a support centered approach. The following provides and update on Grant Monitoring Unit activities in recent months:

- **HHAP Expenditure Deadline Support:** The Grants Monitoring Unit is currently supporting HHAP-3 grantees in meeting the upcoming obligation deadline on May 31, 2024. Based on data from the most recent HHAP-3 Quarterly Report, the Monitoring Unit developed a

tiered approach to support and provided targeted guidance. One on one meetings with Cal ICH staff were provided to grantees that reported low obligation numbers in an effort to ensure grantees have all the resources necessary to meet the deadline.

- **ERF and FHC Deadline Support:** The Monitoring Unit is supporting ERF-1, ERF-2L, ERF-2R, and FHC grantees in meeting upcoming obligation and expenditure deadlines on June 30, 2024. The Monitoring Unit is currently coordinating meetings with grantees, the Cal ICH Program Implementation team, and Homebase (the ERF TA provider) to problem solve and provide creative solutions in meeting the upcoming deadlines. A total of 19 grantees have utilized these meetings to date.

Technical Assistance

The Technical Assistance (TA) Unit is responsible for providing support to all Cal ICH grantees through targeted, contracted technical assistance providers and evaluators. The following provides and update on recent developments within the TA Unit with some of the TA programs offered:

- **HHAP Youth Set-Aside Evaluation:** The University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley) is currently conducting a mixed-methods evaluation assessing the impact of the HHAP youth set-aside through four objectives: guidelines to prevent, address and end youth homelessness, an evaluation survey, improved youth count, and support to youth leaders. The Guidelines were released to HHAP grantees and other youth-serving organizations. These guidelines were created by reviewing research literature for strategies and best practices, and by soliciting input from youth leaders with lived expertise in youth homelessness, youth advocates, service providers, government leads, and subject matter experts. Next, the Berkeley Team will be using the youth-set aside evaluation data to develop a grantee assessment tool set to be completed by June 2024. This tool will be specifically developed using California HHAP guidance and serve as a self-assessment tool for jurisdictions' use of youth-set aside funds.
- **Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) TA:** Homebase provides TA support to all ERF grantees and is highly focused on program design in order to expend ERF funding within the short timeframes. This is done through a one on one, community learning groups, foundational trainings, and quarterly all grantee convenings. Additionally, Homebase worked in partnership with Cal ICH to provide expenditure support and guidance on promising practices in encampment response. Lastly, of the 48 ERF grantee communities 36 have received 1:1 TA as well as participated in foundational trainings held by Homebase.
- **Racial Equity TA:** The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) established phase two of the California Racial Equity Lab last year. This is a year-long engagement with the objective to identify and implement a Racial Equity Improvement Project that includes goals set forth in the HHAP-4 applications and work towards eliminating racial disparities in homelessness systems across California. The CA REAL participants defined their racial equity improvement projects and implemented them under the guidance of TAC's RE Team. On May 30th, the CA REAL communities will be presenting their racial equity improvement project process to their peers, providing insights on how they overcame challenges, and successes that were encountered while participating in CA REAL phase 2. The participating cohort is comprised of 25 HHAP grantees.
- **Youth Programming TA:** The Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) established phase two of the Youth Action Board (YAB) Collaboration last year to focus on supporting HHAP grantees in building out youth action boards. Earlier this year, TAC launched the YAB Level Up Series to inform grantees on how to engage people with lived experience and make an impact through guided programming and incorporating policies from the local, state, and national levels. On June 7th, TAC will be hosting the final YAB Collab session of the Level Up Series, where grantees will be identifying ongoing goals and wrapping up any outstanding issues. There are currently 20 HHAP grantees engaged in Youth TA through one on one and group engagements.

- **Permanent Housing Solutions TA:** Focus Strategies (FS) developed Shelter Standards for Monterey and San Benito County using a Housing First principles' approach. They are using this effort to establish a "tool kit" that can be utilized by all grantees to develop shelter standards for their individual communities. FS continues to work with HHAP grantees to establish "community profiles". The community profiles are a visual guide that highlights local strategies and successes in providing support to people experiencing homelessness. The document provides regional goals for each community, significant achievements, and key collaborations toward reducing unsheltered homelessness. All community profile interviews, and profiles will be completed by September 2024.
- **Tribal TA:** The California Coalition for Rural Housing (CCRH) began their technical assistance contract with Cal ICH in December 2023. CCRH has used the beginning of this year to conduct initial assessments with all Tribal HHAP grantees to identify areas that they need the most support. This information has been used to determine their initial goals, establish timelines, and insights to beneficial trainings that would directly support Tribal HHAP grantees. Additionally, CCRH has started the Tribe 2 Tribe Network Hour, that was created for Tribal HHAP Grantees to take advantage of peer learning and centering discussions around common topics where Tribal HHAP grantees experience difficulties. On May 17th, the Tribe 2 Tribe Network Hour was focused on activities and practices seen to effectively utilize youth-set aside funds under Tribal HHAP. There are currently 21 Tribal HHAP Grantees receiving TA from CCRH.

Grants Data and Research

The Data and Research Unit within the Grants Division is responsible for facilitating the reconciling and evaluation of grants data, improving and maintaining grants data quality, and coordinating with the Cal ICH Data/Research and Monitoring Units to meet data needs. The following provides an update on key Data and Research Unit activities in recent months:

- **2023 HHAP and Tribal HHAP Annual Report:** HHAP and Tribal HHAP Annual Reports were due from grantees on December 31, 2023. The Data/Research Unit is currently going through the quality check and data analyzation phase. In this phase there is a lot of engagement with grantees on reconciling data related issues. The 2023 HHAP Annual Report is on target to be released in Spring 2024 and will contain fiscal and persons served data.

Statewide Policy and Local Initiatives

Action Plan

The creation of the new Action Plan is currently underway. Public and Tribal input has already begun and Cal ICH staff have been collecting feedback from various conferences and Tribal engagements. The public and Tribal input processes will conclude in May and summaries of the input received will be presented at the June Council meeting. Additionally, Cal ICH staff are working with Council departments and agencies to identify specific activities for inclusion in the plan.

Housing First

Cal ICH has identified 38 state funded, administered, or implemented programs across nine departments and agencies that should comply with Housing First statute ([Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255-8256](#)). Staff surveyed these programs and are analyzing responses to understand their compliance with the statutory requirements and provide support to strengthen the implementation of the Housing First statute. Cal ICH plans to provide guidance and resources to both state and local partners to help ensure effective implementation of the statute at all levels.

Lived Experience Advisory Board

One of the six key principles and commitments of Cal ICH is to ensure decisions are deeply informed and guided by people who have expertise grounded in lived experiences of homelessness. Meaningful input from people with lived experiences of accessing homelessness services while experiencing homelessness is required to assure that policymaker and providers learn of problems and solutions from firsthand accounts.

The Cal ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) was established to inform a broad range of Council decisions, priorities, and actions. In December 2023, the eleven (11) member LEAB officially began convening once a month to provide feedback on requests, while also continuing to build-up their organizational structure. The Cal ICH LEAB recently identified the following top priorities to guide their work and advocacy efforts:

- Work to End Criminalization of People Experiencing Homelessness
- Promote a Focus on Prevention
- Advocate for More Affordable Permanent Housing, Supportive and Sustainable Housing
- Center Lived Experience/Expertise in Decision Making

The LEAB's priority list serves to:

- Highlight the most urgent homelessness issues to the Council, Working Groups, Homelessness Systems Leaders, and the general public.
- Guide the LEAB in accepting project requests that align with their priorities.
- Develop LEAB-driven initiatives creating tools for inclusive local planning, identifying strategies to support racial equity in homelessness response and beyond.

A formal request process is launching soon for the Council and member departments to submit requests to the LEAB.

Members meet monthly and receive reimbursement for their participation.

Research and Data

AB 977

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 977 (AB 977), the State of California requires grantees of specified state funded homelessness programs to enter specific data elements related to individuals and families into their local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). AB 977 requires Cal ICH to provide technical assistance and guidance to grantees or entities administering projects that operates a program subject to this bill. AB 977 applies to the ten programs named in statute without limitation, and all state funded homelessness programs commencing on or after July 1, 2021. Cal ICH has contracted with Abt Global (formerly Abt Associates) to provide technical assistance and training to ensure that grantees have all the resources needed to be able to comply with AB 977.

Cal ICH, in consultation with respective administering state agencies or departments, is required to specify the entry format and disclosure frequency of the required data elements. The state agencies and departments expressly named in statute, in partnership with Cal ICH and Abt Global, have issued instructions to their grantees to support HMIS data entry. Grantees of the ten programs identified in statute were required to comply with the project set up and data entry requirements when entering data into HMIS by July 1, 2023. In May of 2024, Cal ICH disseminated a memo to administering departments defining AB 977 compliance and the resources available to assist in achieving it. Cal ICH is working with Abt Global to develop data quality reports that state agencies and departments can use to verify that their grantees are complying with AB 977's requirements. Abt Global worked with Cal ICH, CDSS, HCD, and CCCCCO to reviewed and correct data that their programs submitted in the third quarter of 2023; fourth quarter data submissions are currently under review.

Cal ICH is also partnering with Abt Global to conduct needs assessments for and to provide technical assistance to state-funded homelessness programs that commenced on or after July 1, 2021, in order to ensure grantees have the resources needed to comply with AB 977. Needs assessments, TA plans, and

project setup instructions have been completed for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) program (funded by the California Department of Health Care Services), and for the Veterans' Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) Pilot (funded by the California Department of Veterans Affairs). Office hours for these programs are ongoing.

Additionally, Cal ICH has published a dashboard that departments can use to see outcomes of participants in AB 977 programs, with data disaggregated by the demographic characteristics of participants, the CoC that they received services in, and the specific projects that they received services from. Cal ICH is also working with Abt Global to produce a data quality tool to support HMIS administrators with checking for quality at the point of upload to HDIS.

SB 914 & SB 918

Pursuant to Senate Bill 914, the Homeless Equity for Left Behind Populations (HELP) Act, the State of California requires cities, counties, and continuums of care who receive state funding to include families, people fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, and unaccompanied women into their homelessness planning and responses, on or after January 1, 2024. SB 914 requires Cal ICH to set initial goals by January 1, 2025 to prevent and end homelessness among these key populations. SB 914 further requires local jurisdictions to work with victim service providers to develop analyses or goals to address the specific needs of this population with data measures not included in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Pursuant to Senate Bill 918, the Homeless Youth Act of 2018, the State of California requires Cal ICH to set and measure progress towards goals aimed at preventing and ending homelessness among youth in the state, to coordinate funding, policy, and practice efforts related to young people experiencing homelessness, and to provide technical assistance and program development support.

Cal ICH is working with the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) to implement SB 914 and SB 918. They are analyzing data that can be used to create meaningful and actionable goals and measures of progress. They have conducted focus groups and are continuing to engage with service providers, local governments, people with lived experience, and informants in state agencies inform these goals and measures. CPEDV will also support provision of technical assistance and training activities to cities, counties and continuums of care to help integrate these goals into local planning processes.

Homelessness Data Integration System (HDIS)

Cal ICH's Homelessness Data Integration System (HDIS) aggregates data from the 44 local homelessness response systems (Continuums of Care) in California on a quarterly basis. Cal ICH released data on its [public dashboard](#) about the people who accessed the homelessness response system through the end of 2023. Cal ICH also updated the [demographic data](#) posted to the state's open data portal.

Cal ICH presented its second workshop for local HMIS administrators in its HDIS Connect series. The workshop focused on the impact of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) new 2024 [HMIS](#) data standards on race and ethnicity data, and facilitators demonstrated how to use Cal ICH's CoC dashboards to analyze local racial disparity data. Cal ICH will continue to develop relationships with HMIS administrators through bi-monthly HDIS Connect workshops, with the next workshop on July 10 focused on data collection and data quality best practices.

California System Performance Measures (CA SPMs)

The California System Performance Measures (CA SPMs) are a series of metrics developed by the Cal ICH that help the state and local jurisdictions assess their progress toward preventing, reducing, and ending homelessness. The CA SPMs provide standardized data to each continuum of care in the state on six performance measures, as well as information that can be used to identify underserved populations and populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness. [CA SPM data](#) for Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 is posted to the state's open data portal.

Cal ICH will release CA SPM data for Calendar Year 2023 this summer. These will be the first CA SPMs using data submitted following the 2024 HMIS data standards, which include a combined race and ethnicity field. The combination of the previously separated race and ethnicity fields will result in a different set of race and ethnicity categories in the CA SPM data; specifically, there is no longer a “multiple races” category, and instead each person is counted in each of the race and ethnicity categories that they identify with, either as a race *alone* or *in combination with another race or ethnicity*. Communities will continue to use the CA SPMs to analyze system-level trends, set goals, and identify disparities between populations.

Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS) Technical Assistance and Analytics RFP

Cal ICH has awarded a contract to ICF to provide technical assistance to Council member departments and agencies to use HDIS data and CA SPMs, and to continuums of care and service providers to improve HDIS data quality and compliance. ICF will also assist with improving CA SPM methodology through stakeholder engagement and new code development, and will create data visualization dashboards. ICF is scheduled to begin work in July.

California Department of Aging (CDA)

The California Department of Aging (CDA) continues to focus efforts on advancing the Master Plan for Aging, including Goal One, *Housing for All Ages and Stages*, and Goal Five, *Affording Aging (MPA)*, which includes the strategy of “Ending Older Adult Homelessness.” These efforts are aimed at ensuring accessible, person-centered services and supports systems through coordination, advocacy, and referral arrangements. The MPA goals are key components to building out an age-and-disability friendly California. For more information, see the [2023-24 MPA Annual Report](#) and the [MPA Implementation Tracker](#). The following efforts reflect the department’s housing-related efforts, which includes extensive, regular stakeholder engagement:

- **Modernizing California’s Aging Network:** The department led a robust, year-long stakeholder process known as California 2030 that resulted in a final report and agenda for action: More than 250 stakeholders were interviewed, including all 33 Area Agencies on Aging, and over 17,000 older adults in all 58 counties responded to a statewide consumer survey. This effort is a 2024 program priority for the CalHHS Agency as reflected on the [2024-2025 Program Priority release](#). Specific to housing, the California 2030 report outlines strategies to improve housing information, navigation and referrals, a high priority for stakeholders who informed the project. The California Commission on Aging is sponsoring legislation, [SB 1249 \(Roth\)](#) to advance key recommendations in the [CA 2030 report](#).
- **Preventing and Ending Older Adult Homelessness:** Last fall, CDA convened an invitational roundtable discussion in Los Angeles with 56 subject matter experts, academic partners, and select stakeholders to develop a framework for preventing and ending homelessness among older adults in partnership with state, local and community-based entities. Recommendations from this convening are expected to be released early summer.
- **CA For All Ages & Abilities: 2024 Master Plan for Aging Day of Action:** California’s Master Plan for Aging is a nationally-recognized blueprint for building communities and states for all ages and abilities. On October 8, 2024, in partnership with the MPA’s philanthropic partners, CDA will host the “California for ALL Ages & Abilities Day of Action” convening at the Sacramento SAFE Credit Union Convention Center. The MPA Day of Action brings together consumers, aging and disability leaders, and policymakers to elevate the current and future issues that impact older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers to inform the development of the MPA’s 2025-2026 initiatives. The 2024 MPA Day of Action serves as an opportunity to: 1) focus the MPA’s future work on the highest priority issues facing Californians today; 2) engage diverse partners in a whole-of-government approach; 3) center the MPA’s planning efforts on equity and lived experience; and 4) celebrate the progress and renew our shared commitment to the MPA, California’s 10-year blueprint for all ages and abilities. For more information, see the [event webpage](#)

Noteworthy Federal Update

In May, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, through its Administration for Community Living, released “[Aging in the United States: A Strategic Framework for a National Plan on Aging](#).” The report lays the groundwork for a coordinated effort – across the private and public sectors and in partnership with older adults, family caregivers, the aging services network, and other stakeholders – to

create a national set of recommendations for advancing healthy aging and age-friendly communities that value and truly include older adults. The national plan on aging will advance best practices for service delivery, support development and strengthening of partnerships within and across sectors, identify solutions for removing barriers to health and independence for older adults, and more. Developed by leaders and experts from 16 federal agencies and departments working together through the Interagency Coordinating Committee (ICC) on Healthy Aging and Age-Friendly Communities, the report also reflects input from community partners and leaders in the aging services network.

Programs and Initiatives:

- **Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator:** In February, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development selected California to participate in the [Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator](#) initiative. CDA is partnering with the lead state entity, Department of Health Care Services, as well as the Department of Rehabilitation, the Business Consumer Services and Housing Agency, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to continue advancing efforts to secure housing and services for older adults, in alignment with the Master Plan for Aging.
- **Elder and Disability Justice, Legal Services Technical Assistance:** CDA awarded a \$1 million contract to Justice in Aging (JIA) to strengthen elder justice initiatives and map California’s legal landscape. The collaboration includes a comprehensive needs assessment of Legal Services in California, a collaborative roundtable discussion on relevant topics, and the opportunity to learn about different legal models and strategic plans among service providers in California. Additionally, a curriculum has been developed and posted on the JIA [California Resources and Trainings](#) webpage to equip providers with the resources, tools, and skills required to address the complex legal challenges faced by older adults and people with disabilities. The legal service needs include housing insecurity, rental issues, tenant protections, eviction protections, advance planning to identify alternatives to guardianship, and asset management such as estate planning to ensure an individual does not lose their housing.
- **Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis:** As a key initiative of the Master Plan for Aging, CDA’s [Home and Community Based Services \(HCBS\) Gap Analysis](#) and Multi-year Roadmap project will focus on assessing the landscape of non-Medi-Cal HCBS, including an analysis of affordable/accessible housing for older adults and people with disabilities. The project seeks to develop an inventory and gap analysis of HCBS to inform a multi-year roadmap that will build upon California’s HCBS infrastructure. CDA’s Non-Medi-Cal HCBS Gap Analysis is being carried out in partnership with the Department of Health Care Service’s [\(DHCS\) Medi-Cal HCBS Gap Analysis](#) and Multi-year Roadmap in consultation with Mathematica.
- **Local Aging & Disability Action Planning Grant Program:** CDA established the [Local Aging & Disability Action Planning \(LADAP\) Grant Program](#) to support communities in developing local age and disability-friendly action plans. The local plans seek to improve a community’s livability and address the current, emerging, and future needs of California’s older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers through local coordination and cross-sector collaboration. The 21 grantees join the nearly 100 communities across California that have already embarked upon age- and disability-friendly action planning and implementation. The goals of the LADAP grant program align with [California’s Master Plan for Aging \(MPA\)](#) and California’s commitment to equity. The grant program runs through March 31, 2025.

- **Dignity at Home Fall Prevention and Home Modification Program:** The Dignity at Home Falls Prevention and Home Modification Program is a \$10 million initiative operated by local Area Agencies on Aging to provide information, education, and home modifications to enable older adults to safely remain in their homes. In 2022, the program assisted 3,606 individuals and provided 312 training programs. Funding for the program expires 9/30/2024.

Stakeholder Engagement

The following stakeholder committees continue to address housing and homelessness:

- The [Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in California Together](#) (IMPACT) Stakeholder Committee continues to elevate the need for affordable, accessible housing linked with needed health care and supportive services. Further, the Committee has advocated for more targeted investments to meet the needs of older adults and people with disabilities, and they hope to see more explicit allocations. Additionally, the committee is advocating for development of a rental-assistance program targeted to severely rent-burdened and other precariously housed older adults and persons with disabilities. To learn more about their priorities, see their April 2024 report here: [IMPACT Committee Report](#)
- The [Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee](#) (DACLAC) Housing Subcommittee continues to advocate for solutions to prevent and end homelessness among older adults and people with disabilities, including targeted rental assistance for older adult renters who are at-risk of homelessness.
- The [Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council](#) (EDJCC) continues their focus on the issues of abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults and people with disabilities. The council has explored solutions related to legal services, conservatorships, the role of public guardians, intersections with Adult Protective Services, and closer alignment with health, human services, housing and law enforcement.

California Community Colleges (CCC)



Updates from the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office

CCC OVERVIEW

Student Housing Programs Homeless and Housing Insecure Pilot (HHIP)

The HHIP model is a high touch program, providing intensive case management and support services. In addition to substantial academic and personal case management, students receive housing navigation and placement services, and many receive ongoing rental subsidies. In fiscal year 2019-20, the state Legislature appropriated \$9M annually to California Community Colleges (CCC) to support ongoing rapid rehousing services to CCC students. As a result, the Chancellor’s Office launched the Homeless and Housing Insecurity Program (HHIP) to support pilot colleges in developing and/or strengthening their capacity to support students facing housing insecurity or homelessness, ultimately improving students’ educational outcomes. The 2022-2023 budget included a \$10 million dollar increase to the program. In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, a cost-of-living adjustment was applied, and the program funding was increased to an annual appropriation of \$20.5 million.

There are currently two cohorts of colleges participating in HHIP, and the Chancellor’s Office employs a statewide data driven identification process, including analysis of county and college data, to establish participating cohorts.

- Cohort 1:
 - 14 colleges
 - Participation began in the 2021-22 academic year
 - Each college received \$500,000-\$700,000 annually for four years.
- Cohort 2:
 - 13 colleges
 - Participation began in the 2023-2024 academic year
 - Each college received a base of \$150,000, with the remaining allocation being distributed around the individual campus head count, across the participating colleges.

Cohort 2 colleges have now attended two in-person training sessions and are in early stages of program implementation. This will bring our cumulative total to 27 campuses participating in HHIP starting the 2023-2024 academic year.

COHORT 1	COHORT 2
Antelope Valley Community College	American River College
Barstow College	College of Marin
Butte College	LA Harbor College
Cerritos College	LA Trade Tech College

College of the Redwoods	Oxnard College
Fresno City College	San Bernardino Valley College
Gavilan College	Santa Barbara College
Imperial Valley College	Santa Rosa College
Long Beach City College	Shasta College
Los Angeles Southwest College	Southwestern College
Modesto Junior College	West Hills Lemoore College
Riverside City College	Cuyamaca College
San Diego City College	San Joaquin Delta
Victor Valley College	

STUDENT DATA REPORT ANALYSIS

In April 2024, the Chancellor’s Office collected and analyzed quantitative and qualitative data from the 2022-2023 academic year regarding program progress and areas of improvement from the HHIP Cohort 1 participants. Highlights from this round of data collection are as follows:

- *Across the 14 colleges in HHIP Cohort #1, twelve hired and/or identified dedicated staff to administer the program, 2 of the 14 have contracted with their housing service agencies to provide the full scope of services to their students. All colleges in Cohort #1 have formal partnerships in place with local housing service agencies and leverage the staffing and resources available through these agencies, to expand their capacity in serving students.*
- *Numbers of students served by Cohort 1 institutions:*

UNIQUE STUDENT SERVED BY ACADEMIC YEAR			
COLLEGE NAME	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Antelope Valley College	27	92	73
Barstow College	67	59	80
Butte College	101	198	226
Cerritos College	21	36	65
Fresno City College	107	68	123
Gavilan College	111	131	141
Imperial Valley College	23	46	117
Los Angeles Southwest College	58	110	81
Long Beach City College	47	92	101

Modesto Junior College	228	93	114
College of the Redwoods	66	55	40
Riverside City College	12	11	31
San Diego City College	22	63	115
Victor Valley College	70	116	79
TOTAL	960	1,170	1,386

- *Students receive both services and direct financial support from the colleges and/or housing services providers under HHIP.*
 - *Services provided by the colleges and/or housing services provider included:*
 - *Case management services*
 - *Comprehensive educational planning and academic support*
 - *Support for temporary hotel/motel placements*
 - *Housing navigation and placement services*
 - *Financial assistance with deposit and/or move-in costs*
 - *Ongoing rental subsidies*
 - *During fiscal year 2023-2024, the colleges and their local housing service providers distributed \$6.35 million dollars in direct support for students housing. These supports included: temporary placements, financial assistance with deposits and/or move in costs and ongoing rental subsidies.*
- *CCCCO began to collect student-level data in 2021 to better understand the impact of HHIP on student success outcomes and received data from some colleges for the 2022-2023 academic year. Initial analysis on the limited data received indicates very strong term to term persistence rates among HHIP participants.*

Persistence Rate by Select Colleges*	2022-2023: HHIP Data**	2022-2023: Whole Campus Data***
Barstow College	99%	59%
Butte College	85%	65%
Cerritos College	94%	69%
Fresno City College	94%	64%

Long Beach City College	91%	66%
San Diego City College	76%	51%
Victor Valley Community College	95%	65%
Average	91%	63%

**PLEASE NOTE: The “Persistence Rate by Select Colleges” definition for “HHIP data” is slightly different than that for “Whole campus data”.*

****Persistence Rate by Select Colleges - HHIP Data:** *percentage of students who remain enrolled in the next academic term after they have exited the HHIP program.*

*****Persistence Rate by Select Colleges – Whole Campus Data:** *percentage of students who remain enrolled in the Spring term after having been enrolled in the Fall term for the same academic year.*

The Chancellor’s Office continues to evaluate program implementation and uses ongoing data insights to inform professional development priorities for existing cohorts and the design of potential new cohorts.

Updates from the California State University System

CSU OVERVIEW

Critical to student success at the CSU, the Basic Needs Initiative takes a holistic look at students’ well-being both inside and outside the classroom, from housing and food security to mental health. Student engagement and well-being is a priority of Graduation Initiative 2025, which is supported by ongoing state funding. The CSU is working to find better ways to support our students on their path to graduation.

With the passage of the 2021-2022 state budget ([AB 128, California Budget Act of 2021](#)), recurring funds for basic needs initiatives were provided by the state legislature to the California State University (CSU). The original \$15 million investment in basic needs initiatives allows the CSU to advance Graduation Initiative 2025, the ambitious initiative to increase graduation rates for all students while eliminating equity gaps and providing the state with the graduates it needs to power the economy. These funds are the result of advocacy efforts from the CSU Board of Trustees, California State Student Association (CSSA), and countless campus and community partners and stakeholders.

The original \$15 million recurring investment was increased by an additional \$10 million with the passage of the 2022-2023 state budget ([AB 178, California Budget Act of 2022](#)). Beginning July 2022, the total amount from the state for basic needs initiatives in the CSU is \$25 million.

In fall of 2019, California State University (CSU) campuses participated in a competitive application process to apply for \$6.5 million in recurring funds made available through the amended Budget Act of 2019 ([SB 109, California Budget Act of 2019](#)) for a systemwide project known as “College-Focused Rapid Rehousing” (RRH). Resources were allocated to campuses to develop and enhance programs and services for students facing challenges with housing instability and homelessness. RRH requires that CSU campuses establish ongoing partnerships with community organizations that have a tradition of providing wrap-around services and rental subsidies to those experiencing homelessness. The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) published an [Update on Student Housing Assistance](#) on May 7, 2024 which provided a brief on the annual report of the Rapid Rehousing program alongside those of the UC and the CCC. The updates below are from the LAO’s brief on the CSU’s implementation of the program.

LAO UPDATES ON COLLEGE-FOCUSED RAPID REHOUSING

- It was noted in the brief that on average, campus Basic Needs teams spent about two-thirds of their Rapid Rehousing allocations in the 2022-23 academic year on program staffing and administration with the remainder going to direct assistance. Community-based organizations that partner with the campus teams on the Rapid Rehousing program spent, on average, about one-third of their allocation on staffing and administration, with the remainder going to direct assistance. This was not the same on every campus nor every community-based organization; spending varied immensely across the participating campuses and organizations depending on existing infrastructure and other funds being used for direct assistance.
- The brief noted that the Rapid Rehousing program is most specifically geared toward students who are experiencing homelessness or long-term housing insecurity, and in turn there is a smaller number of students being served through the Rapid Rehousing program specifically (outside of the other existing housing security programs on each campus). Over the first two years of program implementation, there were 2,725 students served by campus Basic Needs teams, with 342 referred to the Rapid Rehousing program. Slightly more than half of the students who enrolled in the program over those first two years ultimately moved into permanent housing after receiving the program’s support.
- The brief mentions the variety of housing assistance programs and initiatives that are offered to CSU students using CSU Basic Needs funds or other funds. Variations of these programs exist on all CSU campuses and are complementary to the College-Focused Rapid Rehousing programs on those eight participating campuses. These programs include on- and off-campus temporary emergency housing and emergency grants. The brief notes the CSU’s reporting of nearly 14,000 students receiving some form of housing assistance in the 2022-23 academic year.
- The LAO shares in the brief that while there is data on the academic and housing outcomes of students enrolled in the Rapid Rehousing program, efforts are underway to ensure the streamlined collection of student outcome and impact data based on usage of Basic Needs resources. It is noted that nearly 90 percent of the 20,000 students who used Basic Needs resources in Fall 2022 continued to be enrolled in the Spring 2023 term.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

Action Item No.	Action Item (as written in the FY 2023-24 CallCH Action Plan)	Metrics (as written in the FY 2023-24 CallCH Action Plan)	February 2024 Quarterly Update (due to CallCH on May 31, 2024)
1.4.4	Address the employment needs of people transitioning from State Prison, including those who receive housing under the Returning Home Well initiative, by connecting them to local employment resources, such as leveraging the workforce partnership and Prison to Employment initiative, and linking them to Department of Rehabilitation programs. This could include the provision of Workforce Development Board stipends (if applicable.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome Measures: Report the following metrics on a data dashboard: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Types of training and employment secured post-release; ○ Training participation during incarceration; and ○ Employment duration and retention measures 	CDCR staff continue to work to incorporate employment data into an internal dashboard. Simultaneously, CDCR staff are strengthening processes to maximize post-release connections to employment (e.g., Prison to Employment linkage, Female Community Reentry Program / Male Community Reentry Program linkages from CDCR Career and Technical Education programs to employment), working with community reentry program contract providers to help transitioning citizens develop relationships/opportunities to engage in training and employment to develop self-sufficiency upon release.
3.9.11	Implement the Returning Home Well initiative to expand interim housing options for people transitioning from corrections settings up to one year of release.	<p>Outcome Measure: Increased community capacity to provide interim housing options to target population.</p> <p>Output Measures: Demographics and other information regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ population served; ○ duration between release and housing placement; ○ duration of housing placement. ○ Additional measures, as identified. 	For CDCR Returning Home Well data, see table below, entitled “CDCR Returning Home Well Quarterly Report, Fiscal Year 2023-24.”
3.9.15	Explore potential opportunities for CDCR and their contracted providers to directly refer individuals releasing from State Prison who are at risk of homelessness and who are on	Outcome Measure: TBD (based on available and applicable housing programs.)	CDCR’s Division of Rehabilitation (DRP), Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO) and California Department of Social Services (CDSS) staff are continuing to meet to explore linkages for returning citizens and

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	<p>parole and become homeless to existing, applicable programs to address housing needs. Specific emphasis will be made to explore connections to housing resources for the American Indian / Alaska Native population.</p>		<p>parolees to the CDSS Homeless Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). DRP staff have documented and shared with CDSS the findings from initial discussions with responsive HDAP providers. CDSS is working with HDAP grantees to explore what can help to increase HDAP utilization for individuals who are justice-involved.</p>
4.11.8	<p>Monitor CDCR contractor’s adherence contractual requirements related to Housing First in order to provide participants with meaningful choice and seek to minimize exits to homelessness.</p>	<p>Process Measure: Verify participants are provided with information regarding housing first during program orientations.</p>	<p>The contractual requirements related to Housing First are now being monitored through CDCR’s Program Accountability Review process.</p>
5.14.2	<p>Work to establish referral processes to link unsheltered parolees who are enrolled into Medi-Cal to the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans so they may gain access to the new CalAIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports (CS) benefits.</p>	<p>Process Measure: Documentation of consultation efforts and of modifications to policies and practices being implemented in response to findings.</p>	<p>CDCR’s Division of Adult Parole Operations (DAPO), Behavioral Health Reintegration (BHR) clinicians continue to implement referrals to request ECM assessments from Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCP) to facilitate linkages to the Community Supports benefit. DAPO/BHR is actively working internally to establish a data collection application to more accurately and consistently track ECM referrals and referral outcomes, allowing for the ability to run monitoring reports. On a bi-monthly basis, BHR and the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) are meeting to discuss progress and identify areas for quality improvement, which are communicated to the Department of Health Care Services. At the requests of individuals on parole, CCJBH is compiling ECM informational materials available by each MCP so they may better understand ECM services, including how they may be accessed, which will be posted on the CCJBH website.</p>

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5.14.5	Partner with the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to implement the HCD Reentry Pilot Project(s), which will leverage individuals with lived experience in the program design.	Outcome Measure: TBD (based on pilot program requirements).	HCD and CDCR continue to work collaboratively to develop the Reentry Pilot Project methodology.
5.14.6	Track CDCR pre-release and community referrals that are facilitated by CDCR’s Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming contractors, who employ and leverage individuals with lived experience to address the housing needs of individuals identified as being at risk of homelessness before leaving prison or who become homeless after transitioning to their communities.	<p>Potential Output Measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number of people identified as homeless; ○ Number of referrals to housing; ○ Number of individuals placed in housing; ○ Type of housing placements; ○ Duration of housing placements. <p><i>Note: metrics for this activity are related to referrals to the housing programs mentioned above.</i></p>	<p>As of April 30, 2024, there were 3,663 unhoused parolees (sheltered+ unsheltered).</p> <p>For CDCR pre-release and community referrals that are facilitated by CDCR’s Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) contractors, see table below, entitled “CDCR Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming Quarterly Report, Fiscal Year 2023-24.”</p>
5.14.6	Analyze existing data, which could include interdepartmental data matches, to better understand the scale of risks for homelessness among people preparing to exit prison settings.	Process Measure: Document findings from analyses.	CDCR continues to refine a Parolee Housing dashboard to track housing need for individuals who are under CDCR DAPO supervision. CDCR is also developing a Business Use Case Proposal to establish a data match between CDCR and Cal ICH to assess the extent to which individuals leaving CDCR are served by local Continuums of Care (CoCs).
5.14.8	Explore opportunities to establish referral pathways from CDCR to local Continuums of	Process Measure: Documentation of consultation efforts and	In March 2024, CDCR DAPO and DRP attended and presented at Cal ICH’s CoC “Office Hours” meetings to educate

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	Care for people exiting CDCR who are identified as being at risk of homelessness upon transition to their communities and for people who are on parole who become unhoused.	of modifications to policies and practices being implemented in response to findings.	Continuums of Care on CDCR's pre-release processes to establish a foundation from which to begin exploring potential linkages to CoC housing services. CDCR and Cal ICH plan to continue these cross-educational sessions, with the goal of strengthening connections to CoC services for individuals releasing from prison who are in need of housing and housing services.
5.14.9	<p>Explore opportunities to support CoCs in using CDCR data to initiate planning efforts to address the housing and housing services needs of the pre-release and parolee populations.</p> <p>*Cal ICH will check with teams for support capacity.</p>	<p>Process Measure: Documentation of consultation efforts and of modifications to policies and practices being implemented in response to findings.</p>	<p>This Action Item relates to Action Item No. 5.14.8 and will be operationalized based on discussions with Cal ICH and the CoCs.</p>

**CDCR Returning Home Well
 Quarterly Report
 Fiscal Year 2023-24**

RHW data for FY 23/24	Q1 (7/1/23-9/30/23)	Q2 (7/1/23-12/31/23)	Q3 (7/1/23-3/31/24)	Q4 (7/1/23-6/30/24)
Population Served	453	902	1,296	
Average Days Between Release and Housing Placement	93.5	102.4	87.3	
Average Days Spent in Housing Placement	74.7	70.3	61.2	

**CDCR Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming
 Quarterly Report
 Fiscal Year 2023-24**

STOP Data for FY 23/24	Q1 (7/1/23-9/30/23)	Q2 (7/1/23-12/31/23)	Q3 (7/1/23-3/31/24)	Q4 (7/1/23-6/30/24)
Referrals to Housing	2,844	4,531	8,109	
Individuals Placed in Housing	3,835	5,211	9,300	
Average Days Spent in Housing Placements*	75.2	77.5	79.1	
**FOTEP	99.6	110.8	105	
**LRT	51.8	51.4	51.3	
**RRH	88.0	92.4	95.4	

*Type of Housing Placements – Female Offender Treatment and Employment Program, Licensed Residential Treatment, and Recovery and Reentry Housing (includes RHW).

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

DHCS Releases Bond BHCIP Program Update

DHCS released the Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) Round 1 (2024): Launch Ready and Round 2 (2025): Unmet Needs [program update](#). Round 1 funding will total up to \$3.3 billion for behavioral health treatment facilities. The Request for Application (RFA) for Round 1 will be posted in summer 2024, applications will be due in fall 2024, and awards will be made in early 2025. Additionally, DHCS released the Behavioral Health Transformation (BHT) [implementation timeline](#).

Prospective Bond BHCIP applicants are encouraged to review the program update, which outlines eligibility considerations, qualifying facility types, funding parameters, and match requirements, before the RFA is released. Virtual webinars and learning collaboratives will be held to assist with application preparation.

Please visit the [BHT webpage](#) for more information and email your questions about BHT to BHTinfo@dhcs.ca.gov.

Governor Releases May Revision for Fiscal Year 2024-25

Acknowledging the challenges of this difficult budget year, DHCS remains committed to supporting vital services for Californians. While the [May Revision for fiscal year 2024-25](#) includes reductions and extended funding timelines, DHCS' proposed budget reinforces the state's commitments to transform Medi-Cal and behavioral health to operate more effectively and efficiently for its millions of members within a responsible budgetary structure. The May Revision includes budget solutions that preserve the integrity of our core safety net programs, safeguarding benefits for low-income Californians without reducing eligibility. The budget includes several major issues and proposals, including resources for implementing [Behavioral Health Transformation](#) (BHT) due to the passage of Proposition 1 by voters in March 2024.

The May Revision includes updates to the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act, Home and Community-Based Spending Plan, Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI), and caseload based on eligibility redeterminations. The May Revision also includes several proposed actions to reduce General Fund costs. Budget solutions include changes to the Managed Care Organization Tax and investments, CYBHI, behavioral health programs, such as Behavioral Health Bridge Housing and the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program, and the elimination of programs, such as Health Enrollment Navigators and the Indian Health Grant Program. Additional information about DHCS' proposed budget will be available in the coming days.

This is precisely the time when we must become more creative about how we leverage and maximize every dollar to better serve the most vulnerable in our communities while also furthering our purpose of a healthy California for all. DHCS remains committed to providing equitable access to quality health care as we navigate these challenging budget times.

DHCS Launched Health Equity Roadmap Initiative

DHCS publicly launched the [Health Equity Roadmap initiative](#), an ongoing effort to inform and advance DHCS' work to eliminate health disparities and advance health equity for Medi-Cal members. The Health Equity Roadmap initiative represents a phased process co-designed with Medi-Cal members to create a more equitable Medi-Cal system that puts member needs first. The first step in this process was a

statewide listening tour, during which DHCS leaders and community partners listened to Medi-Cal members' experiences with Medi-Cal. The information gathered from these sessions will inform the development of the DHCS Health Equity Roadmap that will guide the development and implementation of future DHCS programs to advance health equity.

For inquiries related to the Health Equity Roadmap initiative, or for ideas on how DHCS can make Medi-Cal more equitable, please email HealthEquityRoadmap@dhcs.ca.gov.

DHCS Releases Quarterly Implementation Report on ECM and Community Supports

On April 4, DHCS [released](#) the latest [ECM and Community Supports Quarterly Implementation Report](#) that includes data from January 2022 through September 2023. This data release adds third quarter 2023 utilization data at the state, county, and Medi-Cal MCP levels and demographics, including ethnicity, primary language spoken, age, and sex.

The data report demonstrates the uptick in both the availability and use of Community Supports, showing significant growth in the number of counties offering these services. As of January 2024, 23 counties across California offered all 14 Community Supports, and all counties offered at least seven Community Supports. This marks a significant increase from the end of 2022, when only three counties offered all 14 Community Supports. Overall, approximately 103,000 unique Medi-Cal members used Community Supports in the first 21 months of the program, with more than 186,000 total services delivered. Additionally, the number of members served by ECM each quarter is up; in Q3 2023, approximately 86,000 members received ECM, up 28 percent from Q4 2022. The Q3 2023 total includes 6,300 members under age 21, many of whom were newly eligible for ECM in July 2023. Altogether, more than 160,000 unique Medi-Cal members across the state received ECM in the first 21 months of the benefit.

[ECM and Community Supports](#) aim to improve Medi-Cal members' overall health and well-being by addressing both medical and social factors that can impact a person's health, including housing assistance, meal programs, job training, and centralized coordination of care. For inquiries related to the report or to provide feedback on the data, please email CalAIMECMILOS@dhcs.ca.gov.

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Division of Federal Financial Assistance

Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG)



The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds a variety of activities to address homelessness, including rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, street outreach, and emergency shelter.

- Six ESG applicants were awarded, \$989,310 in ESG Homelessness Prevention (HP) funds. The six (6) homelessness providers that were awarded applied for this one-time special HP funding under the 2023 ESG HP NOFA that was released in September 2023. This funding, in the amount of \$1.7 million dollars was made available from disencumbered funds from the 2020 annual ESG HUD allocation. Five of the six grantees have submitted reimbursement requests which are currently being reviewed.
- The expenditure date for this ESG HP funding is August 7, 2024, and expires on September 7, 2024. Funding that was not awarded and/or is disencumbered may be rolled into the 2024 ESG NOFA. A remediation plan to expend left over funds is currently being developed to present to our HUD field office.
- As of May 16, 2024 all 41 Standard Agreements for the approximately \$12 million in awards have begun routing for execution and seven are fully executed.

As of May 24, 2024, most 2022 Standard Agreements are executed and more than 40% of the 2022 ESG grant funds has been expended. ESG provides funding to: engage individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness; improve the number of and quality of emergency shelters for individuals and families experiencing homelessness; help operate these shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents; rapidly re-house individuals and families; and prevent families/individuals from becoming homeless.

Emergency Solutions Grants CARES Act (ESG-CV)

Authorized by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act enacted March 27, 2020, Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funds prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus among individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or receiving homelessness assistance.

- As of May 23, 2024, over 98-percent, or \$314 million of the \$319 million ESG-CV grant has been drawn. Final Request for Funds are due by May 31, 2024. Funding expires on June 30, 2024.
- ICF continues to provide one-on-one technical assistance to the seven ESG-CV tribal grantees. They have been instrumental in assisting the ESG-CV tribal grantees with invoice documentation, HMIS data entry and regulation compliance.
- ICF and their tribal TAs developed a *Tribal Handbook*. It is the first of its kind publication for CA HCD that provides guidance for meaningful engagement with Tribal Nations. The document

covers the un-taught true history of the genocide of California natives. It is derived from CA HCD experience funding seven Tribal Nations through ESG-CV.

- ICF continues to conduct weekly office hours to provide program updates, conduct trainings from homelessness service subject matter experts and answer questions. Their most recent office hours presentation focused on ways to help ESG-CV grantees transition their ESG-CV clients to other funding to continue ongoing services. On average, 50 stakeholders attend each week.
- To date, over 24,933 persons have been housed and 51,000 persons received emergency shelter services with ESG-CV funding.

Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV)

Authorized by the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act enacted March 27, 2020, Community Development Block Grant CARES Act (CDBG-CV) funds prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus via community development and housing projects and programs that serve low- and moderate-income households, including those experiencing homelessness.

- Construction continues on the CDBG-CV Homekey projects. Completion is expected later this year. In November, the CDBG-CV team published an opportunity for CDBG-CV grantees who were awarded funds for construction projects, but who had experienced unanticipated cost increases to come in for funding augmentation to their existing awards. Applications for these additional funds were due April 15, 2024 Grantees could request augmentation that will bring their total award amount to 125% of the original amount, more if they had experienced extenuating circumstances and could substantiate the additional needed funds. HCD received 26 requests.
- The requests totaled more than \$20 million which exceeds the approximately \$15 million available. Requests are currently under review and will be approved on a rolling basis over the next couple of months.
- HCD has been providing individualized technical assistance to CoCs and units of local government to use CDBG-CV funding to aid in the ramp down of ESG-CV programs as funding is exhausted. Grantees have been encouraged to use this resource available from HUD: [Using CDBG Funds for ESG-CV-Eligible Activities - HUD Exchange](#)

HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) Program

HOME-ARP Program assists individuals or households who are experiencing homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, through the creation of permanent affordable rental housing and the provision of supportive services, including financial assistance, to keep Californians housed. The HOME-ARP Program is uniquely designed to address Californian's housing need by looking beyond income requirements and providing access to housing based on people's living situation.

Access to HOME-ARP affordable housing is not based solely on a family's income. For example, if a family is experiencing homelessness or fleeing a domestic violence situation, their annual income can be greater than 80 percent AMI and still qualify for the HOME-ARP housing and services. Additionally, if a family is housed and are severely cost burdened, they too can qualify for HOME-ARP affordable

housing. The HOME-ARP Program meets Californians where they are at in life and helps move them closer to the California dream.

- HOME-ARP Program launched two programs in 2023/2024, the HOME-ARP Rental Housing Program and Housing Plus Support Program. Additionally in 2024, HCD will launch the first of its kind statewide investment in reentry housing, the HOME-ARP Reentry Pilot Project. More information on each HOME-ARP initiative can be found below:
 - **HOME-ARP Rental Housing Program**—in October 2023 the \$89 million NOFA was released. The NOFA incorporates several key innovations to reduce barriers that cause delays to the production of affordable housing and to effectively administer the HOME-ARP Program. For example, the Program incentivizes:
 - Projects where the HOME-ARP award will fill the entire funding gap or where the HOME-ARP program is funding 100 percent of the project (within program award limits), to ensure projects quickly enter the construction phase after award.
 - Projects with 30 units and less. Smaller projects are typically better suited for rural, non-entitlement, and Tribal communities where the market is smaller, and developers often have limited capacity. Funding programs that incentivize large developments can be difficult for rural, non-entitlement areas, and Tribes to access.
 - The HOME-ARP Rental Housing Program received 23 applications requesting over \$250 million. Program staff is currently reviewing applications. Awards are expected in June 2024.
 - **HOME-ARP Housing Plus Support Program**—The \$29.7 million NOFA was released on January 23, 2024. The program is designed to connect individuals and families who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness, with permanent housing and supportive services provided to increase self-reliance and housing stability. HPSP employs three primary strategies: providing housing case management services to ensure quick placement into permanent housing, supporting and developing strong service providers, and instituting more flexible programming.
 - The HOME-ARP Housing Plus Support Program received 25 applications requesting over \$105 million. Program staff is currently reviewing applications. Awards are expected in June 2024.
 - **HOME-ARP Reentry Pilot Project**—In collaboration with the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitation, the HOME-ARP team will implement the first of its kind state level investment in permanent housing for individuals exiting correctional institutions. HOME-ARP's \$16 million capital investment will be complimented with supportive services to ensure housing stability long term. A request for projects is anticipated to be released in the Fall of 2024.

Housing for a Healthy California/National Housing Trust Fund (HHC/NHTF)

The HHC program made funding available to developers for the acquisition, capitalized operating subsidy reserve, rehabilitation, and/or new construction of multifamily rental housing for the creation of permanent supportive housing using federal National Housing Trust Fund dollars under the authority of AB 74 (2017). The goal of the HHC/NHTF program is to provide housing for people experiencing homelessness, reducing the financial burden on local and state health-care resources. Target population includes people experiencing chronic homelessness or homelessness who are high-cost health users and are Medi-Cal eligible upon initial entry.

The state has used its federal NHTF dollars to fund the state HHC/NHTF program for federal fiscal years 2018-2021. The Department anticipates the completion of construction for all HHC/NHTF awarded projects no later than December 2026.

NHTF NOFA FY2022-FY2023: Since the allocation of federal fiscal year 2022 and thereafter, NHTF operates as a stand-alone program without the HHC Program overlay, which allows for greater flexibility. Following the October 2023 publication of the NHTF combined federal fiscal years 2022-2023 NHTF Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$172 million (\$116 million FY2022 and \$56 million FY2023), Final NHTF Guidelines, online application and workbook, the NHTF Program hosted two virtual workshops (Tribal and general public) with by over 140 attendees in aggregate.

Following the close of NHTF NOFA Group 1 (January 5, 2024) and Group 2 (February 1, 2024) applications, the Department received a total 106 project applications, including five that were submitted late. As illustrated below in the table, over \$1.24 billion in aggregate NHTF financing was requested, making the NOFA oversubscribed by more than 7:1. In Group 1, nine (9) projects requested over \$58 million of the estimated \$34.4 million available in the Rural Areas Target, and 66 projects requested over \$926 million of the estimated \$86 million available for non-rural areas. In Group 2, three (3) applications from Native American Entities requested over \$15.9 million of the estimated \$17.2 million available in that funding target, and 28 applications requested over \$247 million of the estimated \$34.4 million available in the Federally Declared Disaster Areas funding target.

With the exception of two Native American Entity applications still under review, all other applications from Groups 1 and 2 have been fully reviewed. The Internal Loan Committee (ILC) awarded 14 developments that will utilize the NHTF loan commitment (preliminary award) to present a more competitive project when applying for (9%) Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) or four percent (4%) LIHTC and mortgage revenue bonds to the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) and California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC). Program anticipates returning to ILC before December 31, 2024, in the event the two Native American Entity applications (without tax credits) are recommended for an NHTF award.

Summary of NHTF NOFA Groups 1 and 2 Application:

Category	Rural Areas Target	Non-Rural (General Pool of Funds)	Federally Declared	Native American Entity Target	Total
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			Disaster Area Target		
Total Applications (received by deadline)	9	66	28	3	106
Funding Requested (million dollars)	\$58	\$926	\$247	\$15.9	\$1.24 billion
Funding Available (million dollars)	\$34.4	\$86	\$34.4	\$17.2	\$172
Over/Undersubscribed (million dollars)	\$23.6	\$840	\$212.6	(\$1.3)	\$1.1 billion
Oversubscribed (percentage)	169%	1,077%	718%	93%	725%

Summary of NHTF NOFA Groups 1 and 2 Award List (as of June 2024):

Category	Rural Areas Target	Non-Rural (General Pool of Funds)	Federally Declared Disaster Area Target	Native American Entity Target	Total
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Total Awarded Projects	5	7	3	1	14
Funding Awarded (million dollars)	\$36.1 ¹	\$83.3	\$36.1 ¹	\$10.1 ¹	\$165.6
Funding Available (million dollars)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6.4	\$6.4 ²

Legend

¹Pursuant to the NHTF NOFA FY22-FY23, the carry over priorities order is as follows Rural, Native American Entities followed by Federally Declared Disaster Areas Targets.

²The remaining amount of \$6.4 million for Native American Entities Target is pending application review and ILC approval of two Tribal applications. If awarded, NHTF anticipates seeking ILC approval before December 31, 2024.

NHTF Project Solicitation FY24 and FY25: On March 6, 2024, the Department announced the projected availability of approximately \$100 million in the combined FY24 (\$50 million) and FY25 (\$50 million) NHTF Project Solicitation. On March 19, 2024, the Department received information from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Office of Affordable Housing Programs that funding available for the NHTF Program would be lower than the last few fiscal years as a result of the slowdown in the real estate market.

Based on information received on April 3, 2023, from Ginny Sardone, Director of HUD’s Office of Affordable Housing Programs, California’s FY24 NHTF allocation will only be approximately \$21.7 million, with approximately \$19.5 million for projects. It’s difficult to predict what will happen in 2025, but the Department’s FY25 allocation is projected to be at the same level as FY24 to be on the conservative side, although it may be higher based on current real estate market conditions. This means the total projected funding is reduced from \$100 million to approximately \$39 million for both years combined. The Project Solicitation, published on March 6, 2024, included two different application processes, Over-the-Counter (OTC) for previously awarded recipients with funding shortfalls, and a competitive process utilizing the remaining NHTF funding for the FY24 and FY25.

The Department received and processed the OTC applications with \$66,653,550 in NHTF funding requests that would utilize the full amount of funding for FY24 and FY25. As stated in the Project Solicitation, competitive applications would only be considered if NHTF Program funding remained after assisting the OTC applications. Based on the reduced allocation of funding, the Competitive portion of the Project Solicitation will need to be canceled.

On March 25, 2024, the Department alerted the public to this change by sending correspondence to Tribal Affairs’ contact list, registrants of the webinars and those signed-up for Federal Programs ListServ. An amendment to the combined FY24-FY25 NHTF Project Solicitation with approximately \$39 million in the combined FY24 (\$19.5 million) and FY25 (\$19.5 million) will be published soon and announced via ListServ to those registered with the Department and to Tribal Affairs’ contact list.

On March 8, 2024, the Department received all four (4) of the expected OTC applications that meet the Project Solicitation’s criteria of developments that received an HHC/NHTF Program award from the federal FY21 allocation and have been unsuccessful in: 1) receiving an NHTF award under the NHTF Notice of Funding Availability FY2022-FY2023; 2) receiving tax credits and/or mortgage revenue bond allocations; and 3) commencing construction due to a funding gap. With the reduced projected amounts for FY24 and FY25, and an understanding that awarding projected FY25 funds would put the Department at risk of over-encumbering NHTF funds, ILC awarded two projects FY24 NHTF funding. NHTF Program staff will return to ILC and recommend awarding the remaining OTC projects once FY25 NHTF funding is known.

Summary of OTC Applications and Awards:

Description	Amount (million)
FY24 allocation estimate (A)	\$19.5
FY25 allocation estimate (B)	\$19.5
FY24-FY25 Project Solicitation – total (C)	\$39
ILC award to two (2) OTC projects with FY24 NHTF Program funds (D)	\$19.5
Estimated FY24+FY25 Remaining (C minus D)	\$19,500,000
Estimated Available FY24 Funds Remaining (B minus D)	\$0

The NHTF Program is working with the Department’s Communication Units to publish an eBlast for the NHTF awarded Projects from the FY22-FY23 NOFA and FY24-FY25 Project Solicitation. Publication is anticipated to be no later than July 2024.

Division of State Financial Assistance

[Homekey](#)

Homekey was created as an opportunity for local public agencies to quickly acquire and rehabilitate properties like motels, multifamily buildings, and commercial properties, to expand housing for persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Since its inception in 2020, Homekey has funded 250 projects, 15,319 units, and is projected to serve 167,164 households over the life of the projects. These figures will increase as Homekey continues awarding projects under the Round 3 NOFA.

- The Homekey Round 3 NOFA made available \$736 million and in November 2023, HCD added approximately \$114 million, for a total of \$850 million in the Round 3 NOFA.
- The Department received 82 applications in response to the Homekey Round 3 NOFA, requesting over \$1.3 billion. As of February 16, 2024, Round 3 has awarded \$689 million to 40 projects. The program has approximately \$161 million left to award to eligible projects.
- From Round 1 to Round 3 to-date, Homekey has awarded 250 projects including 15,319 units and \$3.4 billion.

View the Homekey Round 3 Dashboard and Awardee List as of February 16, 2024, on the Homekey website: [Awards Dashboard | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

Proposition 1, passed by voters in March 2024, reforms the Mental Health Services Act and authorizes a \$6.3 billion bond to be used for housing people with behavioral health challenges. Of the \$6.3 billion, HCD is responsible for nearly \$2 billion, with \$1.065 billion for permanent supportive housing for Veterans who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness with a behavior health challenge, and \$922 million for permanent supportive housing for people who are at-risk of or experiencing homelessness with a behavioral health challenge. Both HCD programs will be modeled after Homekey, with the application period opening in Winter 2024. The remainder of the bond funding will be administered by DHCS and will create a variety of treatment facilities along the behavioral health continuum.

Homekey Tribal

The Homekey Tribal (HKT) NOFA provides an opportunity for Tribal Entities to develop multifamily rental housing developments, including rehabilitation of existing housing, new construction of apartments, townhomes, or single-family rental homes, including manufactured housing, or conversion of non-residential space to residential housing. Projects developed using HKT funding shall provide permanent housing for people and households experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Rather than utilizing a set-aside within the standard Homekey Program, this NOFA operates independently and is tailored to meet the specific affordable housing needs of California Tribes.

- The HKT NOFA was released on June 27, 2023, and provides \$75 million in grant funding for California Tribes and Tribal Entities. An amendment to add \$6 million was issued on March 15, 2024, for a total of \$81 million. .
- As of January 1, 2024, Program received 14 Over the Counter Applications⁶. Two Applicants have withdrawn due to challenges with site control and administrative capacity. The total program request is \$101,945,605, an oversubscription of \$20,945,605.
- HCD has made three award recommendations.
- Awards will be continuous until all funds are awarded.

Multifamily Finance Super Notice of Funding Availability (MFSN)

The MFSN streamlines four of HCD’s rental housing programs to align eligibility criteria, scoring, and release of funds allowing for a coordinated single application and award process. Programs under the MFSN include: Multifamily Housing Program (MHP), Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (IIG), Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program (FWHG), and Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP).

A third round of MFSN program funds is expected to be released in 2024/2025, dependent on program funding allocations from the state budget. The NOFA publication date is undetermined and currently under review.

No Place Like Home (NPLH)

On July 1, 2016, legislation was passed enacting the No Place Like Home (NPLH) program to dedicate up to \$2 billion in bond proceeds from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons in need of mental health services and experiencing homelessness or are exiting institutions with a history of homelessness. In November 2018, voters approved Proposition 2, authorizing the sale of up to \$2 billion of revenue bonds and the use of a portion of Proposition 63 taxes for the program.

HCD has made 156 awards totaling approximately \$1,910,349,299 in 46 counties after post-award adjustments through October 2023. These are the last planned HCD awards under this program until additional new funding becomes available:

- HCD made awards to four Alternative Process Counties in the amount of \$1,070,149,587 that will result in approximately 4,705 NPLH-assisted units. As of May 23, 2024, the Alternative Process Counties have awarded these funds to 113 local projects. Remaining awards by these four counties will be made no later than June 30, 2024.
 - Alternative Process Counties are those counties with five percent or more of the state’s homeless population who are designated to receive and administer their own allocations.
- To date, HCD has awarded \$840,199,712 to 42 counties in the balance of the state for 141 local projects that will result in an anticipated 2,995 NPLH-assisted units.
- Overall, it is anticipated that 7,700 NPLH-assisted units will be produced. As of May 23, 2024, there were 86 completed projects, and 101 projects under construction. An additional 16 projects are currently in the loan closing process; however, these projects are not counted in the completed project totals above in the balance of state counties until NPLH loan documents have been executed between HCD and the project.

Portfolio Reinvestment Program (listed as Preservation Initiative in Budget)

The FY 2021-22 state budget included \$300 million from the one-time Coronavirus Fiscal Recovery Fund and \$50 million from the State General Fund to provide capital to HCD legacy projects at-risk of converting to market-rate to extend affordability covenants and preserve the state’s affordable housing

stock. Beneficiaries of the Portfolio Reinvestment Program (PRP) are underserved low-, very-low-, and extremely low- income households, which may also include various disadvantaged special needs groups, such as the elderly, disabled, large families, female heads of households, and people experiencing homelessness. To date, PRP has helped preserve 1,364 units, serving 3,044 individuals, with 455 of those individuals being at-risk of homelessness.

HCD awarded 29 PRP applications under the 2022 NOFA and is in the process of issuing standard agreements and starting construction calls with the Sponsors. 26 applications have executed standard agreements and 3 are in the process of being executed. 15 projects have started construction and 2 more are scheduled to begin construction by May 30th, 2024. The remainder are engaged in pre-construction negotiations.

HCD issued a second PRP NOFA for approximately \$112 million on December 28, 2023 with funds allocated through the 2022-23 and 2023-24 state budgets. Applications were accepted on an over-the-counter basis beginning March 28, 2024. The application period has since been closed as the program is oversubscribed. HCD received 27 applications for the 2023 PRP NOFA requesting approximately \$247 million in funding. Staff are working to confirm applications meet minimum threshold requirements. Once threshold review is complete staff will begin verifying the projects meet financial feasibility requirements. Awards are anticipated for summer 2024.

California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)

National Mortgage Settlement (NMS) Counseling Program

California's Fiscal Year 2020-21 State Budget directed \$300 million in National Mortgage Settlement (NMS) funds to the California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA) for housing counseling and mortgage assistance. Through its NMS Housing Counseling Program, CalHFA has allocated \$141.5 million for HUD-certified housing counselors throughout the state to provide free, confidential counseling services to California residents who are in danger of eviction or foreclosure. The program is currently scheduled to run until May 31, 2026.

As of March 31, 2024, the estimated total funds disbursed is \$90 million, with nearly 73,000 households helped since its inception. Currently, the program has 50 active Housing Counseling Agencies with a cumulative total of 405 counselors providing various counseling services.

While these households are getting help on a range of housing-related issues including homebuying and mortgage delinquency, many of these sessions help prevent homelessness. Some of the counselors are equipped to provide guidance that is specially for Californians experiencing homelessness.

The quarterly report, dated March 2024, will be available shortly on the CalHFA website: [NMS Program](#).

California Mortgage Relief Program (MRP)

The California Mortgage Relief Program is funded by the 2021 American Rescue Plan Act's Homeowners Assistance Fund. It aids qualified homeowners who have fallen behind on their housing payments, property tax payments, or who have partial claims or loan deferrals taken due to pandemic-related financial hardships.

As of May 1, the program is no longer accepting new applications and the portal is now closed. Submitted applications will be processed until all funds are awarded. However, there is no guarantee that every eligible application will be funded due to the limited availability of funds.

Since its inception, the program has received over 100,000 applications, made more than 36,000 grants to households and distributed more than \$880 million with an average assistance of \$24,000 per household.

It is important to note that approximately 50% of the funds have gone to socially disadvantaged communities, and for some homeowners on the lower end of the income spectrum, the assistance can prevent them from experiencing homelessness.

For the most current statistics of the program, please see the [MRP website](#).

California Governor’s Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)



Grant Programs with Primary Purpose of Providing Emergency Shelter and/or Housing Assistance

The Victim Services Branch at Cal OES has six grant programs with the primary purpose of providing emergency shelter and/or housing assistance. They include:

- Homeless Youth Emergency Services Pilot (HY) Program
- Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing (YE) Program
- Homeless Youth and Exploitation (HX) Program
- Specialized Emergency Housing (KE) Program
- Transitional Housing (XH) Program
- Domestic Violence Housing First (XD) Program

1. Homeless Youth Emergency Services Pilot (HY) Program – State Funded

The 2021 State Budget Act allocated \$10 million to continue funding four existing Subrecipients under the HY Program. The HY Program supports the existing four Subrecipients for five additional years. Counties with Subrecipients include:

- El Dorado
- Fresno
- Orange
- San Bernardino

The purpose of the HY Program is to expand crisis intervention and stabilization services to homeless youth so that the immediate crises these youth face can be resolved, and they can focus on their futures.

The pilot program ends March 31, 2027.

Next Funding Opportunity

Contingent on State Budget.

Statistics (July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)

- Individuals that received emergency shelter: **1,626**
- Individuals that received stabilization planning services: **1,670**
- Employment training services provided: **1,070***
- Education services provided: **467***

*This indicates the number of times a service was provided, not individuals. An individual may receive a service more than once.

2. Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing (YE) Program – State Funded

The 2021 State Budget Act allocated \$40 million to continue and expand the YE Program. The YE Program continues to fund Subrecipients in four existing counties and expands to supporting Subrecipients in eight additional counties. The five-year program began January 1, 2022. Counties with Subrecipients selected for funding include:

- Alameda
- Humboldt
- Los Angeles
- Monterey
- Orange
- Sacramento
- San Diego
- San Francisco
- San Joaquin
- Santa Clara
- Stanislaus
- Ventura

The purpose of the YE Program is to establish or expand access to a range of housing options that meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness, and to provide crisis intervention and stabilization services so that the immediate crises these youth face can be resolved, and they can focus on their futures.

The program ends December 31, 2026.

Next Funding Opportunity

Contingent on State Budget.

Statistics (July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)

- Individuals that received emergency shelter: **1,647**
- Individuals that received transitional housing: **820**
- Individuals that received stabilization planning services: **2,692**
- Rental assistance services provided: **289***
- Employment training services provided: **5,016***
- Education services provided: **5,336***

*This indicates the number of times a service was provided, not individuals. An individual may receive a service more than once.

3. Homeless Youth and Exploitation (HX) Program – State & Federally Funded

The purpose of the HX Program is to help homeless youth exit streetlife. Services provided under the HX Program include access to food, emergency shelter/housing; counseling, outreach services, screening/providing for basic health needs; linkage to other services offered by public and private agencies; long-term stabilization planning; and follow-up services. In addition, the HX Program provides specialized services for youth experiencing sexual exploitation.

The program is ongoing.

Next Funding Opportunity

Non-competitive.

Statistics (July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)

- Individuals that self-reported as homeless: **2,337**
- Individuals that received emergency shelter/safe house/transitional housing: **14,297***
- Relocation assistance services provided: **66***

* This indicates the number of times a service was provided, not individuals. An individual may receive a service more than once.

4. Specialized Emergency Housing (KE) Program – Federally Funded

The purpose of the KE Program is to expand emergency shelter and emergency housing assistance resources in California and provide specialized services for victims of crime. Applicants may serve any or all the following communities: homeless youth, elderly, disabled, and lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) victims of crime.

The five-year funding cycle ends September 30, 2027.

Next Funding Opportunity

Late winter/early spring of 2027 for a Grant Subaward performance period beginning October 1, 2027.

Statistics (July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)

- Individuals that self-reported as homeless: **2,505**
- Emergency shelter/safe house/transitional housing services provided: **34,615***
- Relocation assistance services provided: **2,004***

* This indicates the number of times a service was provided, not individuals. An individual may receive a service more than once.

5. Transitional Housing (XH) Program – Federally Funded

The purpose of the XH Program is to create and/or enhance transitional housing for crime victims. The Program will support transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and supportive services, including follow-up services that move victims of crime into permanent housing. Successful transitional housing programs provide a range of optional supportive services and let victims choose the course that best fits their needs.

The five-year funding cycle ends December 31, 2027.

Next Funding Opportunity

Late spring/early summer 2027 for a Grant Subaward performance period beginning January 1, 2028.

Statistics (July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)

- Individuals that self-reported as homeless: **3,911**
- Emergency shelter/safe house/transitional housing services (i.e., nights) provided: **76,208***
- Relocation assistance services provided: **2,179***

*This indicates the number of times a service was provided, not individuals. An individual may receive a service more than once.

6. Domestic Violence Housing First (XD) Program – Federally Funded

The purpose of the XD Program is to help victims of domestic violence gain increased access to and retention of, safe permanent housing, and then provides ongoing tailored supportive services.

The five-year funding cycle ends December 31, 2027.

Next Funding Opportunity

Late spring/early summer 2027 for a Grant Subaward performance period beginning January 1, 2028.

Statistics (July 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)

- Individuals that self-reported as homeless: **3,758**
- Emergency shelter/safe house/transitional housing services (i.e., nights) provided: **28,072***
- Relocation assistance services provided: **14,656***

* This indicates the number of times a service was provided, not individuals. An individual may receive a service more than once.

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

CDPH continues to convene our LEAB consisting of 16 members, all with recent or current experience with homelessness to provide their expertise to help shape policies and address issues related to homelessness, COVID-19, and health.

At our most recent meeting, the Cal ICH team joined to solicit input from the board to inform the update of the [Statewide Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness](#). In addition, the LEAB is in the process of deciding their governance guidelines.

We are holding a virtual retreat for LEAB members in June to reflect on accomplishments, set goals for the future, and provide professional development with a Gallup CliftonStrengths certified coach.

It should be noted that the proposed budget cuts public health funding could impact our ability to continue compensating LEAB members for the expertise and contributions.

Housing & Homelessness Workgroup

CDPH's intradepartmental Housing & Homelessness Workgroup hosted two webinars for staff about the experiences of PEH in 2023. The feedback from CDPH staff was overwhelmingly positive and they requested more information about working with the homeless system of care.

In response to this feedback the working group hosted a third webinar in May titled, "Serving People Experiencing Homelessness: Best Practices for Collaborating with Homeless Systems of Care." Over three hundred CDPH staff registered for the event and feedback again was overwhelmingly positive.

LHJ/CoC Coordination

CDPH is deepening its efforts to develop cross-sector approaches that can improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness and strengthen the connection between Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs) and Continuums of Care (CoCs)/homeless systems of care across the state. We are started releasing a survey to mapping the current state of collaboration between LHJs and CoCs. They survey helped us gain a better understanding of:

- How LHJs are serving people experiencing homelessness
- The nature of LHJ partnerships with CoCs
- How LHJs and CoCs coordinated during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Common challenges and opportunities to working across systems

A series of regional round table were held in May to verify the information gathered from the survey and take a deeper dive into what is working well, where there are barriers, and how CDPH can be supportive to LHJs moving forward. Round tables were well attended, and we will be releasing a final report in June.

San Diego State University WaSH Guidelines

CDPH has partnered with San Diego State University (SDSU), to create statewide guidance on the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH) needs of PEH across California. This guidance will include recommendations for state and local agencies on how to best allocate resources to create and/or maintain sanitation infrastructure for PEH. It will be based on existing data and interviews/focus groups with people with current or prior experiences of sheltered and/or unsheltered homelessness; homelessness service providers; and others with key knowledge of WaSH infrastructure. The first draft is currently being finalized.

Air Filtration Project

CDPH is working on a project to use some remaining grant funding to purchase portable air cleaning (PAC) devices to improve indoor air quality and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 at congregate homeless shelters across California. As of April, the team has:

- Identified all congregate shelters currently being operated across California,
- Met with indoor air quality and infectious disease experts across CDPH to determine the appropriate type of PAC to purchase, and
- Identified partners across the state who will help with the distribution of 714 PAC devices and 1,428 replacement filters to the homeless shelters in California.

In addition, we are partnering with researchers at UCLA to analyze the health impact this project has on people experiencing homelessness.

Data projects

PEH Mortality

- April 2022: The Vital Records Registration Branch, the Vital Statistics Branch, and the Informatics Branch collaborated to change the Electronic Death Registration System (EDRS) to be able to assess whether a decedent was homeless at the time of death. If it is indicated that an individual is homeless, further data is collected to determine if they were unsheltered, sheltered, or in an institution.
- December 2023: A Business Use Case Proposal (BUCP) was submitted for the California Comprehensive Master Death Files, which is currently under review by the Center for Health Statistics & Informatics.
- May 2024: BUCP approval is progressing, final review/approval is scheduled for June 2024.

Cal ICH HDIS-CDPH Data Linkage

- CalHHS Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII) is the lead agency for the sharing and linking of Cal ICH HDIS data with specified CalHHS departments datasets with the overall goal of creating a CalHHS Integrated Homelessness Dataset. CDPH plans to be in the next Business Use Case Proposal (BUCP) amendment.
- May 2024: Started plan for incorporation of CDPH data into the CalHHS Integrated Homelessness Dataset. Working with CDII to present to CDPH Housing and Homeless workgroup this summer. Began to identify appropriate CDPH datasets for HDIS-CDPH data linkage.

California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

DOR collaborates with community partners and stakeholders to improve access to services, supports, employment, and community-based housing for individuals with disabilities. The department works on the local level to support people with disabilities, including individuals who are homeless. DOR is an important partner for No Wrong Door coordination of a wide range of independent living and employment services. As a social determinant of health, gainful employment helps to end homelessness by creating a critical pathway to the resource needed for stable housing.

Employment Services & Supports

San Luis Obispo County: The DOR Santa Barbara District works with multiple agencies to support unhoused consumers with disabilities. Cabins for Change provides shelter space and other important services for individuals experiencing homelessness in partnership with the City of Grover Beach, County of San Luis Obispo (SLO) and 5 Cities Homeless Coalition (5CHC). Balay Ko on Barca is a 90 to 180-day housing-focused program that offers on-site case management in San Luis Obispo County. Building on the resounding success of the Cabins for Change initiative, the Balay Ko on Barca facility is offering 30 cabins to individuals on the pathway to stable housing. This project will support 50 individuals ready to transition to permanent housing, a safe and secure place to gain stability on the Central Coast. Cabins for Change is working closely with DOR staff members to create a smooth referral process. The DOR office receives approximately 5 to 7 referrals a month from this program.

Santa Barbara County: Good Samaritan Shelter in Santa Maria provides a wide range of services/programs addressing homelessness and alcohol and substance abuse. Good Sam provides assistance by offering shelter, affordable housing, clean and sober living, drug and alcohol treatment, outreach, and education within the local community. The Santa Maria DOR office attends Recovery Day and other resource events that Good Sam hosts. The Santa Maria office receives around 10-15 referrals each month through this partnership.

Los Angeles County: DOR and the Foothill Workforce Development Board (FWDB) work together to attend monthly meetings and orientation at the work sites to assist adults with disabilities who need housing and employment. The orientation is organized twice every month in collaboration with the local Employment Development Department (EDD) which is co-located at the site.

Sonoma County: In March 2024, DOR collaborated with County Job Link to organize a job and resource fair at the Sonoma County fairgrounds. The job and resource fair is a collaborative effort by Sonoma County Job Link, Committee on the Shelterless, DOR, Community Support Network, Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire, HomeFirst Sonoma County, Interfaith Shelter Network, Micah's Hugs, Nation's Finest, Petaluma Family Resource Center, SHARE Sonoma County, Sonoma Applied Village Services, SonomaWORKS, the Department of Health Services, Santa Rosa Sunrise Rotary Club, and Mary's Pizza Shack. The fair had representatives from over 20 agencies in the community. The event was intended for some of the most at-risk members of our community, including individuals who are

homeless. Attendees were able to connect with 27 local employers and 37 government agencies/nonprofits for employment, housing, and other resources. DOR staff were also available to provide support with mock interviews, resume development and assistance with applying for jobs. DOR received over 30 applications for service at the fair and was able to connect with countless others seeking assistance with employment. Since 2021, Sonoma County Job Link has connected 74 unhoused individuals with employment, some of whom were able to secure sustainable housing. This event is seen as a model for other counties and is supported by numerous organizations and donors providing services and giveaways.

Independent Living Services

Community Living Fund: DOR works with [local organizations](#) throughout California to provide institutional transition and diversion services for people with disabilities and older adults. The Community Living Fund (CLF) Program is a "bridge" program that expedites the provision of goods or services not available through other means to individuals either transitioning to the community or at-risk of institutionalization.

The CLF supports strategies that can help prevent homelessness including discharge planning and purchase of services for individuals transitioning from, or at-risk of going into, a licensed skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility for the developmentally disabled, state hospital for the mentally ill, rehabilitation hospital, or California Veterans home.

For more information on the CLF Program go to the [CLF website](#) or email CLF@dor.ca.gov.

California Department of Social Services (DSS)

CDSS Housing and Homelessness Programs Guidance Update

[Subscribe](#) to the CDSS Housing and Homelessness Division (HHD) newsletter and visit the HHD [website](#) for additional information on all CDSS Housing and Homelessness programs.

CDSS Collaboration in Federal and State Initiatives

CDSS is collaborating with federal partners and other state entities on the ALL INSIDE Initiative to strengthen and accelerate local efforts to get unsheltered individuals into homes. This is part of [All In: The Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness](#), which set a bold goal to reduce homelessness 25 percent by 2025 and ultimately to ensure that every person has a safe and affordable home.

CDSS is partnering with CHHS, BCSH, DHCS, CDA, DOR, and HCD as well as local community partners on the federal HHS/HUD [Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator](#). The State is leveraging this TA and collaboration opportunity to advance the integration of housing, health, and social services to meet the needs of the older adults and adults with disabilities who are experiencing homelessness.

CDSS Housing and Homelessness Programs

CDSS is administering just over \$2 billion in funding appropriated in Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 to provide funds to counties, tribes, and tribal entities to establish, continue, and expand housing and homelessness assistance through the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program (HSP), Bringing Families Home (BFH), Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), Home Safe, Project Roomkey (PRK) and Rehousing Strategy, and the Community Care Expansion Program (CCE). The [FY 2023-24 State Budget](#) reflects the most recent state investments in HDAP and HSP; these ongoing funds are available to spend over multiple years.

During this year's legislative season, CDSS leadership attended 16 hearings, 6 pre-hearings, and 3 legislative presentations that involve the housing and homelessness landscape.

In May, the Governor released the May Revision for the 2024/25 state budget, which includes proposals related to the California Department of Social Services (CDSS)'s housing and homelessness programs.

A summary of these proposed changes in the May Revise are outlined below:

- **Reversion of \$80 million in funding for the Bringing Families Home program** from the Budget Act of 2022. All funding for Bringing Families Home would sunset June 30, 2025. There are no ongoing funds for this program.
- **Reversion of \$50 million in funding for the Housing & Disability Advocacy Program** from the Budget Act of 2022. One-time funding for HDAP would sunset June 30, 2025. HDAP has \$25 million in match-required ongoing funding that is not impacted by the May Revise proposal.
- **Reversion of \$65 million in funding for the Home Safe program** from the Budget Act of 2022. All funding for Home Safe would sunset June 30, 2025. There is no ongoing funding for this program.
- The Governor's Budget proposal to **reappropriate the one-time funding from the Budget Act of 2021 for Bringing Families Home, Housing & Disability Advocacy Program, Home Safe, and the CalWORKs Housing Support Program** remains unchanged and aligns the one-time funding from both FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 end date of June 30, 2025 for these programs.

For more information about the May Revision, please see the [2024 May Revision Executive Summary for CDSS](#) and the [Finance Letter to amend the Budget Bill and the Governor’s Budget as related to Health and Human Services for the May Revision](#).

Additional updates related to funding awards and program implementation and expansion are outlined below.

Technical Assistance

CDSS continues to support the expansion and growth of Housing and Homelessness programs state-wide, based on grantees’ needs.

HHD provides TA, in partnership with [the Change Well Project](#), to counties and Tribes operating HHD programs. TA offerings are detailed in the [Change Well Project Activities Report Dashboard](#). These offerings include but are not limited to:

- Individualized support to county and tribes operating HHD programs including regular teleconferences and email correspondence to problem solve county-specific challenges. As of January 2024, Change Well has had 168 TA engagements with 54 counties and 25 tribes.
- Office hours and learning collaboratives on evidence-based and housing best practices
- Resources and guidance for implementation of housing and homelessness best practices

The HHD is hosting a series of one-hour virtual meetings in 2024 for all interested Bringing Families Home (BFH) and Home Safe grantees. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a space for counties, Tribes and contracted provider agencies of local BFH and Home Safe programs to share innovative ideas and best practices and ask questions of one another related to operating an HHD program.

Additionally, in April 2024, the inaugural Bringing Families Home Newsletter was released to BFH grantees and stakeholders. The newsletter helps HHD to keep grantees engaged and informed, providing an opportunity to learn more about different BFH programs throughout the state.

Tribal Programming and Engagement

CDSS released an [All Tribal Leader Letter](#) on July 26, 2022, announcing the availability of \$17.5M in FY 2021-22 funding set aside for eligible tribal entities to establish a new BFH, HDAP, and/or Home Safe program. Entities eligible to request set-aside funding included federally recognized tribes, tribal organizations (including but not limited to Tribal 638 Providers and Urban Indian Organizations), tribal consortium, and tribally led nonprofits in California. A total of 25 tribal entities requested funding to operate CDSS-funded housing and homelessness programs.

In April 2023, CDSS awarded all \$35 million across all 25 tribal entities that requested funding to establish 65 new tribal housing and homelessness programs (17 HDAP, 25 BFH, 23 Home Safe programs). Additionally, \$9.5 million was awarded to tribes through a \$28.5 million tribal set-aside in the CCE program.

CDSS sent 65 Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs) for final execution to Tribes and tribal entities, and 58 of those MOUs have been executed and signed by CDSS & Tribes. The remaining MOUs will be executed on a rolling basis as they are completed.

On April 24th, 2024, HHD hosted a Tribal Grantee Listening session regarding the Tribal Waiver/Modification process authorized under AB 120 (Chapter 43, Statutes of 2023). CDSS will issue final guidance on the Waiver and Modification process by July 1, 2024.

On May 10, 2024, HHD released an [All Tribal Leaders Letter 24-01](#), that outlines several distinct policy changes which impact eligibility, services, and programmatic requirements to the Bringing Families Home program (BFH), the Home Safe program and the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), which are enumerated in [AB 120](#).

[CalWORKs Housing Support Program \(HSP\)](#)

The CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) assists families receiving CalWORKs who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness with financial assistance and obtaining permanent housing while providing flexible wrap-around supports to foster housing retention.

- Since the program's inception in 2014 through December 2023, more than 77,800 families have been served. Of those, over 41,700 were permanently housed through HSP.
- On December 19, 2023, CDSS issued [County Fiscal Letter No. 23/24-35](#) informing counties of the final allocation amounts for the CalWORKs HSP program for FY 2023-24. This CFL also includes information on the projected remaining balances for CalWORKs HSP for FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23 multi-year allocations.
- [The Budget Act of 2023](#) approved the annual, ongoing appropriation of \$95 million for HSP and CDSS released the [HSP funding](#) notice on September 27, 2023.
- The [Budget Act of 2022](#) appropriated \$285 million for HSP over multiple years, including the annual, ongoing appropriation of \$95 million available over two years, and a one-time appropriation of \$190 million available over three years through June 2025. These funds are in addition to the \$285 million appropriation made available by the [Budget Act of 2021](#).
- Fifty-five counties currently operate HSP. Final FY 2022-23 allocations and participating county social service agencies can be viewed in [CFL 22/23-43 \(December 30, 2022\)](#).
- The California State Auditor (CSA) conducted an audit of the State's homelessness funding, as requested by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee. HSP was one of the selected programs to be reviewed. In its findings, CSA highlighted the likely cost-effectiveness of CalWORKs HSP, citing a lower cost to taxpayers for families served by HSP than if those families remained homeless.

[CalWORKs Homeless Assistance \(HA\) Program](#)

The CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA) Program serves eligible families applying for or receiving CalWORKs with up to 16 days of temporary shelter payments, as well as payments to secure or maintain housing, including a security deposit and last month's rent, or up to two months of rent arrearages. The CalWORKs HA program is an entitlement program, available to all eligible families applying for or receiving CalWORKs benefits.

- In FY 2023-2024, through March 2024, over 43,600 families were approved for temporary HA (which is on track to surpass total approvals from 2022-2023 by the end of the fiscal year) and over 6,500 families were approved for permanent HA, which has already surpassed the number of permanent HA approvals in 2022-2023, with three months remaining in the fiscal year.
- CDSS issued [All County Letter \(ACL 23-83\)](#) on October 6, 2023, providing guidance to County Welfare Departments regarding the implementation of SB 1083 (Skinner, Chapter 715, Statutes of 2022) (WIC 11450) that will increase coordination and access to services including, but not limited to: expanding eligibility for HA to include families in receipt of any notice that could lead to an eviction, regardless of the circumstances cited in the eviction notice and requiring county human services agencies to refer all pregnant CalWORKs recipients to perinatal home visiting services administered by an authorized provider or county agency.
- On December 11, 2023, CDSS issued an [All County Information Notice](#) to County Welfare Departments to provide guidance and instructions for completing and submitting the annual AB 236 CalWORKs Family Reunification (FR) Temporary Homeless Assistance (HA) and AB 557 Expanded Temporary HA for CalWORKs Applicants Fleeing Domestic Violence (DV) Caseload Surveys.
- CDSS publishes the CA 237 CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program monthly statistical report with statistical information on requests and net expenditures; these data reports are available to the public on the [CDSS CA 237 HA website](#).
- The [CalWORKs Annual Summary \(2.0\)](#) is now available and posted online. It was updated to include new visualizations of Homeless Assistance and Housing Support Program data and the first ever “cost of nightly shelter” and “best practices for transitioning from temporary to permanent housing” data. This web-based format report includes the CalWORKs Annual Summary, covering various relevant components of the CalWORKs program, including caseload dynamics, demographics of families and children living in poverty and deep poverty, the Welfare-to-Work (WTW) program, and impacts of recent policy changes.

[Bringing Families Home \(BFH\) Program](#)

The Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program serves families involved with the child welfare system who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or are in a living situation that cannot accommodate the child or multiple children in the home, with the goals of reducing the number of families experiencing homelessness, increasing family reunification, and preventing foster care placement.

- Since BFH’s inception in 2017 through December 2023, over 7,300 families have been served and more than 3,400 families have been permanently housed through BFH.
- The [Budget Act of 2022](#) appropriated \$92.5 million for BFH, available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2025. These funds are in addition to the \$92.5 million appropriation made available by the Budget Act of 2021.
- As of Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-23, a total of 53 counties operate BFH statewide. CDSS also supported the launch of 24 new tribal programs in FY 2022-23. Final FY 2022-23 allocations and participating grantees can be viewed in [CFL 22/23-43 \(December 30, 2022\)](#).
- [On March 21, 2024, ACL 24-21 was released.](#) The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments of the statutory changes made by Assembly Bill (AB) 120 (Chapter 43, Statutes of 2023) to the Bringing Families Home (BFH) program.
- In May, the California Policy Lab and the Children’s Data Network, in collaboration with the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) Housing and Homelessness Division published

a [program evaluation](#) of the Bringing Families Home (BFH) program. This evaluation began in 2017 and focused on program implementation in the 12 counties that piloted the program. The BFH evaluation and corresponding documents (policy brief, technical appendix, and press release) can be found at [Bringing Families Home Program Evaluation - California Policy Lab](#) (capolicylab.org). [Bringing Families Home Program Evaluation - California Policy Lab](#) (capolicylab.org).

[Housing and Disability Advocacy Program \(HDAP\)](#)

The Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) assists people experiencing or at risk of homelessness who are likely eligible for disability benefits by providing advocacy for disability benefits as well as housing supports.

- Since HDAP's inception in FY 2017-18 through December 2023, over 27,000 people have been served, over 8,400 people have been permanently housed, over 26,900 disability applications have been submitted, and over 4,900 disability applications have been approved.
- As of FY 2022-23, a total of 57 counties operate HDAP statewide. CDSS also supported the launch of 17 tribal programs in FY 2022-23.
- The [Budget Act of 2023](#) appropriated the annual, ongoing appropriation of \$25 million in dollar-for-dollar match-required funds for [HDAP](#).
- On November 6, 2023, CDSS released [All County Welfare Directors Letters \(ACWDL\)](#) notifying all 58 counties and current participating Tribal Grantees in California of the availability of FY 2023-24 Funding for the HDAP program allocated via [the Budget Act of 2023](#) (Senate Bill 101, Chapter 12, Statutes of 2023).
- On March 1, 2024, CDSS released the [Housing and Disability Advocacy Program \(HDAP\) Annual Report for 2022-2023](#), which details progress and outcomes related to the implementation of HDAP.
- On March 1, 2024, [ACL 24-13](#) was released. The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments of the statutory changes made by Assembly Bill (AB) 120 (Chapter 43, Statutes of 2023) to the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP).

[Home Safe Program](#)

The Home Safe program supports the safety and housing stability of people involved in [Adult Protective Services \(APS\)](#), individuals in the APS intake process, or those who may be served through a tribe, or tribal entity or agency, who appears to be eligible for adult protective services, and are experiencing or at risk of homelessness for reasons of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation as determined by the adult protective services agency or tribal agency. Local Home Safe programs utilize a range of strategies to support homelessness prevention and housing stability for APS clients including financial assistance, legal services, eviction prevention, heavy cleaning, and landlord mediation, among other services.

- Since Home Safe's inception in 2018 through December 2023, approximately 12,800 people have been served and more than 4,400 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided. Additionally, over 2,600 people have been connected to the local Coordinated Entry System (CES).
- The [Budget Act of 2022](#) appropriated \$92.5 million for Home Safe, available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2025. These funds are in addition to the \$92.5 million appropriated in the [Budget Act of 2021](#). All fifty-eight counties currently operate a Home Safe Program. CDSS

also supported the launch of 23 tribal programs in FY 2022-23. Final FY 2022-23 allocations and participating grantees can be viewed in [CFL 22/23-43 \(December 30, 2022\)](#).

- In December 2021, the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHII) of University of California San Francisco completed an interim evaluation of Home Safe pilot programming. BHII published Home Safe Interim Findings, which highlighted a number of key successes, including that Home Safe has fostered strong relationships between APS and the larger networks of local social service providers that make up the Continuum of Care; that staff pointed to the flexibility of Home Safe as crucial to the program’s success; and that Home Safe appeared to have stabilized clients who would have otherwise become homeless. In FY 2022-23, CDSS continued its partnership with UCSF to further evaluate the impact as the program expanded to all 58 counties. The evaluation includes analysis of programmatic data as well as qualitative data from interviews with stakeholders. The CDSS anticipates evaluation findings to be published in early 2026.
- On March 1, 2024, [ACL 24-12](#) was released. The purpose of this letter is to inform County Welfare Departments of the statutory changes made by Assembly Bill (AB) 120 (Chapter 43, Statutes of 2023) to the Home Safe program.

[Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy \(PRK\)](#)

Project Roomkey is a multiagency effort led by CDSS to provide non-congregate shelter options such as hotels and motels or self-contained trailers for people experiencing homelessness in response to COVID-19. This effort was designed to save lives, reduce transmission, and relieve pressure on the hospital system by providing safe shelter for those who are COVID-19 positive, have been exposed, or who are at high risk for medical complications if they were to contract the virus. Communities still operating PRK are in the process of determining the appropriate date for closing the program, based on local needs and in consultation with their local emergency and public health departments.

- At its peak, over 16,000 rooms were secured, representing a 50% increase in the number of shelter beds in California and exceeding statewide goal of 15,000 rooms. Over 62,000 individuals have been sheltered through Project Roomkey. Additionally, as of January 2024, over 14,000 (approximately 22%) of PRK participants exited to permanent housing; 36% exited to temporary housing or congregate shelter; 9% to institutions or other; and 18% to unknown destinations. The remaining 15% exited to unsheltered homelessness.
- The California Health Care Foundation (CHCF) and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, in collaboration with CDSS, engaged Abt Global to evaluate Project Roomkey. Abt Global released the final report, [Evaluating California’s Project Roomkey](#), on May 7, 2024. Abt found the program achieved its purpose and was a “game changer” in how communities provide emergency housing to people experiencing homelessness across California.

[Community Care Expansion \(CCE\)](#)

The [Community Care Expansion \(CCE\) program](#) is part of a statewide investment in infrastructure funding to address homelessness, support healthcare delivery reform, and strengthen the social safety net. CCE funds acquisition, construction, and/or rehabilitation of adult and senior care facilities that serve applicants and recipients of Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment (SSI/SSP) or Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Funds are also available to preserve residential care settings, including through operating subsidies, to existing licensed adult and senior care facilities currently serving SSI/SSP or CAPI recipients but at risk of closing through the CCE Preservation program.

- A total of \$570 million has been made available for the CCE Capital Expansion Program through a [Joint RFA](#) published on January 31, 2022. Funds may be used for capital expansion projects, including acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of residential care settings. A portion of the funds may also be used for a Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserve (COSR) for funded projects for a maximum of five years.
- To date, CDSS has awarded \$521.6 million across 58 projects that seek to expand capacity with an additional 2,923 beds or units within licensed residential care facilities, recuperative care sites, and permanent supportive housing.
- Applications for CCE Capital Expansion project funding were accepted through a through June 1, 2023. Applications are under review and will be funded on a rolling basis until funds are exhausted. Awards are posted on the [CCE data dashboard](#).
- [In addition to the Capital Expansion program funds](#), CDSS has awarded \$247 million in one-time, non-competitive allocations, (\$141 million in Capital Projects and \$106 million in Operating Subsidy Payments), to 34 counties through the CCE Preservation program. Award information, including participating counties, can be viewed on the CCE Preservation page on the [CCE website](#).
- Monthly CCE Preservation Learning Collaboratives and Technical Assistance is offered to counties to support and enhance program planning.

California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)

Department of State Hospitals - Community-Based Restoration and Diversion

Over the last decade, the State of California has seen significant year-over-year growth in the number of individuals charged with a felony offense who are found Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) and committed to the State Department of State Hospitals (DSH) for

competency restoration services. IST defendants are determined by a court to be unable to participate in their trial because they are not able to understand the nature of

the criminal proceedings or assist counsel in the conduct of their defense. When the

court finds a felony defendant incompetent to stand trial in California, they can be committed to DSH to provide clinical and medical services with the goal of restoring their competency and enabling them to return to court to resume their criminal proceedings. To better understand what was potentially driving the sustained increase in felony IST referrals, DSH partnered with the University of California, Davis to study the IST patients being admitted to Napa State Hospital. One major defining

characteristic of this population is that they experience high rates of homelessness. In

2016, approximately 47% of IST patients admitted to Napa State Hospital were

unsheltered homeless prior to their arrest. Between 2018 and 2020, 65.5% of IST

patients admitted to Napa State Hospital were homeless (sheltered or unsheltered) prior to arrest. DSH's hypothesis of what is driving this crisis is that individuals with serious mental illnesses, primarily psychotic disorders, are untreated or under-treated in their communities and are experiencing homelessness, leading to increased, repeated involvement with the criminal justice system.

Since 2018-19, DSH has worked to expand its continuum of care to provide community-based treatment options, including community-based restoration and diversion, and supporting counties' efforts to increase community treatment options for individuals deemed incompetent to stand trial on felony charges with the goal of breaking the cycle of criminalization for this population that is largely impacted by homelessness. The following are updates on these actions:

- **Community-Based Restoration and Diversion** - The goal of both the CBR and Diversion programs is to effectively and safely treat individuals committed as IST in the community to connect them to meaningful treatment and supportive housing and ultimately disrupt the cycle of homelessness and criminal justice involvement for these individuals. In addition, IST individuals who successfully complete a diversion program have their current charges dropped. Both programs are designed to connect participants into ongoing treatment services in their home community upon discharge from diversion or CBR.
 - **Community Based Restoration (CBR)**- In 2018-19 DSH partnered with the Los Angeles County Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) for the first CBR program for felony incompetent to stand trial (IST) defendants in the state. In this program, ODR subcontracts for housing and treatment services and most IST clients in this program live in unlocked

residential settings with wraparound treatment services. The original CBR program provided funding for 150 beds and subsequent investments have increased the program size to 515 beds after the last set of 100 beds activated in November 2021.

- **DSH Felony Mental Health Diversion (Diversion) Pilot Program** – In 2018-19 DSH established the DSH Felony Mental Health Diversion (Diversion) pilot program. Assembly Bill 1810 (Statutes of 2018) established the legal (Penal Code (PC) 1001.35-1001.36) and programmatic (Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) 4361) infrastructure to authorize general mental health diversion and the DSH-funded Diversion program. There are 29 counties across the state that have partnered with the DSH in the Diversion pilot program. As of December 31, 2023, pilot counties have diverted a total of 1,717 individuals.
- **Expanding CBR and Diversion** - The 2022 Budget Act authorized DSH to significantly expand Diversion and CBR and make them permanent, ongoing programs. Once fully implemented, DSH estimates these programs will be able to admit and serve up to 3,000 new felony IST patients annually. DSH is implementing the program over four years and, upon full implementation, will have \$520 million annually to support community-based treatment programming. In Spring 2023, a new contract with Los Angeles County was secured to expand its existing CBR and Diversion programs to support a bed capacity of up to 1,344 beds over a 4-year period. More recently, DSH announced the contracting process with counties in January 2024 and as of January 30, 2024, DSH has received Letters of Interest from 24 counties to transition from the DSH Diversion pilot to the permanent program.
- **Housing for CBR and Diversion:** The 2022 Budget Act authorized \$469 million one-time over two fiscal years to fund the development of approximately 5,000 residential treatment beds in the community to support the IST population served in the Diversion and CBR programs. In the second quarter of 2022-23, DSH engaged with Advocates for Human Potential (AHP) to manage this project. To date, five award letters have been issued to counties for infrastructure projects with proposed bed capacities that range from 30 to 177 beds. In addition, 3 counties are in the process of applying for a shared regional project, and 15 counties indicated they are considering applying at a future date. In Fall 2023, DSH and AHP announced that private providers could apply for funding in direct partnership with counties and held an informational webinar on the new process in December 2023. In addition, multiple one-to-one technical assistance calls with counties have been held to answer questions and identify potential barriers. In February 2024, AHP launched twice monthly open office hours calls to provide further technical assistance to counties.
- **Stakeholder Workgroup Grant Opportunity** - Additional support for county planning is available through DSH's annual \$100,000 Stakeholder Workgroup Grant Opportunity. This grant supports the work of local behavioral health and justice partner collaboration and planning related to the IST population, including transitioning diversion or CBR clients to longer term or permanent supportive housing and treatment. In FY 2022-23, 33 counties applied for and received the \$100,000 planning grant. To date in FY 2023-24, eight additional counties have applied for and been approved for the annual planning grant.

California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC)



CTCAC administers programs that address critical needs for the state of California. CTCAC allocates nine percent (9%) and four percent (4%) federal low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs) to qualified new construction projects or existing properties undergoing rehabilitation. Each number refers to the approximate percentage that is multiplied against a project’s requested “qualified basis” to determine the maximum amount of annual federal credits the project may be awarded. CTCAC also administers the state’s LIHTC program, which pairs with the federal LIHTCs. These programs are a critical funding source for producing and preserving affordable rental housing and helping reach the Governor’s goal of producing 2.5 million units in California by 2030.

CDLAC administers the tax-exempt private activity bond program for California. These bonds assist developers of affordable rental housing acquire land and construct new units or purchase and rehabilitate existing units. The bonds are paired with the 4% federal LIHTC and state LIHTC programs.

First Round Nine Percent (9%) Credit 2024 Awards (May 15, 2024)

- Annual Federal Credits Awarded: \$54,375,556 (totals \$543,755,560)
- Total State Credits Awarded: \$79,944,724
- Projects Awarded: 27
- Total Number of Units: 1,572
- Total Number of Low-Income Units: 1,525
- Total Number of Extremely Low-Income (30% AMI or below) Units: 646
- Total Number of Units for individuals experiencing homelessness: 411

Upcoming Rounds:

[First Round 4% credit and tax-exempt bond applications were due April 23, 2024. Awards will be announced August 6, 2024.](#)

[The list of applicants can be found here.](#)

2024 Meeting Schedule and Application Due Dates

[Information on CDLAC 2024 Meetings and Application Due Dates can be found here.](#)

[Information on CTCAC 2024 Meetings and Application Due Dates can be found here.](#)

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Caltrans continues to actively collaborate with local communities and Continuums of Care (CoCs) to identify unique funding opportunities geared towards permanently removing people experiencing homelessness (PEH) from the state right of way.

In April, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the latest list of grant awardees during **Round 3, Window 1 of the Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) program**. Of the 20 total projects receiving state funding, over half of the ERF grants awarded – **totaling over \$125 million** – will address encampments on Caltrans' property. From the city of Oceanside in the south to Humboldt County near the Oregon Border, **twelve of the 20 projects** receiving ERF grants are designed to resolve encampments located on the state right of way.

Currently, Caltrans is assisting **Cal ICH by reviewing grant applications received during Round 3, Window 2 of the ERF program**. A total of **17 applications** were submitted by local jurisdictions for projects targeting encampments on the state right of way. Caltrans' staff is combing through the applications to ensure all applications are completed in-full and include the required supporting documents. Caltrans will provide feedback to Cal ICH no later than June 7th.

In partnership with the [Pasadena Outreach Response Team \(PORT\)](#), [Union Station Homeless Services \(USHS\)](#), and the [City of Pasadena Housing Department](#), **Caltrans District 7 Encampment Coordinators** continue to collaborate to remove PEH from the state right of way and into permanent housing. After identifying high priority encampment sites within their jurisdiction, Caltrans assisted the **City of Pasadena and the local CoCs in securing a \$2 million ERF grant in August 2023**.

The grant allows PORT to transition PEH from the targeted encampments to local motels where they receive intensive case management, housing navigation, and other support services to vastly improve their health outcomes and overall well-being. Once services are accepted and the individual is placed into the motel, the PORT team assists each individual as they navigate the treatment and housing process. The goal is for individuals placed in the motel to exit to permanent, supportive housing or – depending on their acute needs – to other temporary housing destinations such as treatment centers, sober living, and skilled nursing facilities.

Since the grant's implementation, PORT – in collaboration with Caltrans District 7 – has successfully assisted **29 clients removed from the state right of way transition to temporary motel housing**. Notably, **11 of these clients have since been placed in housing destinations**, many of which include on-site case management primarily within the city of Pasadena. Also of note, since the implementation of the ERF funding, **seven of the 10 Caltrans' encampment locations specified in the grant submission have remained clean and clear of PEH**.

Caltrans is developing a program to **highlight and commemorate the collaborative successes** we are starting to see in communities like Pasadena. As ERF grants transform from paper to people, Caltrans wants to ensure we honor our local partners across the state as we work to address homelessness on our highways. Caltrans is looking to create physical awards that would be presented to our devoted partners during community events. The goal is to showcase how the ERF grant is being used and meet some of the individuals who have benefited from the funding. Local media outlets would also be invited to capture the ERF success stories as a way to publicize the grant oversight and improve the appearance of public transparency.

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Veterans Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) Pilot Competitive Grant Program: In 2023, CalVet awarded \$20 million in competitive grant funds to non-profit organizations to test various service models providing enhanced supportive services for veteran seniors aged 55+, veterans who are high acuity, and veterans who receive assistance or have been assisted through HUD-VASH. CalVet continues to monitor and collect data regarding enrolled veterans.

As of May 2024, 331 veterans have been enrolled in the VSSR Pilot with baseline data suggesting that staff consistency and regular engagement continues to result in breaking down barriers to receiving support. To enhance and support existing PSH programming, grantees have hired a various mix of mental health specialists, peer specialists, nurses, transportation specialists, and service assistants to aid with activities of daily living, and other health related social needs. Early returns of data also suggest that having the flexibility to adjust the budget as needed is an important element of adapting an enhancement model one relying on a variety of funding sources.

Grantees have also reported increases in stability of general health, habitability of residents, and greater collaboration and care coordination with VA HUD-VASH case management in addressing veteran needs.

California Veterans Health Initiative – Mental Health Support (CVHI-MHS) Competitive Grant Program – The CVHI-MHS Grant Program \$38 million NOFA was published in April 2024, with an application deadline of July 12, 2024. Public feedback has been welcome and the deadline for written questions was May 31, 2024, and CalVet is planning a webinar-based application workshop anticipated to occur on June 14, 2024.

CVHI-MHS grants are intended to support Grantees throughout a three-year period with incremental sustainment goals each year and will be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the NOFA. Grantees will be asked to focus on prevention and early intervention efforts with the end goal of increasing access to mental health services for veterans and their families. Proposals funded under CVHI must be inclusive, equitable, and available to all veterans regardless of age, period of service, type of service, discharge status, or disability rating. Applicants must be able to meet the eligibility requirements of California Military and Veterans Code Section 881 to be considered for funding, and proposals must aim to expand the state's capacity to provide mental health support to veterans and to fill gaps in mental health services.

Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program: The VHHP program round 8, also known as the second Multifamily Finance SuperNOFA, awards were recently released by California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), whereas four out of twelve applications received an award, totaling \$40.2 million. The following is a brief description of those awards.

- ***The Walk Residences (Norwalk)*** – New construction awarded \$7.7 million. The proposed development with create 55 total affordable units accessible to veterans, restricted to households with income at or below 50% of the area median income. Of those units, 32 will be Permanent Supportive Housing serving only veterans and their families experiencing homelessness. The Walk Residences is part of a master development plan by the city of Norwalk. It is situated in a zoning specifically made for this project "I / SP-9 (NEDCC) [Norwalk Entertainment District Civic Center]" with amenities such as community rooms, tot lots, and a supportive service office. This project is half a mile or less from the most needed amenities, such as grocery stores, bus stops, clinics, pharmacies, and libraries with free computer classes.
- ***2700 International (Oakland)*** – New construction awarded \$9.5 million. The proposed development with create 74 total affordable units accessible to veterans, restricted to households with income at or below 50% of the area median income. Of those units, 22 will be Permanent Supportive Housing

serving only veterans and their families experiencing homelessness. 2700 International Apartments will be located near the Fruitvale commercial center in Oakland. The proposed project is one six story building, with five stories of residential units (Type III-A) over a first-floor podium (Type I-A). The ground floor includes on-site property management and resident services staff offices, a parking garage consisting of 33 parking spaces and 60 bicycle parking spaces and 3,800 square feet of Below-Market-Rate commercial space. Other project amenities include a large community room and kitchen, laundry room, and spacious courtyard with a children's play area, covered seating area, and a community garden.

- **Oak Gardens (Menlo Park)** – New construction awarded \$12.8 million. The proposed development will create 60 total affordable units accessible to veterans, restricted to households with income at or below 50% of the area median income. Of those units, 30 will be Permanent Supportive Housing serving only veterans and their families experiencing homelessness. Oak Gardens will be located directly on the VA Palo Alto Healthcare System Campus, Menlo Park Division. The proposed project site is on federal land that is owned by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. Oak Gardens is a single, 3 story, elevator served building, which features a surface parking lot. Indoor residential amenities include a multi-purpose community room and kitchen, computer station, laundry facilities on each floor, residential bicycle storage, and offices for property management and resident services teams, as well as VA case managers. Outdoor amenities include residential surface parking, a community garden, social and meditative gathering spaces, and other open areas for residents to enjoy.
- **Veteran Commons (Downey)** – New construction awarded \$10.2 million. The proposed development will create 99 total affordable units accessible to veterans, restricted to households with income at or below 50% of the area median income. Of those units, 27 will be Permanent Supportive Housing serving only veterans and their families experiencing homelessness. Veteran Commons is a Type V construction, two, three, and four-story new construction project located in the City of Downey. The entire development amounts to approximately 93,482 total square feet. Common area amenities include covered walkways, gathering areas, native landscaping, ample shade trees, barbeque, child-centered space with a children play areas, and roof garden that encourages active and passive enjoyment of the outdoors. Additional amenities include laundry rooms, trash chutes, resident center, secured bicycle storage, and property management and resident service offices. Unit amenities include energy efficient light fixtures, water efficient water fixtures, central heating and cooling, ample storage space, stove and range, and a refrigerator. All PBV/VASH units will be move-in ready and fully furnished with a full-size bed, sofa, table, dresser, and additional seating.

Since Round 1, VHHP funding has enabled 100 multifamily affordable housing projects to come to fruition throughout California, 60 of which are currently operating or in the initial lease up phase, and nine of which were awarded under the first AB 434 SuperNOFA funding round. Due to the direct support of VHHP, California is projected to see a total of 6,389 units of affordable and supportive housing.

Federal Partner: U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)

- May 2024 is the one-year anniversary of USICH’s All INside initiative, addressing the homelessness crisis in targeted communities with high numbers of people living outside. The State of California is a partner within this initiative. Read how all seven communities are working together [here](#).
- USICH released [New Encampment Guidance for Communities](#) that includes 19 Strategies for Communities to Address Encampments Humanely and Effectively
- USICH released guidance for creating and sustaining State Interagency Councils on Homelessness, including a [State-by-State List of ICHs in existence](#) as of May 2024.
- USICH released new [Guidance for Health Systems and Hospitals](#), to help them more effectively, collaboratively, and compassionately care for people experiencing homelessness. For each of the following six strategies, the guidance provides practical resources for implementation:
 - Deliver Care Outside Traditional Medical Facilities
 - Partner With Non-Health Organizations
 - Improve Data Systems and Data-Sharing on Housing and Homelessness
 - Promote Supportive and Affordable Housing
 - Engage in Homelessness Prevention
 - Advance Health Equity
- At the [April 2024 USICH meeting](#), the Council focused on Youth Homelessness.
- [DOJ announced new funding](#) to address homelessness among domestic violence victims and people exiting jail. The Smart Reentry: Housing Demonstration Program will award up to \$1M as well as no-cost training and technical assistance to enhance or implement evidence-based activities or services to expand and/or increase access to housing for people who are currently or were formerly involved in the criminal justice system. Application deadline is July 22, 2024.
- [HUD made several announcements](#) related to housing vouchers and public housing, including:
 - New flexibility that communities with significant or rising rates of homelessness can use to speed up the time it takes for people experiencing homelessness to move into stable homes using the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program
 - An investment of \$30 billion in renewal funding for the HCV Program, which has seen a \$2 billion increase since last year.
 - An additional \$12.7 million in Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) Initiative funding to prevent and end youth homelessness. The application deadline is June 17 for public housing authorities (PHAs).
 - A new rule that increases efficiency and creates opportunities for housing providers to preserve and increase the supply of affordable housing.
- [SAMHSA is accepting applications for HIV/AIDS pilot project](#) for unsheltered populations.