California
Interagency Council
on Homelessness

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Department and Federal Partner Updates

California Interagency Council on Homelessness Meeting

Note: Department Updates are highly encouraged but not required. The departments not included in these updates are Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH), California Health and Human Services (CHHS), and California Department of Education (CDE).

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California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
HDIS Connect workshop	April 9	This workshop is part of a series for HMIS administrators to connect and discuss data practices.
Advisory Committee Meeting	May 7	Quarterly scheduled meeting for the Advisory Committee to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.
Council Meeting	June 4	Quarterly scheduled meeting for the California Interagency Council on Homelessness.

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
2.A.14 (Policy)	Develop policies, procedures, and recommendations on how to effectively coordinate the work to prevent and end homelessness in California through the convening of quarterly Council and Advisory Committee meetings.	The Council and Advisory Committee have quarterly scheduled public meetings. Advisory Committee membership terms end June 30, 2025 and Cal ICH staff are the process of establishing the recruitment timeline.
2.A.15 (Policy)	Regularly collaborate with state partners to provide resources and guidance on their work to prevent and end homelessness. Develop understanding of the barriers state partners face in implementing homelessness programs effectively and elevate to the Council.	Cal ICH staff meet monthly with Council department staff to discuss implementation, progress, and challenges of Action Plan activities and other relevant programs. These meetings will inform the quarterly department updates and annual reports.
2.C.26 (Policy)	Align state funding and program elements such as definitions, timelines, and reporting requirements, across departments and agencies in order to reduce administrative burden on applicants.	The State Funding and Programs Working Group is working to analyze and assess definitions, timelines, reporting requirements, and other elements of State-funded housing and homelessness programs. This work will result in recommendations for the Council on how Council member departments can better align program requirements to reduce administrative burden for grantees.

2.C.27 (Policy)	Assess and monitor compliance with California Housing First statute for state-funded programs among Council departments and agencies.	Cal ICH is administering their second survey for Council member departments and agencies funding or administering programs that address homelessness to assess their progress to comply with Housing First statute. This assessment will be a follow up from the 2024 Housing First survey in which programs were underway to being fully compliant.
2.C.28 (Local Initiatives)	Maintain the Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar to serve as a resource for system partners to stay up to date with state department hosted webinars and meetings, technical assistance offerings, and trainings to increase coordination and information sharing of the state's activities.	A Tribal Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar has been developed for Tribal Communities. Outreach for submissions is sent to member agencies and departments' tribal liaisons. Reminders are sent bi-weekly to council member departments to submit entries for the Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar. Both calendars are updated as entries are received.
3.A.1 (Local Initiatives)	Facilitate the Cal ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB) to inform decisions of the Council and provide guidance to its member departments and agencies.	Cal ICH continues to facilitate the LEAB, which holds monthly meetings to inform decisions of the Council and provide guidance to its member departments and agencies. The LEAB is also currently developing an internal project centered on ending the criminalization of homelessness.
3.B.10 (External Affairs)	Develop a Tribal advisory group with expertise on the needs of Tribal communities to create recommendations for addressing their specific needs in preventing and ending homelessness.	Cal ICH is exploring funding and partnership opportunities to build capacity to stand up the Tribal Advisory Board.
3.B.11 (External Affairs)	Provide pre-application and other technical assistance and training opportunities, participate in listening or feedback sessions, and adapt program guidelines and guidance, to enhance access to State homelessness and housing programs and resources, and other support services, for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal consortium, and Tribal entities in California.	Cal ICH's Tribal Liaison is available to meet with member agencies and departments in their tribal engagement and other efforts to align policies and program in accordance with the needs of California Tribes and Native Americans.
3.C.23 (Policy)	Work with local partners to understand barriers to effective implementation of Housing First practices. Create guidance for state policymakers and provide best practices to help overcome those barriers.	Cal ICH has created the Guide to California's Housing First Law for state and local partners to understand the purpose of Housing First and the requirements stated in the Statute. Cal ICH is also developing guidance for Housing First and Recovery Housing. The Advisory Committee reviewed a draft of the guidance in their past meeting and provided

		input that Cal ICH will implement within a final draft.
3.C.25 (Local Initiatives)	Coordinate the Strategies, Tools, and Emergency Preparedness for Unsheltered Populations group in coordination with the Priority Populations Task Force to ensure inclusion of people experiencing homelessness in disaster response efforts. Support local jurisdictions in planning for future emergencies affecting people experiencing homelessness by developing a toolkit for leaders on the best practices and resources available for serving this population.	Cal ICH continues to lead the STEP-UP interdepartmental work group. In December 2024, the group released the Homeless Emergency and Active Readiness Toolkit (HEART), intended to highlight best practices and considerations to support the inclusion of people experiencing homelessness into local emergency planning and response efforts. Cal ICH continues to market the toolkit through several stakeholder presentations including Listos, Homebase's Rural CoC Meeting, and the Behavioral Health Task Force among others. STEP-UP is currently working on a recorded webinar series outlining the toolkit set to be launched mid-March.
3.C.32 (Research and HDIS)	Facilitate knowledge sharing between Continuums of Care and present best practices for HMIS data management and collection through HDIS Connect sessions.	Cal ICH presented its sixth and seventh workshops for local HMIS administrators in its HDIS Connect Series. The sixth workshop (held in November 2024) previewed the HDIS CoC Data Quality Dashboard and discussed how the tool can aid with data quality efforts, especially related to AB 977 reporting. The seventh workshop (held in February 2025) explained the methodology updates Cal ICH has made to match standards described in HMIS Standard Reporting Terminology Glossary, as well as common issues in data from CoCs related to household exits and youth homelessness. Cal ICH will continue to develop relationships with HMIS administrators through bi-monthly HDIS Connect workshops with the next workshop scheduled on April 9, 2025.
3.C.33 (Local Initiatives)	Facilitate opportunities for collaboration across local jurisdictions, Continuums of Care, and Tribal partners to expand knowledge of current initiatives and share successful strategies to improve statewide outcomes.	Cal ICH is in the process of developing a Listen and Learn Series designed to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving across local jurisdictions. These themed sessions will create an interactive space where participants learn from guest speakers and also engage in meaningful discussions about the challenges they face in their communities.
4.A.1 (Research)	Provide technical assistance to state-funded programs addressing homelessness and their grantees that are required to comply with AB	Following a productive partnership, Cal ICH's contract with Abt Global to provide technical assistance to AB 977 department staff,

	977 (Gabriel, Chapter 397, Statutes of 2021) HMIS data entry requirements. Update AB 977 Data Summaries Dashboards so that state departments have insight into program trends and outcomes.	grantees, and HMIS Leads will come to a close in June 2025. Cal ICH is working to ensure a smooth transition of TA provision from Abt Global to Cal ICH and AB 977 departments staff, including gathering and taking inventory of existing materials, preparing new materials for parties affected by the transition, and planning a series of trainings for Cal ICH staff conducted by Abt Global. Regular AB 977 TA provision is also continuing during this time.

Cal ICH has continued work to improve data tools supporting AB 977 compliance and overall HDIS data quality. Cal ICH released a major update to the HDIS CoC Data Quality Dashboards on January 27th, which are designed to help HMIS Leads catch and correct errors in their data and improve their overall data quality as part of the quarterly upload process. Updates include improvements to dashboard performance and usability and additional error flags. Cal ICH also began development on the new State Department Compliance Dashboard, which will empower staff administering AB 977 programs to track compliance with data entry requirements. |
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(Research and HDIS) | Streamline data sharing with Council member departments and agencies by establishing policies and procedures. | Cal ICH continues to transfer HDIS data to the Center for Data Insights and Innovation (CDII) within the Health and Human Services (HHS) Agency to support the creation of an integrated dataset with homelessness, social services, and health data. Through a contract with ICF, Cal ICH has developed reference documents and trainings for state partners about utilizing data from HDIS for analysis and reporting, and is developing targeted technical assistance for Council Member Departments.

Cal ICH has also developed a standardized Business Use Case Proposal (BUCP) template to help start the data sharing process with Council Member Departments. Please note that aggregated and de-identified data does not need a BUCP. Departments interested in pursuing a data sharing |

		agreement with Cal ICH can reach out to HDIS@bcsh.ca.gov.
4.A.4 (Policy)	Use McKinney-Vento data to document and understand the experiences of homelessness for youth in California schools.	The Youth & Young Adults Working Group is in the planning phase of developing a memo to the Council which will include McKinney-Vento data and definitions of student homelessness.
4.B.8 (Leadership)	Collect fiscal and outcome data from state departments and agencies administering state homelessness programs identified in an AB 799 (L. Rivas, Chapter 263, Statutes of 2024), beginning in Fiscal Year 2025-26, and make the data publicly available annually starting in 2027.	Cal ICH is engaging in the development and implementation process to achieve statutory timelines for collecting fiscal and outcome data. Cal ICH continues to refine existing aspects that already align with requirements of the bill such as a calendar for reporting state homelessness and housing program information including funding announcements.
4.B.9 (HDIS)	Manage quarterly data uploads and implement improvements to increase HDIS data quality and accuracy, including by providing tools, trainings, and technical assistance for Continuums of Care.	Cal ICH released HDIS data through September 30*th*, 2024 on the public dashboard and to the state's Open Data portal. Cal ICH also provided the 44 Continuums of Care with detailed versions of their CoC Dashboards to support their efforts to develop data informed local homelessness programs. Cal ICH has improved data quality during the recent data load including launching proactive, targeted TA to CoCs in partnership with TA Contractors ICF.
4.C.19 (Research and Local Initiatives)	Develop measures and goals for state-funded homelessness programs to end homelessness among unaccompanied youth, survivors of domestic violence and their children, and unaccompanied women in alignment with SB 914 (Rubio, Chapter 665, Statutes of 2022) and SB 918 (Wiener, Chapter 841, Statutes of 2018). Improve coordination between the homelessness response system, youth service providers, Victim Service Providers, and those populations experiencing homelessness.	Cal ICH calculated measures and set initial goals pursuant to S.B. 914 in December 2024 and is now developing a dashboard to display these measures publicly. Cal ICH is also continuing to engage with Tribes and stakeholders including service providers, local governments, people with lived experience, and state departments in order to develop strategies to improve coordination and reduce barriers to services as well as to improve upon the initial goals and measures.
4.C.20 (Research and HDIS)	Improve and enhance data tools to increase public understanding of homelessness services in California through expansion of the HDIS dashboards and open data portal, development of targeted support for Continuums of Care, and publishing of new CA System Performance Measure dashboards for CoCs.	Cal ICH is revising and improving its documentation to assist localities with understanding their CA SPMs and is developing a dashboard that will enable CoCs to analyze their CA SPMs more dynamically. Cal ICH is also looking for opportunities to improve its measurement methodology for CA SPMs. Additionally, Cal ICH is assisting CoCs through HDIS Connect workshops, targeted

		technical assistance, and an updated Data Quality dashboard.
4.C.21 (Research)	Analyze homelessness trends, gaps, and challenges across local areas to inform statewide efforts and identify specific areas of focus for the development of resources to support local systems of care.	Cal ICH is continuing to measure system performance through the CA SPMs at the state and local level. CA SPMs for 7/1/23 through 6/30/24 were released in December 2024 and are available for download from the state's Open Data Portal. CA SPMs for 10/1/23 through 9/30/24 will be released this spring.
5.A.6 (Local Initiatives)	Curate, write, and distribute important news, describe best practices that serve as solutions to common challenges local communities face.	Cal ICH distributes important news, announcements and best practices information through its newsletter publication. Cal ICH also maintains a resource library inclusive of resources ranging from toolkits and materials released by state and federal partners to emerging, promising, and best practices to prevent and end homelessness.
5.A.7 (Local Initiatives)	Develop and distribute resources and guidance in partnership with the Cal ICH LEAB for local, state, and Tribal partners to support effective homelessness program development and implementation.	Cal ICH continues to facilitate the LEAB monthly meetings. To date, the LEAB has worked with three member departments to provide feedback and support on projects providing resources and guidance to end homelessness.
5.B.15 (Policy and External Affairs)	Expand technical assistance and guidance to include the use of equity frameworks that analyze racial inequities and other disparities. Prioritize training and resources to support equitable access to services, and resources for marginalized communities.	Cal ICH is in the process of hiring a Racial Equity Specialist to help uplift the needs, voices, and best practices of communities of color, as well as to support the REWG and equitable frameworks.
5.B.19 (Policy)	Utilize the State Funding and Programs Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners can better coordinate and streamline state-funded housing and homelessness programs. Provide recommendations to the Council, Advisory Committee, and LEAB for their review and adoption.	The State Funding and Programs Working Group convened it's first meeting of 2025 on Tuesday, February 4. SFP WG members presented department initiatives, programs, and coordination in response to California wildfires and provided updates in regards to recent budget and legislative hearings. The SFP WG will also be continuing its work to reduce administrative burden for applicants of State housing programs in the following months.
5.B.20 (Policy)	Utilize the Racial Equity Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs in order to address racial inequities present within the homelessness response	The REWG continues to design the Racial Equity Implementation Hub and learn about the frameworks it will use to analyze state programs. The Hub is set to Launch in 2025 and will act as a resource for state programs

	system. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	that will offer consultation and coaching, technical assistance, provision of resources, data analysis, and community engagement.
5.B.21 (Policy)	Utilize the Youth and Young Adults Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs in order to address the specific needs of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	The Youth & Young Adults Working Group is in the planning phase of developing a memo to the Council on the needs of young people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in California.
5.B.22 (Policy)	Utilize the Re-Entry/Transitions Working Group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs to address the housing needs of people exiting incarceration. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	The Cal ICH Transitions and Re-entry Working Group (TRWG) convened its first meeting on February 21, 2025. TRWG members shared their experiences and their work, followed by a discussion of housing barriers and general difficulties faced by individuals exiting correctional settings or on parole/probation.
5.B.23 (External Affairs)	Utilize the Tribal advisory group to develop recommendations on how state partners should design, implement, and assess programs to address the specific needs of people experiencing homelessness in Tribal communities. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption.	Cal ICH is exploring resources and partnerships to build capacity to stand up this group.

Section 4: Additional Notes (Optional)

- On February 21, 2025, the Cal ICH Transitions and Re-entry Working Group (TRWG) convened for the first time. This working group brings together key partners from around the State to inform and support statewide strategies by centering the unique housing needs of individuals transitioning from institutional and correctional settings in California. Membership is currently comprised of five Council member departments and eleven community members representing rural, urban, and suburban areas across California with a wide range of perspectives, including advocacy groups, non-profit organizations, probation and law enforcement liaisons, county-level behavioral health departments, members of California Tribes, and multiple people with lived experience. The priority is to develop a report to be for the Council around strategies and recommendations to effectively address homelessness among this population.

California Department of Aging (CDA)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Disability and Aging Community Living Committee (DACLAC)	March 6, 2025, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm Register here.	The purpose of DACLAC is to advance community living, inclusion, and integration across California for people with disabilities and older adults. The DACLAC Housing Subcommittee continues to advocate for increasing access to affordable and accessible housing.
Statewide Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis and Multi-Year Roadmap Stakeholder Webinar	March 13, 2025, 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Register here.	The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the California Department of Aging (CDA) will host a public stakeholder engagement meeting on the Statewide Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis and Multi-Year Roadmap which includes assessment of housing programs and gaps in services.
Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in CA Together (IMPACT) Stakeholder Committee	May 15, 2025, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Register here.	The IMPACT Committee advises the California Health and Human Services Agency on the implementation of the Master Plan for Aging, and continues to advocate for development of accessible and affordable housing, rental subsidies, and other tailored advocacy for rent-burdened and precariously housed older adults and people with disabilities.

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1.B.20	Analyze opportunities for Proposition 1 and behavioral health modernization to be leveraged statewide and locally to improve access for older adults with behavioral health and housing needs.	CDA is currently working with consultants to identify the behavioral health needs of older adults in California and to develop a toolkit for engaging the aging network in elevating older adult behavioral health needs as part of Proposition 1 and Behavioral Health Systems

		Transformation. The toolkit is scheduled to be released by May 2025.
1.B.24	Facilitate connections across AAAs, CoCs, county staff, and Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to align services for older adults who are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.	CDA is in early planning stages to develop tools and training to educate housing Continuums of Care (CoCs), aging and disability networks including Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and Independent Living Centers (ILCs), health plans, and others on how to coordinate benefits and support services for older adults and people with disabilities who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
1.B.31	Address housing needs of older adults and people with disabilities by streamlining access to information by advancing a No Wrong Door system approach, in support of Californians remaining in their own homes and communities.	In 2024, CDA launched the Aging and Disability No Wrong Door (NWD) System State Leadership Council with the Department of Rehabilitation, Department of Health Care Services, Department of Social Services, and Department of Developmental Services. The role of the State Leadership Council is to establish the vision, goals, and priorities for a future NWD system, and to serve as a governance body overseeing the system once it is established. CDA is beginning to work with state partners and stakeholders to build the foundation for a statewide NWD on-line resource hub to improve access to long-term services and supports and other disability and aging services that support individuals to remain living in the community.
1.C.41	Continue advancing Legal Service Program through the Area Agencies on Aging, providing services that include support for elder justice, fraud prevention, rental disputes, and others.	In January 2025, CDA released a Request for Proposals for the selection of a qualified organization to further develop and enhance California Title III-B Legal Services provided through Area Agencies on Aging.
2.C.34	Raise awareness among AAA and ADRC partners of resources and supports available to older adults at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness,	CDA is in early planning stages to develop resources to increase awareness of Area Agencies on Aging and Aging and Disability

	including strategies for outreach, identification, and service connection.	Resource Connection (ADRC) partners on housing and homeless services and supports available to older adults who are at-risk or experiencing homelessness.
3.A.3	Document recommendations of the Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) and elevate relevant recommendations for the next iteration of the Master Plan for Aging.	The DACLAC Housing Subcommittee developed housing recommendations to improve access to affordable housing to make housing more affordable for older adults and people with disabilities. Recommendations included rental subsidies, implementation of CalAIM housing supportive services, developing a No Wrong Door approach to housing and homeless services and navigation, and rent cap protections.
3.A.4	Facilitate linkages and technical assistance across AAAs, CoCs, Community Based Organizations, County and City staff, and Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to align services for older adults who are at-risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.	CDA is in early planning stages to help facilitate linkages and technical assistance to aging and disability networks, counties and cities, health plans, and others designed to better coordinate housing and homeless services for older adults and people with disabilities.
4.C.24	Use the findings from the non Medi-Cal Home and Community Based Services Gap Analysis to understand the supply of affordable housing for older adults and people with disabilities, elevate the needs of underrepresented populations, and identify services in underserved areas.	In March 2025, CDA will release the non-Medi-Cal Statewide Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis that includes analysis of affordable, accessible housing options for older adults and people with disabilities. On March 13, CDA and California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will host a public webinar on the Medi-Cal and non-Medi-Cal HCBS Gap Analysis.
4.C.25	Continue building upon the Data Dashboard for Aging by expanding research and data functions and including housing and homelessness.	The Data Dashboard for Aging (DDA) includes data and tools related to housing and homelessness. CDA worked closely with the CA Aging and Disability Research Partnership (CADRP) to develop a "key outcomes dashboard" which tracks older adult homelessness since 2017. This dashboard also includes

		homelessness data at the regional level along with data on potential "drivers" of homelessness. CDA will work with CADRP this year to update the data on this dashboard and potentially add new features.
		CDA has added a variety of demographic data to the DDA including information on older adult housing characteristics. The DDA also includes "County Profiles" where users can find information at the county level on the percentage of older adults who are housing cost burdened.
5.C.26	Explore shared housing, shallow rental subsidies, and other models that provide housing options for older adults who are insecurely housed or at risk of homelessness.	CDA is working to develop promising practices and encourage replication of innovative public-private housing solutions, including rental subsidies and shared housing models, in partnership with local leaders and subject matter experts. CDA is currently conducting a shared housing and shallow rental subsidies landscape analysis to be completed in Summer 2025.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

By 2040, California's older adult population is projected to reach 11.4 million - 28% of the state's total population. California's Master Plan for Aging (MPA) is our state's 10-year, whole-of-government approach to prepare for the coming demographic changes. In January 2025, California released the Fourth MPA Annual Report and the 2025-26 MPA Initiatives.

- **Fourth MPA Annual Report:** This report is the annual update to the California Legislature that highlights the progress of the MPA in planning for and implementing solutions to meet the needs of older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers. The report highlights significant advancements made across the MPA's Five Bold Goals in 2024 including to ensure access to accessible and affordable housing. In 2024, California advanced housing options for older adults and people with disabilities including:

  o Expanded affordable housing options

  o Strengthened housing supports

  o Advanced new transitional rent support, and

- o Developed emergency preparedness resources and partnerships

- **2025-26 MPA Initiatives.** The 2025-26 MPA Initiatives represent California's comprehensive plan to serve and support older adults, people with disabilities, and caregivers now and into the future. Informed by the voices and perspectives of MPA stakeholders and communities, California will advance 81 MPA initiatives in 2025-26. The implementation of the 2025-26 initiatives can be monitored through the MPA Implementation Tracker. The 2025-2025 MPA Initiatives includes 12 housing related priorities across multiple state agencies and departments focused on addressing housing issues for older adults and people with disabilities.

Section 4: Additional Notes

The recent Palisades and Eaton fires severely impacted older adult homeowners and renters. In meetings with community partners on the ground in Los Angeles, including the Los Angeles County and Los Angeles City Area Agencies on Aging, housing has been elevated as the #1 local priority for displaced older adults and their families. Recovering and rebuilding from the LA Fires with an equity lens is a high priority for Master Plan for Aging stakeholders.

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

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Six Listos RFPs release TBD		

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Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Domestic Violence Housing First (XD) Program: Provides victims/survivors of domestic violence with safe, permanent housing and ongoing, trauma-informed services tailored to address the individual needs of each victim/survivor allowing them to choose how to best rebuild their lives.	Current XD Program ends December 31, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer/Fall 2025.
Investments	Domestic Violence Assistance (DV) Program: Provides local assistance for comprehensive support services to existing domestic violence providers throughout California, including emergency shelter to victims/survivors of domestic violence and their children.	Current DV Program ends September 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer 2025.

Investments	Homeless Youth and Exploitation (HX) Program: Provides comprehensive services to help homeless youth exit street life, with a focus on providing specialized services for youth experiencing sexual exploitation.	Current HX Program ends June 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Spring 2025.
Investments	Homeless Youth Emergency Services and Housing (YE) Program: Provides funding for food, shelter, counseling, and outreach services to locate homeless youth and link them with services, screen for basic health needs, and provide long-term stabilization planning with an emphasis on housing.	Current YE Program ends December 31, 2026. Next Funding Opportunity is contingent on State Budget.
Investments	Homeless Youth Emergency Services Pilot (HY) Program: Provides funding to expand crisis intervention and stabilization services to homeless youth so the immediate crisis these youth face can be resolved, and they can focus on their futures.	Current HY Program ends March 31, 2027. Next Funding Opportunity is contingent on State Budget.
Investments	Specialized Emergency Housing (KE) Program: Expands emergency shelter/emergency housing assistance and provide supportive services for victims/survivors of crime with specialized needs (e.g. elderly, youth, men, disabled, LGBTQIA+, non-English speaking, culturally or religiously marginalized, etc.) who cannot be served through a traditional shelter.	Current KE Program ends September 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer 2025.
Investments	Transitional Housing (XH) Program: Provides victims/survivors of crime with transitional/short-term housing assistance and a range of supportive services, including follow-up services that move victims/survivors into permanent housing.	Current XH Program ends December 31, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer/Fall 2025.
Investments	Human Trafficking Victim Assistance (HV) Program: Helps human trafficking victims/survivors (sex trafficking and labor trafficking) recover from the trauma they experienced and assist them with reintegrating into society through comprehensive safety and supportive services using a trauma-informed, culturally sensitive, victim/survivor-centered approach.	Current HV Program ends March 31, 2026. Next Funding Opportunity is contingent on State Budget
Investments	Native American Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault (DS) Program: Provides supportive services to Native American women and their children, who are victims/survivors of domestic violence and/or sexual assault.	Current DS Program ends September 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer 2025.

2.A.4	Convene the Priority Populations Task Force as a response to natural and human-made disasters, to coordinate state resources, identify and address unmet needs, and ensure comprehensive operational preparedness and response to those at greatest risk, including people who are unhoused.	The PPTF met daily during the first 3 weeks of the LA fire and transitioned to a weekly meeting to coordinate state resources for underserved populations and identify gaps. The PPTF has connected with LA County OEM and LA office of Immigration to coordinate and support local efforts as well.
2.A.5	Partner with FEMA Region IX in all facets of emergency management (planning, response, recovery, and mitigation). Coordinate with FEMA Liaison in the State Operations Center during disasters or emergencies and, during federally declared disasters, work with FEMA to facilitate federal response and recovery services.	Currently partnered with FEMA and other state/federal agencies in response to the 2025 LA wildfires. Opened a Joint Field Office in Pasadena to work collaboratively to facilitate recovery services.
3.C.24	Engage Emergency Operations Centers, local communities, and Tribal partners to include their unhoused populations into emergency operations plans.	The DEI office is working with the Community Planning Unit at Cal OES to ensure that local emergency plans are inclusive and provide TA to local government as needed.
4.C.32	Use Geographic Information System, social vulnerability index, and other data sources to understand the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities, including people experiencing homelessness.	The DEI office is working with Cal OES GIS staff and Cal Fire to explore creating a GIS Map that would incorporate data on social vulnerability and disaster risks.
5.B.17	Update the Listos California Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness. Provide disaster coordination resources and tools to support and encourage local communities to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness before, during, and after disasters. Disseminate these resources to subrecipients, local CBOs, Continuums of Care, and Tribal entities through technical assistance and training opportunities.	The Listos California program will work on a Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness later in 2025.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

Section 4: Additional Notes (Optional)

Cal OES response to the LA Wildfires:

- Recovery efforts are expanding and evolving

- Phase I debris removal and watershed efforts are underway

- The Joint Field Office has been activated in Pasadena

- Two Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) are open for survivors to access resources

California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
CalHFA Board of Directors Workshop	March 19, 2025	
CalHFA Board of Directors Meeting	March 20, 2025	
PRA 811 Round IV NOFA	January 30 - April 30, 2025	Applications are accepted between this period. https://www.calhfa.ca.gov/multifamily/section811/nofa/round-IV/1-post-round-IV-NOFA.pdf

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Investments	Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program: Project sponsors, who must have development financing from one of the state's housing agencies, apply for 20-year renewable project-based rental assistance funding to house Medicaid beneficiaries with disabilities, ages 18-61, who have resided in a long-term health care facility and desire to return to community living, or are homeless, or are at risk of institutionalization or homelessness.	In collaboration with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Department of Developmental Services (DDS), Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) CalHFA applied for, and received, $8 million in rental subsidies available via the Funding Year 2023 (Round IV) NOFO for HUD's PRA 811 program, which awards funding to states to identify, stimulate, and support successful and innovative state approaches to providing integrated supportive housing for people with disabilities. CalHFA has been in contact with developers about the availability of Round IV PRA 811 Rental Assistance and invited them to submit a Solicitation of Interest (SOI). To date, CalHFA has received approximately 30 SOIs.

		The PRA 811 Round IV NOFA was published on the CalHFA website on December 27, 2024. Applications will be accepted from January 30 to April 30, 2025.
1.A.11	Continue the implementation of the National Mortgage Settlement Counseling program as a prevention strategy to help keep people in their homes and provide greater opportunity for people to stay housed and explore other service options as the opportunity arises.	As of September 2024, the National Mortgage Settlement Housing Counseling Program has assisted 84,000 households with a variety of housing counseling needs (i.e., home purchase, reverse mortgage, rental, foreclosure prevention, and homelessness) using $99.2 million in funds for counseling services, capacity building, administration and oversight. Current usage trends and available funds are expected to provide assistance for Californians in need through 2025, and CalHFA has had discussions with the Administration regarding permissible uses of the remaining NMS funds.
2.A.19	Implement an advocacy plan for the Joint State Legislative Resolution of the federal Affordable Housing Tax Credit Improvement Act of 2023. Highlight the impact of federal housing programs and urge Congress to lower the 50% test to 25%.	In process – CalHFA is attending and participating in the NCSHA Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. March 10-12, 2025. The group will be joined by CDLAC/CTCAC Executive Director and will have meetings with various federal legislators and staff to educate and advocate for federal priorities.
2.C.30	Convene a working group, in alignment with AB 519 (Schiavo, chapter 742, statutes of 2023), to develop and report policy recommendations to implement a single consolidated application and coordinated review process for affordable housing resources.	These efforts are just beginning between various housing agencies.
2.C.31	Implement Memorandum of Understanding, in compliance with AB 2006 (Berman, chapter 646, statutes of 2022), to facilitate the collaborative coordination and development of processes to streamline compliance monitoring for housing developments where two or more agencies are involved.	The MOU was amended to memorialize refined process on November 27, 2024. The multiagency team is continuing to refine and align monitoring process, with focus on ways to streamline for the end user. Property owners/developers impacted by the changes and original bill author/sponsor will be notified of the new monitoring process prior to implementation. Originally scheduled for February, these notifications have been delayed as the Agencies re-assess the timeline considering the January 2025 LA wildfires.

3.B.13	Conduct Tribal consultations and roundtable discussions to identify opportunities to improve Tribal communities' access to programs.	The CalHFA Tribal Engagement Plan has been approved. CalHFA is working on its implementation and is looking at conducting listening sessions in late spring or early summer of 2025.
3.B.14	Expand culturally competent outreach to ensure access to State-funded housing programs across racial, ethnic, gender, geographic, and affordability demographics, including with Tribal communities.	CalHFA is continuing its outreach efforts to reach disadvantaged communities.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

CalHFA is reviewing its internal programs and policies in light of the recent fire in LA and identify opportunities to assist homeowners and Multifamily project owners who are affected by the disaster.

California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
1.A.2	Co-lead Transportation and Housing Coordination Workgroup, to pursue opportunities to create more affordable and transit-oriented housing development.	The Caltrans Transportation and Housing workgroup continues to meet every six weeks to collaborate on housing work. The next round of Sustainable Transportation Planning Grants (managed by Caltrans) is underway in 2025. These grants fund transit-oriented development.
1.A.9	Deploy Encampment Coordinators throughout each of Caltrans's 12 district jurisdictions to help coordinate community partnerships and strengthen responses for people experiencing homelessness on the state right of way.	Caltrans Office of Homelessness and Encampments (OHE) has placed District Encampment Coordinators (DECs) in every Caltrans District in the state including multiple coordinators in our largest districts. DECs have been building partnerships and awareness of social service providers. We have demonstrated that successful coordination reduces the chances of individuals experiencing additional harm stemming from unsheltered homelessness which include loss of property, disruption to fragile routines that connect individuals to services and basic need services, and negative interactions with public services.

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3.B.17	Identify appropriate Tribal partners in each Caltrans District who can provide support to local services providers who meet unsheltered members of Tribal communities.	Caltrans OHE has created a map layer of the tribal ERF grants that is available for Districts and others to identify areas covered by grants that support Native American communities. We have developed a section of the Encampment Coordinator Reference Guide that details the Caltrans District Native American Liaisons (DNAL) and District Native American Coordinators (DNAC).
3.C.20	Implement quality assurance strategies, including strengthening regular training, to implement Caltrans's Encampment Coordinators Reference Guide and Maintenance Policy Directive 1001R. Strengthen partnerships to respond to risks and needs of people in encampments on Caltrans-controlled property.	Caltrans MPD 1001-R1 reflects the department's holistic approach to addressing homelessness and encampments on the state ROW. We regularly update the Encampment Coordinator Reference Guide and conduct briefings during monthly meetings to familiarize maintenance staff and others with the new policies and conduct quarterly one-on-one meetings with each District to share information and improve our processes. OHE created a landing page on the Caltrans intranet that houses resources, including our guidance documents, so that staff has easy access to these materials. We also conduct a regular statewide Encampment Training Academy (ETA) bringing together headquarters staff, district encampment coordinators, and external partners to strategize and exchange information. The ETA focuses on the office's updated policies, procedures, and best practices in addressing encampments on the state ROW.
3.C.21	Work with partners to use available Caltrans property for temporary emergency shelter.	Caltrans has created a main list of available excess parcels that have high potential for shelter lease utilization by local partners for all Caltrans-controlled property in the state. The

		District Airspace Lease Coordinator in Right of Way generally manage shelter leases.
		Local partners are also engaged to identify property that may not be on our main list. District ROW staff provide a rapid response to help address proposals coming in from locals and determine more quickly if properties can be used for shelters.
		Caltrans also actively engaged with the Division of Right of Way and Land Surveys to promote the department's emergency shelter leases.
3.C.22	Strengthen efforts to provide advance notification to local housing service partners regarding encampment removal activities to coordinate outreach and additional services.	Caltrans provides ongoing training and support through our regular monthly meetings and during one-on-one consultations with DECs throughout the state.
		Districts notify outreach partners to request outreach in our encampment removal efforts and with the exception of Level 1 encampment removals when emergency conditions exist that make advance notification impossible, we exceed 99% notification prior to encampment removals.
4.B.15	Conduct an annual statewide encampment survey and assess effectiveness of strategies used to address encampments on Caltrans property.	Caltrans conducts an annual survey to accurately assess the total number of encampments and people experiencing homelessness (PEH) sheltering on the state right of way.
		The survey involves a thorough assessment of each site, counting all structures, including tents, vehicles, RVs, and other makeshift shelters made of wood, cardboard, or tarps. Even areas without visible structures but showing signs of occupation (e.g., fire pits, subsistence debris, bedding) are considered and counted as encampments.
		Assessments are conducted from a safe distance using the best judgment to be as accurate as possible. The survey acts as a snapshot, capturing the situation at the time of the count without adjustments for any changes afterward.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Long Term Offender Reentry Recovery Program: Residential program that provides housing, meals, programming, supervision, and support services that focus on the needs of individuals that have served long sentences.	The 2024 Budget Act included funding threshold increases for six LTORRs. The augmentation enables increased rates commensurate with CPI and an ongoing increase of two percent each fiscal year to address cost-of-living and other operational cost increases to sustain programmatic operations over time. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Governor's Proposed Budget proposes funding threshold increases for an additional six LTORRs.
Investments	Male Community Reentry Program (MCRP): Expands the number of community reentry programs, which connect participants transitioning from corrections settings to jobs and local resources within the community prior to release.	The Division of Rehabilitative Programs has executed agreements for four expansion sites in Fresno, Sacramento, and San Bernardino County for 439 new MCRP beds. CDCR has also executed an agreement for a site in Alameda that will add 72 MCRP beds, for which funds were originally approved in the 2020 Budget Act. Additionally, DRP expanded capacity at current reentry sites by 58 beds beginning July 1, 2024. An RFI will be released in early 2025 to solicit for a fourth Los Angeles County site and a site in Riverside County. Further expansion beyond these plans will require additional funding.
1.B.15	Support older adults transitioning to community living from incarceration or other secured settings, leveraging opportunities through CalAIM Enhanced Care Management, Community Supports, and other state and local programs.	There is a critical need for appropriate care and housing for older adults transitioning from incarceration. As such, CDCR will work with relevant system partners to explore opportunities to identify strategies to address current system gaps.
1.B.18	Establish referral processes to connect unsheltered supervised persons enrolled in Medi-Cal to housing services offered through CalAIM (e.g., Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports).	CDCR's Division of Adult Parole Operations Behavioral Health Reintegration (BHR) clinicians are continuing to make ECM referrals to the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans. While this information is currently being tracked manually, BHR is working with EIS to create an application for ECM referral data tracking. CCJBH continues to facilitate discussions between BHR and the Department of Health Care Services and

		Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan associations to troubleshoot issues that arise.
1.B.32	Improve access and connections to wrap-around services, including housing, for Returning Home Well participants transitioning from corrections who have higher needs for services.	The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Governor's Proposed Budget proposes $12.9 million one-time General Fund in 2025-26 and 2026-27 to continue the Returning Home Well (RHW) Program for an additional two years, which will also enable CDCR to provide important wraparound services to RHW participants.
1.C.38	Strengthen connections and referral pathways with CoCs to improve access to housing and services resources for people exiting from prison.	CDCR continues to collaborate with Cal ICH to strengthen connections and referral pathways to CoCs. Cal ICH and CDCR plan to develop and present an educational webinar to both CoCs and CDCR's STOP providers on identifying ways to work together to serve the releasing population.
2.A.17	Strengthen coordination across systems for people with disabilities who are institutionalized or are transitioning out of corrections settings. Ensure that services supporting reentry into the community include a focus on employment and independent living.	CDCR established a data sharing agreement with the California Department of Developmental Services to identify on bi-annual basis incarcerated persons with developmental disabilities/intellectually disabilities (DD/IDs) who were clients of Regional Centers, which will not only help to better serve these individuals while incarcerated, but also help with reentry planning to ensure streamlined access to community-based DD/ID services, including housing and employment, when needed and as appropriate. CDCR's Statewide Mental Health Program and BHR are also filing CARE Act petitions for individuals who meet CARE act criteria, and need intensive support and engagement upon release to ensure they have access to appropriate services and supports, including residential treatment, supported housing, etc.
4.C.23	Analyze existing data from all relevant CDCR programs and identify data-sharing opportunities to understand who is at risk of experiencing homelessness among people preparing to exit prison. Partner with Continuums of Care to begin planning efforts to address the needs of people pre-release and those under community supervision.	CDCR and Cal ICH will be meeting to discuss the development of a data sharing agreement to link Cal ICH Homeless Management Information Systems data with CDCR data to determine the extent to which individuals releasing from CDCR are utilizing CoC services. In addition, CDCR met with the CA Department of Housing and Community Development's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant Program

		team in February 2025 to explore strategies for educating CoCs on utilizing CDCR's new [Parole Population Housing Status Dashboard](#) for local planning efforts. As reflected on [CDCR's Parole Population Housing Status Dashboard](#), as of January 31, 2025, there were 3,513 unhoused parolees (sheltered+ unsheltered), with 71 percent of those unhoused having a CDCR mental health and/or substance use disorder designation at the time of release.
5.A.2	Embed statutory Housing First requirements into CDCR recovery housing contract requirements, in order to provide participants with meaningful choices and minimize exits to homelessness. Report out on outcomes from participants in specified programs.	The contractual requirements related to Housing First are monitored through CDCR's Program Accountability Review (PAR) process. CDCR plans to begin reporting annually on the PAR findings related to Housing first compliance in June 2025 (for FY 24/25).

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Conference	2.24.25 – 2.27.25	Veteran Service Representative (VSR) training and updates on CalVet homelessness and health initiatives
National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (NCHV) Annual Conference	5.27.25 – 5.30.25	National convening of public and private veteran serving organizations working to end veteran homelessness. CalVet presenting on VSSR Pilot.

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update

Investments	Veterans Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) Pilot: Provides a higher level of on-site supportive services for veterans aged 55+ with high-acuity and over who reside in permanent supportive housing (PSH) projects throughout California.	See 5.C.24.
1.B.16	Expand the Justice Involved Veteran Program by partnering with Federal entities to ensure Veterans released from the federal prison system are connected to CalVet and their community-based system of care.	CalVet staff partnered with Greater Los Angeles VA Veterans Justice Outreach team to visit the Lompoc federal prison in December.
1.C.35	Support Proposition 1 and Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) implementation by collaborating across state departments and agencies, providing coordinated guidance, engaging partners, monitoring implementation and outcomes, and supporting coordination of health, behavioral health, and housing resources at the local level.	The new Homekey+ program NOFA was posted November 26, 2024, and started accepting applications January 2025 for the $2.145 billion in housing funds, of which, $1.033 billion was specifically designated to veteran projects. At the time of this update 18 pre-application consultations have been completed with local public entities requesting funds for veteran housing developments, such as counties like Santa Clara, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Nevada and cities such as Oakland, Chula Vista, Vacaville, Merced, Modesto, and Berkeley.
3.C.26	Coordinate with the US Department of Veterans Affairs programs to connect Veterans to benefits and implement VA homeless programs.	CalVet currently partnering with VA HUD-VASH Regional Coordinator, and when possible, with SSVF grantees to assist potential Homekey+ applicants.
3.C.27	Connect local, state, and federal initiatives regarding Veterans experiencing homelessness at events intended to coordinate resources for Veterans experiencing homelessness, such as Stand Downs.	CalVet has focused on supporting Los Angeles County at local Disaster Recovery Centers due to recent wildfires. Activities include recovery of critical documents
5.C.24	Implement the Veterans Support of Self-Reliance pilot program to identify and evaluate approaches that help aging, highly vulnerable veterans with a history of homelessness who are residing in permanent supportive housing. The goal is to support veterans to thrive within community-based housing with appropriate services and supports.	The VSSR Pilot is testing various models of enhanced on-site supportive services for veterans who are aging with high acuity and reside in permanent supportive housing. Operating through six grants across the state, the Pilot funds a three-year observation period. Some of the expanded on-site support includes nursing, occupational therapy, peer specialists, service assistants to help with activities of daily living, and transportation specialists to assist veterans with appointments.

		The goal of the pilot is to demonstrate that, by offering these enhanced services within the framework of Housing First and evidence-based practices, aging veterans with a history of chronic homelessness can age in place and thrive in community-based housing.

		Currently, VSSR is serving approximately 420 veteran participants enrolled in HMIS who are receiving these enhanced services. Based on a preliminary analysis of data collected so far, several positive outcomes appear to be emerging:
		
		1. Health Behaviors:
		  a. Missed medical appointments declined by 81%
		  b. Use of specialty care increased by 29%
		  c. Medication adherence rose by 17%
		  d. Alcohol use decreased by 65%
		  e.
		2. Acute Care Utilization:
		  a. Emergency visits and ambulance calls dropped by more than 50%
		  b. Social Engagement:
		  c. Participation in group activities more than doubled, with veterans leaving their units more frequently
		3. Food Security:
		  a. The percentage of veterans eating three meals a day nearly doubled

		The VSSR Pilot continues to support the thesis that these enhanced services help our most vulnerable veterans—those who are chronically homeless or have high acuity—remain housed, live independently, and thrive.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

CVHI-MHS Grant Program: The California Veterans Health Initiative-Mental Health Support (CVHI-MHS) Grant Program aims to expand access to mental healthcare for veterans and their families, particularly those

who are historically underserved. It supports the development of a sustainable network of veteran-specific resources across California through three-year grants.

After a Round 2 NOFA was released in December 2024, the CVHI-MHS Grant Program has accomplished the goal of ensuring at least one grant in each Local Interagency Network Coordinator (LINC) region, a total of eleven grants amounting to $38 million, enabling a statewide network of clinical mental health care throughout the State. grants in early 2025, ensuring services will be available throughout California. A kick off meeting was held in February 2025 to familiarize grantees with each other and the program data and reporting process manual. Hiring for clinical positions is now underway and services are expected to be available in approximately 90 days. In total, VSD anticipates roughly 42,000 mental health sessions annually. For more details on CVHI, please visit our webpage.

Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program: The Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP) continues to expand California's affordable and supportive housing resources for veterans experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, with significant progress in completed developments this quarter. To view completed projects, check out the newest feature on CalVet's *Voter Approved Veteran Housing and Homelessness Bond Measures* webpage which enables individuals to search for and learn more about VHHP assisted affordable and supportive housing financed across the State.

Over the past quarter, four VHHP-funded projects have completed construction in LA, San Diego, Contra Costa and Monterey, respectively. The completion of these projects means an increase of 195 units to California's affordable housing stock, 4,535 of which are VHHP sponsored units. Of the new units, 178 are permanent supportive housing reserved for veterans and their families experiencing or at risk of homelessness, incorporating Housing First principles with individualized case management and wrap-around services to help veterans successfully stabilize and retain their housing.

Additionally, Round 3 of the Multifamily Finance Super NOFA, which will have $12 million in VHHP funds available, was posted to the HCD Grants and Funding site on February 13, 2025. With current and future awards to come, VHHP-funded developments will continue to deliver hundreds of additional affordable units in the coming years.

For additional details on VHHP-funded projects, visit Voter Approved Veteran Housing and Homelessness Bond Measures webpage.

California Community Colleges (CCCO*)*

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
AB2458 Implementation for Student Parent Supports Webinar	February 4th, 2025 - Webinar	The Chancellor's Office recently partnered with the Student Parent Alliance (California Competes and Ed Trust West) to host a webinar on requirements for the implementation of AB2458, which aims to strengthen campus student parent support programs. The webinar highlighted requirements for providing students with information

		about public benefits access, cost of attendance adjustments, and data collection. Following the webinar, the Chancellor's Office will be releasing an updated version of our Basic Needs Centers Toolkit, to include information about new requirements for AB2458 and other recently policy changes.
CalFresh EBT Technical Assistance Webinar.	April 3rd, 2025 -Webinar	This webinar will focus on supporting California community colleges with implementing the new requirements for AB2033, which requires colleges with eligible store locations to accept EBT on campus. Presenters will include the Center for Healthy Communities and college representatives with experience setting up EBT on their campuses.
Native American Student Supports Program Professional Development	April 29th, 2025 – Tentative date	CCCCO is planning a virtual professional development session targeted to college leads for the Native American Student Supports (NASSP) program. The session will focus on how NASSP colleges can braid funding with Basic Needs Centers, HHIP programs, and new on-campus affordable student housing units to maximize both basic needs and housing support services for this student population.
2026 California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance (CHEBNA) Summit – This intersegmental summit is the primary event for CCC, UC, and CSU basic needs professionals. The 2026 Summit is being hosted by the CCC Chancellor's Office.	Feb 9-11th, 2026 in Sacramento	Our next summit planning session will be 2/24. During this planning session, we will be determining planning committees, such as those responsible for conference themes and reviewing session proposals.

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Homeless and Housing Insecure Pilot Program: Provides colleges, in partnership with local housing service agencies, funding to provide housing navigation and placement services, academic support, and case management services to homeless students or those at risk of becoming homeless.	CCCs continue to operate programs locally, meeting milestones pertaining to their Cohorts' progression timeline. Beginning in January 2025, Compton College will be joining the program.
Investments	Rapid Rehousing & Housing Security Program: Provides rental assistance and services to students who are experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness.	Data from the fourth year of the first round of the Rapid Rehousing program confirmed 3,802 students were served with housing support services in academic year 2023-2024. Of those students served, 257 of them were housed by a partner community-based organization (CBO), and 2,595 students received alternative housing support services. Over the first 4 years of the program (2020-2024), a partner CBO housed 773 students, and over 430 of those students transitioned into permanent, stable housing across the 8 participating campuses. The next round of the Rapid Rehousing & Housing Security Program has officially commenced with the initial disbursement of grant funding to the 18 confirmed campus participants.
1.B.23	Provide emergency housing assistance to CSU students who are experiencing temporary housing insecurity or homelessness.	The CSU has received confirmed data from the 23 campuses in the 2023-2024 Basic Needs Legislative Report Survey. In academic year (AY) 2023-2024, 866 students were placed in on- and off-campus emergency housing across the system. Additionally, 4,836 emergency grants were distributed to students across the system in AY 2023-2024, of which an unspecified amount were used for emergency housing support.
1.B.33	Implement and monitor Basic Needs Centers and expand programming targeting students involved with justice and/or foster care systems.	Basic needs centers operations are ongoing across all CCCs. For 2025, colleges are focused on implementation of newly passed laws, including AB2458 and AB2033. Recently, CCCCO kicked off the Foster Youth College Access Demonstration Project which

		aims to strengthen the community college pathway for foster youth by focusing on high school students and providing tailored support to promote their academic success and seamless transition into higher education. Central to this effort is fostering a sense of unconditional belonging, empowering foster youth to fully engage and excel in their educational journey and future pursuits. Six California Community Colleges were selected to participate in the project for the next two years.
4.C.26	Analyze higher education programs, including Basic Needs Centers data to find gaps in meeting the needs of students at risk of or experiencing homelessness, and identify inequities in service provision and outcomes.	The CCCC Chancellor's Office is in the process of collecting data from all HHIP programs. Colleges recently submitted their annual fiscal reporting, which will be analyzed to ensure fidelity of program funds. Colleges with excess remaining funding from prior years will be required to submit a spending plan addressing how they will increase support to students. In addition, CCCCO is in the process of collecting student participation data from all colleges. The student data will be analyzed to include in the upcoming HHIP legislative report due in July. CCCCO is also in the process of analyzing the most recent Basic Needs Centers student data, which will be included in the upcoming yearly legislative report due in May.
5.A.10	Continue to convene the California Higher Education Basic Needs Alliance intersegmental workgroup and annual Summit, with an emphasis on promoting best practices to coordinate with local homelessness response systems.	CHEBNA continues to meet on a monthly basis. Planning for the 2026 Basic Needs Summit is underway, including by identifying conference committees, themes, and the upcoming call for proposals.
5.A.11	Maximize the impact of the Homeless and Housing Insecurity Program funding through ongoing, data-driven programmatic improvements and by encouraging collaboration with the network of Basic Needs Centers for students on campuses.	See item 4.C.26
5.C.27	Analyze various housing models and identify successful models that could be adapted for	As part of the CCCCO transition of HHIP from a pilot to a permanent program, we are

	students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness.	requiring all participating colleges to solidify an MOU with a housing service provider. Colleges have identified different partners based on local needs, such as local continuum of care agencies as well as affordable student housing options.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

The Chancellor's Office is finalizing HHIP's transition from pilot program to permanent implementation. Official program guidance materials: 'Program Overview', 'Spending Guidelines and Reporting Requirements', and 'Implementation Standards and Assessment' have been distributed to the colleges to ensure cohesive policies around the program are universally accessible among participating colleges. Through the newly developed standards, the Chancellor's Office has identified and met with colleges where further support, spending plans, and colleague mentorship is being facilitated. Additionally, planning has been scheduled to consolidate the cohort systems into a singular community moving forward, beginning in the 25-26 fiscal year.

California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Applicant submission period for Guaranteed Income (GI) Pilot Program for Older Adults: Request for Application (RFA) Process	February 2025 - March 2025	Information about the RFA process and requirements can be found at the CDSS Guaranteed Income Pilot Program for Older Californians: Request for Application webpage.
CalWORKs Homeless Assistance SB 1065 Regulation Package—Public Comment Period	January 31 through March 17, 2025	CDSS gave notice of the proposed regulatory action. Statements or arguments relating to the proposed regulations may be submitted in writing, email or by facsimile to CDSS Office of Regulations Development through March 17. For more information visit CDSS regulation home page
CalWORKs Housing Support, Bringing Families Home and Housing and Disability Advocacy Programs Regulation package-Public Comment Period	February 7 through March 24, 2025	CDSS gave notice of the proposed regulatory action. Statements or arguments relating to the proposed regulations may be submitted in writing, email or by facsimile to CDSS Office of Regulations Development through March 24. For more information visit CDSS' regulation home page

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update

Investments	Community Care Expansion (CCE): Funds the expansion and preservation of licensed adult and senior care facilities, permanent supportive housing, recuperative care, and other housing options with supportive services for vulnerable older adults and adults with disabilities experiencing or at risk of homelessness including through a tribal set aside.	On December 20, 2024, CDSS published a press release announcing the construction and rehabilitation of two new senior care residences through the CCE Program to help prevent older adults and individuals with disabilities from entering homelessness. In February 2025, CDSS published a case study and video highlighting Northern Circle Indian Authority Elder Village, a Permanent Supportive Housing project that will help address inequities among American Indians and provide culturally sensitive care and support as an alternative to institutionalization and homelessness. As of January 2025, seven of the 61 CCE Capital Expansion Program-funded housing projects, representing 499 new beds/units, completed construction and are in the process of initiating move-in, and an additional 13 projects, representing 725 beds/units, have also broken ground. In addition to the Capital Expansion program funds, CDSS awarded $247 million 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. As of January 2025, 80 licensed residential adult and senior care facilities at risk of closure have contracted with 14 counties through the CCE Preservation Program to continue serving their communities, preserving 1,898 beds.
Investments	CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP): State-funded, locally administered program in which counties provide flexible housing-related support, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in the CalWORKs program.	Since the program's inception in 2014 through June 30, 2024, more than 85,000 families were served. Of those, 45,400 were permanently housed through HSP. In FY 2023-24, 53% of families exited HSP to permanent housing. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing.

		On December 17, 2024, CDSS released a press release which announced the publication of the HSP 10 Year anniversary newsletter. The newsletter includes client success stories and highlights county innovations from HSP grantees across California.
Investments	CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA): Provides payments for families in the CalWORKs program for temporary shelter for up to 16 days, to secure or maintain housing, including a security deposit and last month's rent, or up to two months of rent arrearages.	From July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, over 58,900 families were approved for temporary HA and over 8,800 families were approved for permanent HA.
Investments	Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP): State-funded, locally administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation, rental assistance, and legal services, to individuals likely eligible for disability benefits who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, with a focus on chronic homelessness.	Since HDAP's inception in FY 2017-18 through June 30, 2024, 30,258 people were served and over 8,200 people were permanently housed. In FY 2023-24, 50% of HDAP participants exited to permanent housing. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing. In addition, during this time period, over 28,500 disability applications have been submitted, and over 5,300 disability applications were approved. HDAP has a 77% approval rate for disposed disability benefits applications. By comparison, the average rate of approval for initial SSI or SSDI benefits specifically is 35% nationally. As of FY 2023-24, a total of 57 counties and 17 tribal grantees were funded to operate HDAP statewide.
Investments	Home Safe: State-funded, locally-administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to individuals in the Adult Protective Services (APS) intake process, or those who may be served through a tribe, or tribal entity or agency, and are experiencing, or at risk of,	Since Home Safe's inception in 2018 through June 30, 2024, over 15,600 people were served and more than 5,800 were permanently housed. In FY 2023-24, 62% of Home Safe participants exited to permanent housing. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing.

	homelessness for reasons of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation as determined by APS or tribal agency.	As of FY 23-24, all 58 counties and 23 tribal grantees were funded to operate a Home Safe Program. In FY 2023-24, Home Safe served 34% of the Adult Protective Services (APS) population with identified housing needs.
Investments	Bringing Families Home (BFH): State-funded, locally administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to eligible families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness who are in the child welfare system or who receive child welfare services in accordance with tribal law or customs.	Since the program's inception in 2017 through June 30, 2024, over 9,000 families were served and over 4,400 families were permanently housed through BFH. In FY 2023-24, 54% of BFH participants exited to permanent housing. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing. As of FY 2023-24, a total of 53 counties and 25 tribal grantees were funded to operate BFH statewide.
Investments	Guaranteed Income (GI) Pilot Program: Provides grants to eligible entities that provide a guaranteed income to participants, with funding prioritized for pilot programs that serve individuals who age out of extended foster care at or after 21 years of age, pregnant individuals, or older adults. GI participants must also be low-income residents of California.	As of October 2024, seven CDSS-funded pilot programs across California's major regions have completed enrollment, offering guaranteed income payments of $600 to $1200 per month to nearly 2,000 individuals, including former foster youth and pregnant people. These payments will continue through April 2026, supporting participants for 12 to 18 months.
Investments	Transitional Housing Placement Program: Offers transitional housing placements to 18 - 21-year-old non-minor dependents in Extended Foster Care (THP-NMD) and young adults that exited the foster care system on or after age 18, currently between ages 21-25 for up to 36 cumulative months (THP-Plus).	Per Assembly Bill 2802, effective January 1, 2025, Transitional Housing Program regulations are being updated to reduce restrictions for NMDs and former foster youth placed in the Transitional Housing Placement Program. Participants will now have the opportunity to share a bedroom/unit with an approved eligible non-participant including but not limited to a dependent child, a sibling, or a co-parent. Additionally, the regulations will be updated to allow participants and eligible non-participants to share a bedroom/unit

		regardless of their gender identity allowing for gender flexibility.
1.A.4	Utilize listening sessions, feedback opportunities, and formal Tribal consultation processes, as appropriate, to ensure intentional, structured engagement on guidelines for and implementation of CDSS Housing and Homelessness programs for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, consortia, and entities. Offer clear guidance on the Tribal waiver process to address regulatory or programmatic barriers specific to Tribal grantees, thereby enhancing program access and effectiveness.	On October 15, 2024, HHD launched the Tribal Data Reporting Guidance. Tribal grantees have started early program reporting utilizing this guidance. On December 13, 2024, via the formal CDSS Tribal Consultation meetings, HHD provided an overview of the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program, including funding opportunities, allocation methodology, and the process for Tribes and Tribal communities to become grantees. Tribes were invited to provide feedback on funding methodology and equitable distribution of resources. During the consultation, HHD also shared resources including two recently published All Tribal Leader Letters outlining extended invoicing deadlines as a result of funding reappropriations for Home Safe, BFH and HDAP, and the new tribal waiver/modification process for HHD programs.
1.B.34	Continue expanding the statewide CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program to increase access to food for CalFresh Program participants experiencing homelessness.	• Between July 2023 and December 2024, the RMP expanded by 2,482 restaurants, including in 12 additional counties across California, significantly increasing food access to CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness. • As of December 2024, there were 5,560 active RMP restaurants within 50 California counties.[1] • As of December 2024, an estimated $6,881,715.03 in CalFresh dollars were spent on RMP transactions by CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness. [1,2] • As of December 2024, there were an estimated 425,496 RMP transactions by households experiencing homelessness. [1,2]

		NOTE: These estimates rely on the assumption that RMP participants experiencing homelessness use the program at roughly the same rate as other RMP participants, and that CalFresh RMP population rates remain steady over time.
		[1] This is point in time data as of December 2024
		[2] CalFresh population data from July 2024 is used to calculate this estimate due to readily available data. This calculation assumes the rate of CalFresh homeless cases in July 2024 aligns with the rate of CalFresh homeless cases in December 2024.
1.C.39	Provide technical assistance to support connections between non-minor dependents, former foster youth, and county and community agencies to assist eligible youth and young adults experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness to access housing programs and Independent Living Programs which may lead to them obtaining permanent housing.	DSS continues to provide technical assistance to county agencies, Tribes, current and former foster youth, Transitional Housing Program providers, and community agencies. Technical Assistance includes but is not limited to providing policy guidance support, connecting youth and former youth to county and community agencies to assist with their specific housing needs, and connecting youth and former youth to their local Independent Living Programs (ILP). CDSS is planning an ILP convening for April 2025 which will address in part, the development of housing related curriculum to meet the ever-changing housing needs of Transition Age Youth preparing to exit foster care at 18 or beyond 21.
3.B.11	Provide pre-application and other technical assistance and training opportunities, participate in listening or feedback sessions, and adapt program guidelines and guidance, to enhance access to State homelessness and housing programs and resources, and other support services, for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal consortium, and Tribal entities in California.	Tribal Technical Assistance Meetings for Home Safe, BFH and HDAP are held monthly to discuss program updates, technical assistance needs, and key issues affecting tribal communities. These TA meetings support participating tribes in reviewing their progress, addressing challenges, and ensuring alignment with program policies, funding requirements, and best practices. On December 9, 2024, the first HHD Data Report for Tribal Grantees was due, covering implementation through FY 24-

		25 quarter 1. In support of this, HHD held tribal grantee office hours in November and December 2024. On January 16, 2025, CDSS hosted a meeting with tribal grantees to review commonly seen data errors in the HHD Data Report for Tribal Grantees. The FY 2024-25 quarter 2 report was due on February 3, 2025. HHD continues to provide one-on-one support as needed. CCE TA – CCE Tribal Sponsors receive targeted technical assistance and ongoing support to address the specific needs of their project on topics such as reporting, compliance, and real estate finance. To date, a total of 48 pre-application consultation and TA sessions have been held. TAC Meetings HHD presented at the September 26, 2024, Tribal Advisory Committee on HHD Program and Funding Timeline Updates for BFH, HDAP, Home Safe, and CCE.
4.B.14	Share findings, insights, and lessons learned from Project Roomkey, Home Safe, and Bringing Families Home evaluations to inform and strengthen local homelessness response efforts.	Project Roomkey Utilized Housing First Strategies to offer temporary housing and supportive services without any preconditions, which allowed participants to stabilize their situation more easily. This baseline stability allowed participants to more effectively engage in services which could position them to obtain and maintain longer-term housing. Important items to note include: • Over 62,000 individuals received temporary housing through the program. • For more information on the success of PRK in meeting goals to create effective, safe non-congregate shelter for some of California's most vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness during the peak of the pandemic, please see the Project Roomkey Evaluation.

- Project Roomkey met its immediate goal of saving the lives of people who are experiencing homelessness, but in some communities the program also led to permanent changes to how interim housing is provided.

The Interim Home Safe Evaluation, published in 2021, was conducted by the University of California San Francisco Benioff Housing and Homelessness Initiative (BHHI). The study highlighted the program's effectiveness in helping older adults maintain stable housing. Key findings include:

- 85% of participants with available data retained housing six months post-exit.

- Program flexibility was crucial to Home Safe's success.

- The expanded 2023 evaluation confirms no existing alternative replicates Home Safe's impact or serves the same population.

- Grantees report Home Safe has transformed their ability to prevent homelessness among older adults.

- Lack of affordable housing often delays or disrupts placements.

- The final report on the expanded Home Safe program is expected in late 2025.

In May 2024, the BFH Evaluation, conducted by the University of California Berkeley California Policy Lab and University of Southern California Children's Data Network was released. It explored who was served by BFH and their housing and child welfare outcomes. The evaluation found that:

- BFH served particularly high-need families – even compared to other child welfare involved families. Families in BFH were also less

		likely to be already connected to other homelessness services.
		• BFH reduced the use of shelter and transitional housing by half and doubled the use of rapid re-housing services.
		• 52% of BFH families exited the program for a permanent housing arrangement. By comparison, across CoCs in California in 2023, 35% of exits in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) were to permanent housing.
		• Family reunifications increased by 20 percentage points for families who had children in foster care at the time of BFH enrollment.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

Technical Assistance:

CDSS continues to support Housing and Homelessness programs state-wide, based on grantees' needs, including statewide webinars, peer learning opportunities, 1:1 calls and site visits.

- Between September 1st to December 31, 2024, HHD's technical assistance contractor Change Well Project provided 38 technical assistance (TA) engagements (24 counties and 14 Tribes) focused on budget planning (68%), braiding and leveraging funding (38%), and strategic planning (18%) for counties and Tribes.

Releasing Resources:

Letter	Release Date	Description
County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 24/25-45	January 10, 2025	This CFL announces HDAP's final FY 2024-25 allocations and updated projected balances for the FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, and FY 2023-24 allocations.
All County Information Notice (ACIN) 1-56-24	November 4, 2024	This ACIN serves as a notice of the program update requirement for BFH In FY 2023-24.
ACIN 1-55-24	November 4, 2024	This ACIN serves as a notice of the program update requirement for CalWORKs HSP in FY 2023-24.

| ACIN 1-54-24 | November 4, 2024 | This ACIN serves as a notice of the program update requirement for HDAP in FY 2023-24. |
| ACIN 1-53-24 | November 4, 2024 | This ACIN serves as a notice of the program update requirement for Home Safe in FY 2023-24 |

California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
2.A.3	Strengthen internal coordination across teams to increase housing and homelessness resources provided to California's Tribal Communities.	CDPH is finishing up the interview process for a Tribal Coordinator.
2.C.36	Connect housing services staff with free overdose reversal training and supplies, information to share with residents on where to access safer drug use supplies, and, for those who wish to reduce or stop their substance use, referrals to a variety of treatment options statewide, including Contingency Management and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder.	CDPH has information, trainings and resources available on our website OA Prev Harm Reduction Resources
3.A.6	Incorporate people with lived experiences of homelessness in decision making on policies and issues related to homelessness, housing, COVID-19, and health, including through facilitation of a CDPH Lived Experience Advisory Board.	The pilot year of our Lived Experience Advisory Board or LEAB was successful. We are now looking for a mechanism to continue to pay our LEAB.
4.C.29	Analyze mortality data for people experiencing homelessness, specifically focusing on deaths caused by climate-related factors.	Birth and death BUCP approved by OHE legal; resubmitted CPHS (IRB) approval under different category
4.C.30	Collect and analyze data on indoor air quality conditions at congregate shelters to identify any environmental health risks.	Last July CDPH purchased over 700 portable air filtration units and distributed them to congregate shelters across the state. CDPH has partnered with UCLA to study the impacts these units have had on shelter indoor air quality. Initial base line surveys have been sent out to shelters.
4.C.31	Analyze data and create a dashboard to increase the availability of health data about people experiencing homelessness, including information about population, mortality, and	**Population:** analysis of 2014-2024 PIT data in progress; presented preliminary data to H&H workgroup

	housing instability among California's birthing population.	**Mortality:** death data request in progress **Births**: not started
5.A.4	Finalize and distribute recommendations for water, sanitation, and hygiene services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Ensure local health jurisdictions are aware of and understand the recommendations.	Has been submitted for Director's Office approval.
5.A.13	Strengthen the Public Health Administrative Manual to promote and provide guidance for recruiting, hiring, and retaining individuals with lived experience. Add equity, trauma-informed, and healing-centered engagement to grant requirements.	We have initiated discussions to explore the process for making changes to the PHAM.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

The CDPH Housing & Homelessness working group hosted a two-part series for all CDPH staff on Harm Reduction. These events were our most well attended yet with over 400 staff registering for part one and over 500 registering for part two. The committee is hoping to hold four trainings a calendar year.

The California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC) and the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee (CDLAC)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
CTCAC/CDLAC Committee Meetings	April 8, 2025	First Round of 4% tax credit and bond awards will be announced
CTCAC/CDLAC Committee Meetings	June 18, 2025	First Round of 9% tax credit awards will be announced
CTCAC/CDLAC Committee Meetings	July 29, 2025	Second Round of 4% tax credit and bond awards will be announced
CTCAC/CDLAC Committee Meetings	September 30, 2025	Second Round of 9% tax credit awards will be announced
CTCAC/CDLAC Committee Meetings	November 19, 2025	Third Round of 4% tax credit and bond awards will be announced.

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
1.B.21	Examine and modify CTCAC regulations to ensure funding incentives are appropriately designed for people experiencing homelessness.	The most recent regulation changes were adopted on December 11, 2024 and can be found here. Substantive changes include:

		• Increasing the Special Needs housing type from 30% to 40% and increasing the Seniors housing type from 15% to 20%. • Specifying CTCAC's authority to limit rent increases.
2.C.31	Implement Memorandum of Understanding, in compliance with AB 2006 (Berman, chapter 646, statutes of 2022), to facilitate the collaborative coordination and development of processes to streamline compliance monitoring for housing developments where two or more agencies are involved.	The MOU was executed on 11/27/24 between CalHFA, HCD, and CTCAC.
3.B.12	Engage with Tribal entities and new developers to ensure success of existing set asides, address community needs, and increase utilization.	The tribal liaison has been attending webinars to learn more about building affordable housing for tribal communities.

Section 3: Other Program Updates

During the 2024 program year, CTCAC allocated tax credits to support a total of 18,794 units. This includes 15,484 4% tax credit units, a total of $435 million in annual federal 4% tax credits, $505 million in state tax credits, and just over $5 billion in private activity bonds from CDLAC. On the 9% side, a total of 3,310 units utilized $113 million in annual federal 9% tax credits and $162 million in state statutory tax credits. Of these units, 5,496 are extremely low-income units (30% AMI or below) and 2,783 are units for individuals experiencing homelessness.

California Workforce Development Board Community (CWDB)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Jobs First Rollout	In process	

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Helping Justice Involved Reenter Employment (HIRE): Integrates workforce and reentry services and to promote equity and create economic opportunity for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals through partnerships with	Grant running though 2026

	community-based organizations with demonstrated success in serving the reentry population.	
Investments	Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative: Supplements existing workforce and education programs by providing services to ensure the success of individuals either preparing to enter or already enrolled in workforce and education programs.	New awards made 2024 for $4M
Investments	High Road Training Partnerships Resilient Workforce Fund Program: Funds training partnerships with high-road employers to directly increase the number of skilled workers from underserved populations in high-quality jobs in priority sectors.	Spring 2025 new RFA $18M
Investments	Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative: Integrates workforce and reentry services in all of California's labor regions and promotes equity and creates economic opportunity for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals.	Grant running through Dec 2025
1.B.27	Work with Caltrans for targeted hires in High Road Construction Careers and their projects via a Project Labor Agreement and/or Community Work Agreements and prioritize reentry and homeless populations.	MOU being completed
1.B.28	Explore options for funding LWDBs to enroll people staying in shelters, or accessing other homelessness services, into job training and education.	Budget constraints
2.A.12	Create partnerships with Local Workforce Development Areas and Jobs First Regions to provide employment and career training opportunities for Veterans.	Veterans are a priority population under WIOA
2.A.18	Create partnerships with State agencies to support "pre-entry" for justice-involved people to access employment and/or job training to find housing and mitigate a return to experiencing homelessness and recidivism.	We are participating in Reentry 2030 and the California Connect with the AGs office. We are working as a state to create goals to be able to meet this objective.
2.C.35	Develop collaborative workforce guidance, best practices, and potential training provider lists with DOR in support of people with disabilities.	Currently working with DORs CCEPD to develop resources and brainstorm employment options as they fall under WIOA or Jobs First
3.C.30	Coordinate service delivery by identifying best practices, training opportunities, and peer-to-peer	P2E TA grant focusses on this and HIRE TA from the Community College foundation is doing similar work under CWDB with CBOs

| 4.B.17 | Track and report California Workforce Development Board program data for people experiencing homelessness, including participants served, career services provided, credentials received, and successful employment placements. Gather regional data on training and employment using input from the Jobs First High Road Training Collaborative. | We collect participant data that shows all these metrics for any of our grantees. Since JF still has not fully rolled out yet, data collection in the JF regions is still being created. |

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Tribal Entities Roundtable	3/12/25	This virtual roundtable will provide an opportunity for tribal entity grantees to connect to share updates and insights about their communities and projects.
Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) - Capacity and Infrastructure Transformation Expansion and Development (CITED)	1/6/2025 - 5/2/2025 11:59 p.m. PST	The PATH CITED initiative provides funding to enable the transition, expansion, and development of Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports capacity and infrastructure. Applicants are those actively contracted to provide ECM and/or Community Supports or intend to contract with, as attested by, a Medi-Cal Managed Care Plan. The application window for PATH CITED Round 4 is currently open through May 2, 2025. This is the last round of PATH CITED funding.
Providing Access and Transforming Health (PATH) - Collaborative Planning and Implementation (CPI) Best Practice Webinar	05/16/2025	The webinar highlights best practices for implementation of ECM and Community Supports, increase providers' successful participation in CalAIM, and improve collaboration with MCPs, state and local government agencies, and others to build and deliver quality services for Medi-Cal members.

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Prop 1's Behavioral Health Housing interventions: Provides funding for housing interventions that may include rental subsidies, operating subsidies, shared housing, family housing, project-based housing assistance, including master leasing, capital development projects, and others.	DHCS is releasing the County Behavioral Health Transformation Policy Manual in smaller, manageable parts called "modules." Each module focuses on specific areas of policy and procedure, allowing stakeholders to engage with and understand each section in depth. Module 1 is being released the week of 2/24 and includes guidance on County Integrated Plans, community planning, funding, and housing interventions.
Investments	Transitional Rent (pending federal approval): Provides 6 months of transitional rent for eligible members making critical life transitions from certain settings or meet high-risk population criteria.	DHCS received federal approval for Transitional Rent via the Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver.
Investments	Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH): Funding for operational and supportive services to expand bridge housing and support rental assistance housing navigation, outreach and engagement, and start-up infrastructure.	Governor's Budget proposes elimination of the final round of Behavioral Health Bridge Housing.
Investments	Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA): Modernizes the Mental Health Services Act to address today's behavioral health system and needs, with reforms expanding services to include treatment for people with substance use disorders. Prioritizes care for individuals with the most serious mental illnesses, provides ongoing resources for housing interventions, and continues investments in prevention, early intervention, and innovative pilot programs.	DHCS is releasing the County Behavioral Health Transformation Policy Manual in smaller, manageable parts called "modules." Each module focuses on specific areas of policy and procedure, allowing stakeholders to engage with and understand each section in depth. Module 1 is being released the week of 2/24 and includes guidance on County Integrated Plans, community planning, funding, and housing interventions.
1.A.13	Develop implementation plan to provide six months of transitional rent to eligible members making critical life transitions or meeting high-risk population criteria.	DHCS is targeting April 2025 for release of Transitional Rent policy guidance. DHCS is implementing Transitional Rent in a phased approach with Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans being able to optionally cover Transitional Rent as of 7/1/25 and will implement by Population of Focus beginning 1/1/26.

1.A.19	Implement CalAIM to provide medically necessary recuperative care and/or short-term post-hospitalization placements for unhoused people who are exiting acute inpatient facilities and/or were recently hospitalized.	Under Population Health Management, Transitional Care Services (TCS) are available to all Medi-Cal managed care members as of January 1, 2024. Members transitioning to a different setting or level of care must receive care management supports that can connect members to the Community Supports above and Enhanced Care Management services, as appropriate.
2.A.1	Continue implementation of CalAIM Providing Access and Transforming Health Initiatives to support statewide implementation of Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports. Implementation includes regional collaborative planning and implementation, direct funding to local entities to support delivery of services, virtual "marketplace" that offers technical support, and funding services to transition from Whole Person Care to managed care coverage under CalAIM.	The PATH CITED Round 4 awards are anticipated to be announced in the fall of 2025. The funding priorities for PATH CITED Round 4 will include addressing specific gaps in Enhanced Care Management (ECM) and Community Supports at the county level, as well as statewide gaps that encompass areas such as Birth Equity, Justice-Involved populations, and Transitional Rent. Additionally, the priorities will focus on supporting tribal entities and organizations serving tribal members, rural counties, and those operating in counties that received lower funding in previous CITED rounds. Priority will also be given to organizations that assist individuals whose primary language is not English, as well as local community-based organizations. As of 2/19/2025, there are 1456 participants registered across the CPI collaboratives. The PATH CPI collaboratives demonstrate excellent stakeholder engagement across all 26 collaboratives. MCPs attend and participate in collaborative convenings, providing enrollment data and updates on their progress with CalAIM. In 2024, there was a strong representation from, County, City, or Local Government agencies, FQHCs, Tribes and Indian Health Care Providers, and other local stakeholders attending and participating in the monthly collaborative meetings. CPI collaboratives continue to host convenings and office hours conducted work emphasizing on key areas such as data collection, asset mapping, the development of ECM and Community Supports job aids, community engagement, provider spotlights, CalAIM 101 education, and streamlining processes.
3.A.2	Include individuals with lived experience in the implementation of the Behavioral Health Transformation (Proposition 1) via the Behavioral Health Transformation Implementation Workgroup, the Medi-Cal Advisory Committee, and other BHT partner opportunities.	The Behavioral Health Transformation Implementation Workgroup includes the representation of an individual with lived experience for ongoing policy feedback. Additionally, multiple public listening sessions have been conducted to solicit the input of individuals with lived experience in the implementation of the Behavioral Health Transformation.

3.A.8	Continue initiatives that include the perspectives of persons with lived experience in DHCS programs.	DHCS continues to seek input and feedback from individuals with lived experience throughout extensive stakeholder process.
3.B.15	Complete implementation of the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program, which includes a People with Lived Experience panel that provides feedback and guidance as well as support to Tribal partners in their development of housing and related supports.	Implementation of the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program will be ongoing through June 30, 2027. The People with Lived Experience panel continues to provide feedback, guidance, and support to both counties and tribal entities in their development of housing and related supports.
3.B.16	Continued implementation of PATH Collaborative Planning and Implementation initiative, which includes county and regional collaboratives of managed care plans, providers, CBOs, county agencies, hospitals, Tribal partners, and other stakeholders to address ECM and Community Supports implementation issues and promote ongoing readiness.	The PATH CPI collaboratives demonstrate excellent stakeholder engagement across all 26 collaboratives. MCPs attend and participate in collaborative convenings, providing enrollment data and updates on their progress with CalAIM. In 2024, there was a strong representation from, County, City, or Local Government agencies, FQHCs, Tribes and Indian Health Care Providers, and other local stakeholders attending and participating in the monthly collaborative meetings. CPI collaboratives continue to host convenings and office hours conducted work emphasizing on key areas such as data collection, asset mapping, the development of ECM and Community Supports job aids, community engagement, provider spotlights, CalAIM 101 education, and streamlining processes.
3.C.19	Communicate Cal AIM opportunities to broader audiences and range of stakeholders, aiming to fulfill the vision for Cal AIM to become a critical solution to homelessness.	DHCS continues to spread awareness about CalAIM initiatives and relevant updates through stakeholder engagement, conferences, webinars, and other broader forums.
4.B.10	Track and analyze trends in enrollment data for individuals experiencing homelessness within the Enhanced Care Management Program.	DHCS continues to monitor ECM utilization by Medi-Cal members experiencing homelessness through regular collection of data from MCPs and a public facing Quarterly Implementation Report. Most recent available data can be found at: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/a07f998dfefa497fbd7613981e4f6117
4.B.11	Track and analyze trends in uptake data for individuals experiencing homelessness within Community Supports.	DHCS continues to monitor uptake of Community Supports by Medi-Cal members experiencing homelessness through regular collection of data from MCPs and a public facing Quarterly Implementation Report. Most recent available data can be found at: https://storymaps.arcgis.com/collections/a07f998dfefa497fbd7613981e4f6117

4.C.27	Implementation of Population Health Management Service to develop better data-driven approaches and better understand risk for individuals experiencing homelessness.	In July 2024, DHCS finalized a business use case agreement under the interagency agreement workflow to utilize the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS) within Medi-Cal Connect, formerly the Population Health Service. In January 2025, DHCS began the process to match individuals with the HDIS and begin data exchange. This data will help DHCS to identify individuals experiencing homelessness and their health care risks, health care utilization, and quality of care.
5.A.1	Advance best practices and lessons learned identified through experiences delivering CalAIM Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports to members experiencing or at risk of homelessness.	DHCS published "Transitional Care Services for Members with Long-Term Services and Supports Needs" in August 2024 as a technical assistance resource for MCPs. This resource includes promising practices from key CalAIM stakeholders that includes strategies to further collaboration with community partners such as housing providers. Additionally, DHCS released it's latest action plan to outline latest efforts in refining ECM and Community Supports policies at: https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/Documents/MCQMD/ECM-Community-Supports-Action-Plan-Updates-Fall-2024.pdf

Section 4: Additional Notes (Optional)

- On February 10, 2025, DHCS published the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pools Technical Assistance resource paper. The purpose of the paper is to pave the way for local Flex Pools in California by defining Flex Pools; describing their key functions, benefits, and components; and providing information about roles and responsibilities for different partner organizations.

California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
1.A.10	Provide institutional transition and diversion services for people with disabilities including youth, individuals who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness, and those displaced by	Awarded: $360,000 available to all 28 ILCs; Expended: $359,352 Goal: The California Independent Living (IL) Network will enhance and expand existing transition services, including services for youth

	disasters. Partner with State Independent Living Council.	and diversion from living in institutional settings. Outcome: All 28 ILCs executed a Transition Grant with 22 utilizing funding to provide services to 139 individuals with disabilities with 33 individuals completing their transition to community-based living, 106 individuals diverted from institutional settings, and 11 youth transitions completed. The grants serve as a funding of last resort and were used to pay for a range of immediate and short-term expenses necessary for transition or diversion. Of the 13 surveys completed at this time, individuals were assessed on their quality of life with 100 percent indicating they have improved quality of life and 100 percent the same. One hundred percent indicated that they feel better equipped to make informed decisions about their living arrangements because of receiving services.
2.A.13	Develop and strengthen collaboration with state agencies and external businesses around their hiring, retention, and advancement of employment of people with disabilities with lived experience, including youth.	In 2024, the CCEPD concluded its work leading the ***Benefits Planning*** ***Cross-Advisory Body Workgroup*** through the creation of a comprehensive report on benefits planning needs for people with disabilities in California. The report addresses barriers to employment from various income and asset eligibility related to cash, health, and long-term services and supports benefits. The report also provided policy recommendations to the California Health and Human Services and Labor and Workforce Developmental Agency Secretaries in the following four areas: 1) collaboration with the Social Security Administration, 2) development of a consistent benefits planning infrastructure in California, 3) changes to health care policy, and 4) changes to long-term service and supports policy. The report and its policy recommendations were submitted to the Secretaries of the Labor and Workforce Development Agency and California Health and Human Services Agency in November. The CCEPD also closely followed the development of the California Master Plan for Developmental Disabilities and California Master Plan for Career Education and provided comment letters with recommendations on

		both. The comments to the Master Plan for Career Education included improving system alignment, better inclusive strategies for people with disabilities, and access to benefits planning and financial literacy. Comments for the Master Plan for Developmental Services included better co-enrollment strategies to improve employment outcomes, and the development of partnership agreements with Regional Centers and Department of Developmental Services with local workforce planning units. As the two plans continue their development and are finalized, the CCEPD will provide additional input to ensure the workforce needs of people with disabilities are adequately addressed.
2.B.24	Embed DOR employment services into housing programs to stabilize people experiencing homelessness through secure employment and increased incomes.	DOR provides funding to California's 28 Independent Living Centers (ILCs) who provide a variety of services for individuals with disabilities of all ages and with any type of disability. For Continuums of Care and local homeless response system Coordinated Entry initiatives, ILCs are a subject matter partner to support individuals with disabilities who are unhoused or who are at-risk of losing their housing. ILC provide a wide range of services that support community living including housing assistance (referrals, advocacy, and support in finding accessible housing), information and referral, peer counseling, independent living skills training, individual and systems change advocacy, assistive technology, and transition and diversion services.
		In FY 2023-24 ILCs served 25,326 individuals with disabilities. Of those served, 7,429 received housing services including support with finding and securing housing or shelter, applying for housing waivers and subsidies, obtaining home modifications, and other services designed to assist individuals to find, secure, and maintain affordable and accessible housing.
		To find a local ILC, you can search DOR's Find your Local Office feature by zip code, city, or address.
2.B.25	Embed Independent Living Centers, Traumatic Brain Injury, Older Individuals Who Are Blind, and Assistive Technology programs and	**Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Program:** The DOR's Traumatic Brain Injury Program (TBI), in partnership with its TBI Advisory Board, TBI

| | services into housing programs. Assist people who are unhoused with securing supports and increasing independent living skills as they transition to permanent housing. | Program sites, and community stakeholders, strives to strengthen California's system of services and supports for people with TBI. The Program's goal is to improve the delivery and quality of person-centered services available to TBI survivors, their families, and caregivers by fostering partnerships, providing public education about TBI, and informing culturally competent policies statewide. TBI has far-reaching implications for individuals, family members, friends, caregivers, and society due to its close ties with homelessness, incarceration, substance abuse, mental health concerns, domestic violence, and US military service.

Currently, DOR provides funding to 12 TBI Program sites in California. These local programs are an important partner in supporting the homeless response system to serve individuals with TBI. Local TBI Program sites provide services to individual with TBI including community reintegration, supported living, vocational supportive services, information and referral, and public and professional education.

In FY 2023-24, TBI Program sites served a total of 1,412 individuals with TBI. Of those served, over 18% were homeless or at-risk of homeless (176 individuals were homeless and 81 at-risk of homelessness).

To learn more about TBI and to connect with a TBI Program site visit DOR's website.

Assistive Technology Services: Assistive technology (AT) is any object, device, or tool used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities and independence of individuals with disabilities and older adults. AT includes devices and equipment to support eating, bathing, dressing, mobility, and access to information and community support. Access to AT such as ramps, grab bars, adaptive switches, medication dispensers, and smart home devices, to name a few, can be a critical component for individuals with disabilities to find and maintain accessible and affordable housing. |
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		For more information about AT services visit DOR's AT Website or check out Ability Tools.
4.A.6	Align Independent Living Center definitions within HDIS for people that are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness.	Since January 2022, California's IL Network has collaborated to develop this guide. It promotes consistent definitions among the 28 Independent Living Centers (ILCs), the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), the State Independent Living Council (SILC), and IL partners to ensure accurate data for funding and reporting.

The Workgroup compiled definitions from sources like the Administration for Community Living, AT3 Center, DOR, and CFILC, creating new ones where needed. After community feedback, revisions were made to refine the guide.

This final product reflects years of dedication, and SILC thanks all contributors. We hope it strengthens our ability to measure and communicate the impact of Independent Living. Definitions Guide |

Section 3: Other Program Updates

Department of Rehabilitation Homeless Project Report February 2025 Department of Rehabilitation (DOR)

DOR works with community partners and stakeholders to improve access to services, supports, employment, and community-based living for people with disabilities. DOR works on the local level to support people with disabilities including those who are homeless and are important partners for No Wrong Door coordination of services. As a social determinate of health, employment can be a critical path out of homelessness.

San Francisco District:

- **San Mateo County Collaborations**

1. LifeMoves – We are working on re-establishing this collaboration under a different approach due to being short staffed and not having a designated counselor. Instead of doing A dual intake with Caminar to serve the residents of LifeMoves. Caminar will be doing an intake and then referring to DOR. We still get direct referrals from LifeMoves as well.

2. Home Program at Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) – VRS is one of our CRPs and their Home Program has job developers who provide employment services as well other staff who provide other services like housing. Some of the consumers qualify for the MH Coop. They often refer consumers to DOR.

- **San Francisco Collaborations**

1. Episcopal Community Services (ECS) – They have a new SAMSA Federal Grant to serve people with MH, Substance Abuse issues, and unhoused (in shelter programs and permanent supportive housing). One of the requirements of the grant is for participants to meet with a VR counselor once a month. We are in the exploration stage of creating a collaborative effort between DOR and ECS.

Great East Bay District:

- Archway Recovery Services provides housing assistance.

- Caminar (mental health) provides emergency shelter and assist in finding permanent housing.

- Chalk housing, Mutual housing in Solano, Yolo, and Sacramento County, and Independent Living Resources are the housing resources that our QRPs have used and referred clients to.

- Center for Independent Living – ongoing efforts and collaboration with homelessness for people with disabilities and seniors. **Housing Consultations for People with Disabilities and Seniors**

When: Thursdays from 9:00 AM to 2:30 PM (30-minute appointments)

What: Are you a person with a disability or senior seeking housing and don't know how to navigate the process? Sign up for a Housing Consultation to discuss serious housing issues you may be facing and receive information and resources on various housing opportunities in the Bay Area.

Location: By phone or Google Meet or in person at the CIL Berkeley Office, 3075 Adeline St. Suite 100, Berkeley, CA. 94703

- GRIP is a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic coalition of congregations from varied faiths working together as a diverse and inclusive coalition dedicated to helping those of our community in need to transition to self-sufficiency.

Our mission statement: Provides a safe & nourishing place that helps transform those who are unsheltered and in need move toward self-sufficiency.

Greater Los Angeles District:

- **Collaborative Efforts with Agencies and Local Initiatives for the Unhoused**

1. **Overview of Collaborative Framework:**

Community Resource Navigator has contacted the following agencies, Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), through LAHSA, Harbor Interfaith Services, Jovenes, Inc., 1736 Family Crisis Center, St. Margaret's Center, Safe Place for Youth and Step Fund by Better Angles. Mostly all referrals are processed through LAHSA depending on the need. Safe Place for Youth, The Whole Child and Jovenes do prioritize any family that has minors under the age of 18 and is imminently at-risk or falls homeless. The others provide services to single adults and Step Fund by Better Angles prevent people from becoming homeless by providing no-interest micro loans to economically vulnerable Los Angelenos who are at imminent risk of homelessness. CRN has met with each of the agencies above and facilitated a warm hand off on behalf of DOR consumer/s. CRN continues to reach out/meet new agencies with housing vacancies and services. CRN has created a database by way of an excel sheet accessible to DOR staff with agencies contact info and referral process. Additionally, a Google drive has been created to allow access to DOR consumers to housing information.

Lastly CRN will be meeting with LAHSA to train on navigating their HMIS system and to participate in the Los Angeles homeless count.

- **Impact on Consumer Engagement:**

In the month of November and December CRN had a total of 7 housing inquires. Four involved families, and 3 students. The 4 families have been referred to housing agencies in their respected areas. They are still looking for housing and continue to stay at temporary access shelters. Two students were placed through Safe Place for Youth (SPY). SPY has a provided those consumers with housing leads and case management services. The last consumer/student, through collaborative efforts with CRN secured housing by reapplying to UCLA housing program. Although he will have to pay rent at a lower rate, CRN is also assisting the consumer with securing a part-time job. In the coming months as CRN establishes more relationships with housing agencies, the number of housing referral will increase. A survey was sent out to assess the demand for housing. The assessment was created by CRN and delivered to DOR Staff. Those that participated responded with housing being the highest need.

- **Community Resource Navigator (CRN) Efforts:**

Ongoing collaboration with CALIF (Communities Actively Living Independent & Free) to support clients with housing searches, placement, and securing additional resources such as furniture and home essentials.

Partnered with El Centro de Ayuda for rental assistance.

Engaged with Little Tokyo Service Center to navigate housing solutions, including assistance in completing an Adult Protective Services Home Safe Program application.

Provided clients with Coordinated Entry System Access Points and market-rate/subsidized housing listings.

Referred clients to My Friend's Place for additional housing assistance.

Inland Empire District:

- This quarter, our district has maintained its focus on strengthening partnerships to support homeless individuals and youth. Key highlights include:

- **Collaboration with County and Youth Advisory Board**

We continue our active involvement with the County Homeless Partnership and the Interagency Council on Homelessness. Our collaboration with the Youth Advisory Board remains instrumental in understanding and addressing the unique needs of homeless youth. CRN continues to serve as the single point of contact (SPOC) and attends the Interagency Council's quarterly meetings to sustain connections with partner agencies.

- **Partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California**

Our ongoing partnership with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, a nonprofit offering over 40 housing-related programs, continues to provide critical support. This includes grants for essential costs such as rent deposits, which help our consumers secure stable housing. Our staff, led by a QRP, BSS, and CRN, recently presented on DOR services at the Inland Empire Disabilities Collaborative, strengthening ties with Inland Empire community partners, including the county reentry program for unhoused individuals.

- **County-Wide Collaboration**

We remain committed to collaborating with both local and neighboring counties to enhance resource networks and expand support services for individuals experiencing homelessness. These efforts are vital in leveraging resources and improving outcomes for our community.

Orange San Gabriel District:

OSG is working with the Hope Center in North Orange County and this program conducted outreach in Fullerton and Anaheim. We are also working with the unhoused who are released from Theo Lacy Jail in Orange and Project Coffee Cup in San Ana. We are working to develop a new resource and referrals from the HUB OC, which used to be Mary's Kitchen in Orange.

California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Training/Technical Assistance Event: "Implementing the CARE Act Petition Process: A Provider's Experience"	March 13, 2025	Supports Activity 3.C.29

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Activity Reference Number	Activity	Update
Investments	Community Based Restoration (CBR) Program: Expands the number of residential treatment options to support community placement for individuals who have been deemed Incompetent to Stand Trial (IST) on felony charges. Provides interim housing or facility placement with wrap around treatment and supports for up to two years, including planning for long term housing and treatment needs post-CBR participation.	As of February 2025, DSH has commenced contract negotiations with 4 counties to contract for permanent CBR programs that will provide up to 146 beds. This expansion is in addition to the combined CBR and Diversion program established in Los Angeles County beginning in 2018-19, and in the process of expanding to a total of 1,274 beds by the end of 2026-27.
Investments	Conditional Release Program (CONREP): Implements additional residential treatment opportunities to support the safe transition of individuals from the state hospital to community treatment.	As of February 2025, DSH has contracted with providers to establish a 90-bed Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) program across three regions of the state to serve individuals transitioning from a state hospital to the community via CONREP.
Investments	DSH Diversion Program: A collaboration between DSH and county governments to	As of February 2025, DSH has executed contracts with 8 counties and commenced

	develop or expand diversion programs for individuals with serious mental illness who face felony charges and have been determined to be incompetent to stand trial, the program provides funding to counties to support community mental health treatment and other services for these individuals.	contract negotiations with an additional 15 counties to contract for permanent Diversion programs that will provide 707 treatment slots annually. This expansion is in addition to the combined Diversion and CBR program established in Los Angeles County beginning in 2018-19, and in the process of expanding to a total of 1,274 beds by the end of 2026-27.
Investments	IST Solutions Infrastructure Program: Expands the availability of residential treatment and interim housing by up to 5,000 beds statewide to support ongoing sustainable diversion and community-based restoration programs for individuals with serious mental illness who have been found incompetent to stand trial.	As of February 2025, 10 award letters have been issued to counties for infrastructure projects with proposed total capacity across the state of 964 beds to support permanent Diversion and CBR programs. An additional 4 counties have applied for infrastructure projects and are in process of being evaluated.
1.B.15	Support older adults transitioning to community living from incarceration or other secured settings, leveraging opportunities through CalAIM Enhanced Care Management, Community Supports, and other state programs.	As of February 2025, DSH has established pre-release Medi-Cal enrollment processes and contacts with all 58 counties for state hospital patients 65 years and older to improve continuity of care and connects to health and social services. Specific to Los Angeles County, DSH has improved processes to secure Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) placement when needed, in advance of discharge through centralizing DSH coordination with the county's long-term care (LTC) district 80.
1.B.17	Explore opportunities created through CalAIM to increase continuity of care and access to community behavioral health resources after treatment in the Department of State Hospitals.	As of February 2025, DSH is monitoring implementation of 90-day jail in reach services and directly engaging county partners to identify potential adjustments to DSH protocols to enhance continuity of care for patients released to the community after discharging from a DSH treatment program to a jail setting.
2.A.16	Strengthen collaborative efforts across state entities to prevent experiences of homelessness among people on parole supervision exiting Department of State Hospitals settings.	Over the last two quarters, DSH has strengthened its partnership and communication with local parole offices to support the discharge planning process for state hospital patients committed as an offender with mental health disorder (Penal Code 2962).
3.C.29	Optimize discharge planning in partnership with counties to allow for continuity of treatment when individuals are released from jail or	As of February 2025, DSH has established a standardized discharge packet of information for patients committed as incompetent to stand

	referred to a Community, Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Program.	trial (IST). The information packet is currently provided to county jails upon discharge from a state hospital, and processes are being finalized for DSH to share the standardized packet with county behavioral health departments when planning for ongoing community care upon release from jail. DSH has also established standardized processes to coordinate the submission of CARE petitions for eligible IST patients discharging from the state hospitals.
4.B.16	Evaluate Diversion and Community -Based Restoration program outcomes, ensure collection of client and service-level data, and find opportunities to link HDIS and DSH data to evaluate programs.	DSH has partnered with Policy Research Associates to conduct a phased evaluation of DSH's community continuum of care for IST treatment with the first phase focused on a retrospective outcome evaluation of the pilot DSH diversion program which initially began in FY 2018-19 and program participation scheduled to end by June 2025. The second phase is a prospective process and outcome evaluation of new, permanent Diversion and Community Based Restoration program. Data collected includes client demographic and service level data, outcome, and predictive data. DSH is also actively engaged in discussions with CalHHS Center for Data Insights and Innovation to participate in a Homelessness Data Exchange agreement, allowing DSH to evaluate ways to link HDIS data to its program evaluation efforts.
5.A.12	Expand current educational, training, and technical assistance opportunities for local partners to address the housing and treatment needs of people in pre-trial mental health diversion or Community- Based Restoration (CBR) programs. Support local partners' planning for transitioning diversion or transitioning CBR clients to long-term/permanent housing and treatment.	As of February 2025, DSH is finalizing an agreement with the American Psychiatric Association (APA), to expand its training and technical assistance, related to the treatment of IST population and supporting DSH's continuum of care, using diverse formats such as webinars, lectures, and on-demand courses through an online educational platform. The educational opportunities will support treatment and housing providers and the broader IST stakeholder community (i.e., Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Courts/Judges, County Behavioral Health, etc.).

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

Event	Date	Notes
Big Valley Ribbon-Cutting Event	February 25, 2025 – 10AM	902 South Forbes Street, Lakeport, CA
Nevada/California Indian Housing Association Annual Business Meeting and Training	March 11, 2025 - Business Meeting - 9:00 AM to Adjournment March 12, 2025 - Training TBA – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM March 13, 2025 - Training TBA – 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Pala Casino Spa Resort 11154 CA-76 Pala, CA
ESG Program Office Hours – Recurring	Offering Technical Assistance every other week: 2024 Application TA to be held on February 26, 2025, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	
2024 ESG Application Deadline	March 28, 2025, 5:00 PM PDT	
ESG Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing (RUSH)	To Be Determined (TBD)	Direct Award of $3,000,000 to Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) – for 2025 wildfire disaster
ESG 2022 Redistributed Funds	TBD	Direct Award of $503,149 to LACDA – for 2025 wildfire disaster

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

Division of Federal Financial Assistance		
Activity Reference Number	**Activity**	**Update**
Investments	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG): Grants to address homelessness by providing funding for supportive services, emergency shelter/transitional housing, homelessness prevention assistance, and permanent housing.	• Amended the FY24 Annual Action Plan to include the RUSH Allocation of $3,000,000 • In process of amending the FY24 Annual Action Plan to include newly released Guidelines and 2024 NOFA language.