



Quarterly Council Member Department and Agency Updates

California Interagency Council on Homelessness Meeting
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California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| Cal ICH Advisory Committee Meeting | August 6, 2025 | This will be the first meeting with the new cohort of AC members |
| Cal ICH Council Meeting | September 3, 2025 | |
| HDIS Connect | June 11, 2025 | HDIS Connect is a webinar series for CoC HMIS Administrators. |
| HDIS Connect | August 13, 2025 | HDIS Connect is a webinar series for CoC HMIS Administrators. |

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| 2.A.14 | 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. | Cal ICH continues to meet quarterly to coordinate the work to prevent and end homelessness, reviewing data on progress toward the Action Plan goals and discussing specific homelessness policy topics. |
| 2.A.15 | 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 member department and agency staff to check in on implementation of Action Plan commitments and address barriers. |
| 2.C.26 | 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 Cal ICH State Funding and Programs Working Group is reviewing a report completed by a UC Berkeley graduate student that includes recommendations on how to align homelessness funding and program requirements to reduce administrative burden for applicants. |
| 2.C.27 | 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 |

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| | | 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. There are currently 37 programs across 8 agencies and departments required to implement the Housing First statute. Cal ICH will be working with state partners to understand their compliance and the areas where they may need support. |
| 2.C.28 | 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. | Cal ICH continues to maintain a Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar and a Tribal Statewide Housing and Homelessness Calendar. Cal ICH continues to look for ways to improve the usability of these calendars and to expand the information included in these calendars, including funding information, as required by AB 799. |
| 2.C.29 | Develop and maintain a strategic funding guide and calendar of new or existing funding opportunities from departments and agencies administering state homelessness programs, in compliance with AB 799 (L. Rivas, Chapter 263, Statutes of 2024), to ensure eligible applicants are informed of available funding opportunities. | Cal ICH is preparing an updated version of the Strategic Funding Guide which will include all strategic investments listed in the Action Plan. The final information will be uploaded in an interactive table on the Cal ICH website. |
| 2.C.37 | Develop resources with Council member departments and agencies to help foster partnerships and support coordination across systems of care at the local level. | No update this quarter. |
| 3.A.1 | 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. During this last quarter, the LEAB provided input and guidance to Cal ICH staff on two ongoing projects: Housing First implementation and SB 914 implementation. Three LEAB members presented at the March 12 Council meeting on their personal experiences with Housing First. |

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| 3.B.10 | 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. | No update this quarter. |
| 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. | No longer within Cal ICH's purview as grant administration for HHAP, ERF, and FHC has moved to HCD. |
| 3.C.23 | 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. Also, Cal ICH has conducted presentations on the state's role in Housing First to community members and received feedback on areas the state could best support local communities. Community members expressed a need for guidance to implement Housing First core components successfully and a need for resources for provider staff. |
| 3.C.25 | 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 facilitate the STEP-UP group on a monthly basis. Work progresses on developing a 4-part recorded webinar series highlighting the HEART Toolkit developed last quarter. The introductory webinar is set to launch in the coming weeks. Additionally, the STEP-UP group is working on developing "spotlight documents" that are meant for specific audiences such as CoC's or Emergency Managers, that pulls together the key considerations for actions needed to support people experiencing homelessness in planning for future disasters and emergencies. |
| 3.C.32 | 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 seventh stakeholder engagement session for local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administrators in its HDIS Connect Series. |

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| | | <p>This session (held in April 2025) solicited stakeholder feedback on improvements to the HDIS CoC dashboards. Cal ICH sought feedback from CoC dashboard users on how Cal ICH can enhance the dashboards to expand usefulness and relevancy to CoC’s work.</p> <p>Cal ICH will continue to develop relationships with HMIS administrators through bi-monthly HDIS Connect workshops. The next workshop is scheduled on June 11, 2025, and this session will provide an overview of Cal ICH’s new California System Performance Measure (CA SPM) logic guide.</p> |
| 3.C.33 | 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. | <p>Cal ICH continues to develop a Listen and Learn Series designed to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving across local jurisdictions.</p> <p>Cal ICH held three meetings with local jurisdictions to get their feedback and input on the design and content of these sessions.</p> |
| 4.A.1 | Provide technical assistance to state-funded programs addressing homelessness and their grantees that are required to comply with AB 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. | <p>Cal ICH’s contract with Abt Global to provide technical assistance to AB 977 department staff, grantees, and HMIS Leads ends 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 and continues to meet regularly with AB 977 department staff.</p> <p>Cal ICH has continued work to improve data tools supporting AB 977 compliance and overall HDIS data quality. Cal ICH released the new State Department Compliance Dashboards, which will empower staff administering AB 977 programs to track compliance with data entry requirements. Rollout and training on the new dashboards have been incorporated into TA transition meetings, and additional training videos and materials will be released in the upcoming months.</p> |

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| 4.A.2 | Streamline data sharing with Council member departments and agencies by establishing policies and procedures. | <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> |
| 4.A.4 | Use McKinney-Vento data to document and understand the experiences of homelessness for youth in California schools. | The Cal ICH Youth and Young Adults Working Group is in the process of developing a memo that outlines important details of homelessness among youth and young adults in California. This memo will include McKinney-Vento data alongside other data sources. |
| 4.B.8 | 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 continues to engage in the development and implementation process to achieve statutory timelines for collecting fiscal and outcome data and continues to refine existing projects that already align with bill requirements such as a calendar for reporting state homelessness and a funding guide with information on housing and homelessness funding. |
| 4.B.9 | 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. | <p>Cal ICH released HDIS data through December 31st, 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.</p> <p>Cal ICH continued to improve data quality by reaching out to CoCs, providing technical assistance, and developing a data quality plan to create a more efficient</p> |

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| | | validation process during quarterly data loads. |
| 4.C.19 | 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 is finishing development of a dashboard to publicly display progress towards goals in alignment with S.B. 914. Cal ICH also received feedback from HMIS administrators, the Advisory Council, and the LEAB to improve measurement calculation and technical assistance materials. |
| 4.C.20 | 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 released a new business logic guide to assist localities with understanding their CA SPMs and is developing a dashboard that will enable CoCs to analyze their CA SPMs more dynamically. |
| 4.C.21 | 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 10/1/23 through 9/30/24 were released in April 2025 and are available for download from the state's Open Data Portal . |
| 5.A.6 | Identify best practices to increase access to state-funded homelessness programs and services. | Cal ICH continues to maintain and regularly update a resource library on the Cal ICH website which includes 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 | 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. The LEAB is currently working with Cal ICH on the implementation of Housing First and SB 914. |
| 5.B.15 | Expand technical assistance and guidance to include the use of equity frameworks that | The Cal ICH Racial Equity Working Group continues to develop its expertise on the |

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| | analyze racial inequities and other disparities. Prioritize training and resources to support equitable access to services, and resources for marginalized communities. | equity frameworks included in the Action Plan. This group will eventually provide technical assistance to the Council as department and agency partners design and implement homelessness programs. |
| 5.B.19 | 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 (SFP) Working Group is continuing their current project to make recommendations to the Council to reduce administrative burden for applicants of State housing programs. With the help of a UC Berkeley graduate student, the working group is reviewing feedback from interviews with administrators of funding on the local level to identify prominent barriers and how they may be resolved. |
| 5.B.20 | 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 system. Provide recommendations to the Council and Advisory Committee for their review and adoption. | 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 that will offer consultation and coaching, technical assistance, provision of resources, data analysis, and community engagement. |
| 5.B.21 | 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 Cal ICH Youth and Young Adults Working Group is in the process of developing a memo that outlines important details of homelessness among youth and young adults in California. This memo will include McKinney-Vento data alongside other data sources. |
| 5.B.22 | 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 second Transitions and Re-entry Working Group (TRWG) will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025. Participating Council member departments will provide a presentation detailing current programs and initiatives that address the housing needs of people exiting incarceration to identify existing resources and best practices. Following discussions will identify ways in which these programs and initiatives can be optimized and replicated. |

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| 5.B.23 | 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. | No update this quarter. |
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California Interagency Council on Homelessness Tribal Affairs (Cal ICH TA)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| The Cal ICH Tribal Liaison partnered with California Community Colleges to host a presentation titled “Professional Development Hour: NASSSP, HIPPP & Cal ICH” | 4/9/25 |
| The Cal ICH Tribal Liaison will be presenting at the National American Indian Housing Council Convention, in partnership with the California Coalition for Rural Housing and Trinidad Rancheria. | 5/28/25 |
| Executive Officer, Meghan Marshall, will be speaking virtually at the National American Indian Housing Council Convention. | 5/29/25 |
| The Cal ICH Tribal Liaison partnered with Sierra College’s Native American Student Support & Success Program with a “meet and greet” with Native American college students and Humboldt University Associate Professor of Native American Studies, Dr. Cutcha Risling Baldy. | 4/15/25 |
| The Cal ICH Tribal Liaison will participate in the Governor Office of Tribal Affairs Quarterly Tribal Liaisons Meeting for purposes of knowledge sharing and coordination of work across state tribal liaisons. | 5/20/25 |
| The Cal ICH Tribal Liaison presented on Cal ICH’s Invitation for Tribal Consultation on Housing First Core Components at the Department of Community Developments Quarterly Tribal Housing Meeting | 5/8/25 |

Section 2: Department Updates

Cal ICH is working on a publication on California Tribal Homelessness, uplifting learnings from California Tribes. This document is expected to be released publicly around July 2025.

Cal ICH has solicited tribal consultation on the implementation of Housing First Core Components in Tribal Communities, including the quality of technical assistance received. A Dear Tribal Leader Letter was sent to all California Chairpersons on March 24, 2025. Tribal Consultation will close on May 30, 2025.

Business and Consumer Services Agency (BCSH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| Little Hoover Commission report on Governor's Reorganization Plan 2025 due to the Governor and Legislature. | June 4, 2025 | On April 4, 2025, the Governor released a proposed plan to reorganize the Business, Consumer Services and Housing (BCSH) Agency to create two agencies — a California Housing and Homelessness Agency and a Business and Consumer Services Agency: https://lhc.ca.gov/report/governors-reorganization-plan-2025/ Under the state's governmental reorganization process, as described in Government Code Section 8523, the Little Hoover Commission is reviewing the Governor's proposal and will issue a report to the Governor and Legislature. |
| Governor's Reorganization Plan 2025 becomes effective unless rejected by either Senate or Assembly by a majority vote. | July 4, 2025 | The state's governmental reorganization process can be used to create new agencies but cannot be used to create new functions. The reorganization process is permitted in Article V, Section 6 of the California Constitution. The statutory authority is in Government Code Section 12080 et seq: https://lhc.ca.gov/about/governors-reorganization-plan/ |

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| 1.A.2 | Co-lead Transportation and Housing Coordination Workgroup, to pursue opportunities to create more affordable and transit-oriented housing development. | The BCSH & CalSTA Transportation and Housing Workgroup continues to meet every month. Leadership team has focused on staff capacity building opportunities and monitoring federal funding developments related to housing. |
| 1.A.8 | Prioritize increased access to rental assistance resources within State's federal advocacy. | BCSH and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) supported |

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| | | the Administration's formal request to Congress seeking \$40 billion in federal aid to fund the long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts in the Los Angeles region. The request includes \$16.8 billion in public assistance funding, \$9.9 billion for house and business repairs, \$9.61 billion in business loans and grants and \$2 billion in low-income housing tax credits. |
| 1.B.14 | Strengthen the alignment of the State's health care and housing responses to better serve people with complex care needs. | <p>In partnership with the California Health and Human Services Agency (CalHHS), Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department, and California Department of Veteran Affairs (CalVet), BCSH helped inform public documents and materials related to Proposition 1 for department websites and provided input for the DHCS Behavior Health Services Act (BHSA) Policy Manual Modules.</p> <p>BCSH designed and moderated a conference panel entitled "Opportunities to Align Housing and Health Resources for People Experiencing Homelessness" at the Housing California Annual Conference held in March 2025. Including DHCS, HCD and the Counties of Alameda and Santa Cruz, the panel provided information on how to best utilize available state resources such as CalAIM and BHSA, and how to forge successful partnerships between local housing and healthcare systems.</p> |
| 2.B.22 | Better align policies, practices, and funding across State housing agencies and programs, while retaining significant focus on extremely low-income households and housing for people exiting and at risk of homelessness. | BCSH submitted to the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) for their review the Governor's Reorganization Proposal 2025 , which would establish the California Housing and Homelessness Agency (CHHA) and the Business, and Consumer Services Agency (BCSA), creating more focus and consolidation of specialized activities. |
| 2.B.23 | Create public-facing Technical Assistance documents that provide guidance to help navigate housing and health connections, including Behavioral Health Services Act resources. | BCSH partnered with CalHHS, DHCS, HCD and CalVet to provide content for Proposition 1 and BHSA resource documents for department websites. |

Section 3: Other Department Updates (Optional)

Governor's Reorganization Plan 2025:

On April 4, 2025, the Business, Consumer Services and Housing (BCSH) Agency submitted to the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) for their review the [Governor's Reorganization Plan 2025](#), which would establish the California Housing and Homelessness Agency (CHHA) and the Business, and Consumer Services Agency (BCSA), creating more focus and consolidation of specialized activities. On April 23 and 24, LHC held two public hearings in which BCSH Secretary Tomiquia Moss and department leaders testified in support of the reorganization plan.

On May 5, the Governor submitted the reorganization plan to the Legislature. Several legislative hearings will be scheduled in May to review the reorganization plan. Concurrently, the LHC will also hold additional public hearings in May and June. The [statutory reorganization process](#) requires that the LHC submit a report to the Governor and the Legislature by June 4. The Governor's reorganization plan becomes effective on July 4 unless either the Senate or the Assembly adopts by majority vote a resolution rejecting the plan.

Los Angeles County Fire Recovery:

BCSH has been actively supporting the Los Angeles fire response and recovery, as part of the Federal-State Interagency Recovery Coordination team, supporting the joint LA County-State Housing Task Force, providing technical assistance to the Governor's Office and state and local departments in the implementation of Executive Orders, and guiding discussions as the Los Angeles region pivots from immediate response activities to long-term recovery strategies.

Reevaluating the Federal Funding Landscape:

In response to ongoing uncertainty surrounding federal funding for housing and homelessness programs, BCSH is closely monitoring developments such as proposed cuts to Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rental assistance programs and working to strengthen its state-level partnerships to minimize program disruptions and protect core services.

Supporting Major Initiatives of BCSH Departments:

In addition to supporting BCSH departments involved in the LA County fire recovery efforts, BCSH has continued to provide strategic planning, technical assistance and coordination for major key department priorities such the implementation of Proposition 1, accelerating delivery of Homekey projects, and supporting the implementation of the Three-Year Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in California.

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| HOME-ARP Reentry Housing Pilot Project | Notice of Funding Availability applications were due on April 14, 2025. Award announcements are anticipated in late July 2025. | The Department of Housing and Community Development received 8 applications. |

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| Strategic Investment | 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. |
| Strategic Investment | 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 435 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 by the fall of 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 | There is a significant need for appropriate care and housing for older adults transitioning from incarceration. As such, CDCR has |

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| | Enhanced Care Management, Community Supports, and other state programs. | requested assistance from CalICH on how best to identify and explore opportunities and 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 CalICH to strengthen connections and referral pathways to CoCs. CalICH 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 and completed the first data match 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. This 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. |

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| | | <p>CDCR's Statewide Mental Health Program and BHR are also filing CARE Act petitions for individuals who meet CARE act criteria, and are in need of intensive support and engagement upon release to ensure they have access to appropriate services and supports, including residential treatment, supported housing, etc.</p> |
| 4.C.23 | <p>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.</p> | <p>CDCR and CallCH are currently working to develop a data sharing agreement to link CallCH 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 has offered to provide a presentation to the CA Department of Housing and Community Development's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant Program team Office Hours to explore strategies for educating CoCs on utilizing CDCR's new Parole Population Housing Status Dashboard for local planning efforts.</p> <p>As reflected on CDCR's Parole Population Housing Status Dashboard, as of April 30, 2025, there were 3,339 unhoused parolees (sheltered+ unsheltered), with 72 percent of those unhoused having a CDCR mental health and/or substance use disorder designation at the time of release.</p> |
| 5.A.2 | <p>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.</p> | <p>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).</p> |

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

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

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| 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 that allows them to choose how to best rebuild their lives. | Period of Performance (PoP): January 1, 2025 – 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. | PoP: October 1, 2024 – 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. | PoP: July 1, 2024 – 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. | PoP: January 1, 2022 – 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. | PoP: April 1, 2022 – 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 | PoP: October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released Summer 2025. |

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| | or religiously marginalized, etc.) who cannot be served through a traditional shelter. | |
| 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. | PoP: January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025. Next Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity will be released 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. | PoP: April 1, 2025 - 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. | PoP: October 1, 2024 - 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 man-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 and connected with LA County OEM and LA office of Immigration to coordinate and support local efforts. PPT activities vary and respond to the unique needs for each disaster. |
| 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. |

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| 3.C.24 | Engage Emergency Operations Centers, local communities, and Tribal partners to include their unhoused populations into emergency operations plans. | <p>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.</p> <p>Counties will be required to include efforts and strategies to engage the unhoused population as a part of their local emergency plan. Cal OES continuously reviews the operation plans and provides feedback and support to strengthen this response. Cal OES has also hired a specialist to review these plans.</p> |
| 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. | <p>The DEI office is working with Cal OES GIS staff to explore creating a GIS Map that would incorporate data on social vulnerability and disaster risks. Still in process of determining the needs of GIS platform to identify these populations.</p> |
| 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. | <p>Listos California Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness is available on the Cal OES website. Currently, reviewing to determine if an update to the guide, including making available in other languages, is feasible and needed.</p> |

Section 3: Other Program Updates

- On May 12, 2025, Cal OES announced the 2024-25 **Listos California Grant Program** awards. This funding will provide \$7.75 million to thirty-one (31) awardees that include five (5) tribal entities and twenty-six (26) nonprofits. This funding continues emergency preparedness support for vulnerable communities which is sorely needed due to California's intense and complex natural disasters, including the recent devastating Los Angeles fires.

California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| Virtual Training: <i>DSH Diversion Permanent Program: Pathways, Processes, and Timelines</i> | June 13, 2025 | Supports 5.A.12 |

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| Strategic Investment | 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. | <p>As of May 2025, DSH has commenced contract negotiations with four counties to contract for permanent CBR programs that will provide up to 121 beds. DSH is also in contract negotiations with one county for a combined Diversion/CBR program that will provide approximately 15 additional CBR beds.</p> <p>This expansion is in addition to the combined CBR and Diversion program established in Los Angeles County beginning in 2018-19 and has expanded to a total of 1,005 beds by the end of 2024-25.</p> |
| Strategic Investment | Conditional Release Program (CONREP): Implements additional residential treatment opportunities to support the safe transition of individuals from the state hospital to community treatment. | <p>As of May 2025, DSH has contracted with multiple providers to establish a 60-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. DSH is in negotiations to expand the current program by up to 30 additional beds in FY 2025-26.</p> |
| Strategic Investment | DSH Diversion Program: A collaboration between DSH and county governments to 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. | <p>As of May 2025, DSH has executed contracts with 10 counties and commenced contract negotiations with an additional 14 counties to contract for permanent Diversion programs that will provide 707 treatment slots annually.</p> <p>This expansion is in addition to the combined Diversion and CBR program established in Los Angeles County beginning in 2018-19</p> |

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| | | and has expanded to a total of 1,005 beds by the end of 2024-25. |
| Strategic Investment | 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 May 2025, 14 award letters have been issued to counties and one award letter has been issued to a CBO for infrastructure projects with proposed total capacity across the state of 1,674 beds to support permanent Diversion and CBR programs. |
| 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. | 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. | DSH continues to monitor 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 three 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 referred to a Community, Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment Program. | DSH has established standardized processes to coordinate the submission of CARE petitions for eligible IST patients discharging from the state hospitals. As of April 2025, DSH is working with its Early Access and Stabilization Services (EASS) and Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT) providers to pilot an expansion of CARE petition and related discharge coordination efforts. |

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| | | <p>DSH has also established a standardized discharge packet of information for patients committed as incompetent to stand 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.</p> |
| 4.B.16 | <p>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.</p> | <p>DSH has partnered with Policy Research Associates to conduct a phased evaluation of DSH's community continuum of care for IST treatment. In Phase 1 of the program evaluation, PRA analyzed quantitative services and outcome data for the IST pilot diversion program. Additionally, they interviewed staff at the county behavioral health programs and justice partners to provide qualitative data for their analyses. Because the pilot program continues until June 2025, a final report for that initial retrospective outcome evaluation of the pilot IST diversion program is not yet available.</p> <p>Currently, PRA is conducting the groundwork for Phase 2, which is the prospective evaluation of the permanent diversion programs and community-based restoration. As part of this, they have actively assisted in developing the permanent data dictionary, optimizing data collection, and conducting site visits with several of the counties who will be transitioning from the pilot to the permanent program.</p> |
| 5.A.12 | <p>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.</p> | <p>As of May 2025, DSH has two training projects under development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On June 13, 2025, DSH will host a virtual training for counties participating in the DSH Diversion program. This training will bring together county justice and behavioral health stakeholders to map and problem solve front-end court processes and timelines with a focus on the passage of SB 1323. DSH continues to work with the American Psychiatric Association (APA), to expand |

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| | | <p>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.). As of May 2025, the educational platform is anticipated to roll out in August 2025.</p> |
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California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

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| 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 Office of Equity and Tribal Affairs is taking over as lead on housing coordination for Caltrans. The Climate Action Plan for Transportation Infrastructure (CAPTI) version 2.0 led by CalSTA includes the action to create an anti-displacement policy focused on displacement caused by projects on the SHS. We believe ETA is also leading this action |
| 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of Homelessness and Encampments (OHE) has placed District Encampment Coordinators (DECs) in every district. • Multiple coordinators in larger districts. • DECs build partnerships with local social service providers. • Open positions in D6 and D11 are in the process of being backfilled. Existing staff are covering all responsibilities during this transition. |
| 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OHE has created a map layer of the tribal HHAP grants available in districts. • Encampment Coordinator Reference Guide details 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 continues to provide regular training to all maintenance employees who work with encampments including an annual encampment training, contract training in each district and through both a monthly statewide meeting (virtual) and monthly 1:1s between HQ staff and DECs. We recently made some minor updates to our |

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| | | <p>Encampment Coordinator’s Reference Guide to keep our program materials and training information current.</p> <p>We are currently planning a statewide Encampment Training Academy for the summer of 2025- date and location TBD.</p> |
| 3.C.21 | Work with partners to use available Caltrans property for temporary emergency shelter. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans has created a master list of available excess parcels that have high potential for shelter leases. • Shelter leases are generally managed by the District Airspace Lease Coordinator |
| 3.C.22 | Strengthen efforts to provide advance notification to local housing service partners regarding encampment removal activities to coordinate outreach and additional services. | <p>Caltrans is working to incorporate an automatic notification to outreach partners when we discover encampments that would help notify providers when outreach is needed and possibly help track outcomes.</p> <p>Caltrans continues to provide 2-weeks’ notice to partners when possible (over 99% of encampment removal with exception of Level 1 encampment removals when emergency conditions exist).</p> |
| 4.B.15 | Conduct an annual statewide encampment survey and assess effectiveness of strategies used to address encampments on Caltrans property. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caltrans conducts an annual survey to assess number of encampments and PEH sheltering on the state ROW. |

California Department of Social Services (CDSS)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 | July 2025 | Provides information to counties regarding the planning allocations for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 |
| CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) ACWDL FY 2025-26 | May 2025 | Provides information to counties regarding the planning allocations for FY 2025-26 as well as redistributed funds from FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25. |

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| 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. | <p>As of May 2025, six of the 61 CCE-funded Capital Expansion projects, representing 494 new beds/units, have completed construction and are in the process of initiating move-in, and an additional 13 projects, representing 563 beds/units have also broken ground.</p> <p>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 May 2025, 114 licensed residential adult and senior care facilities at risk of closure have contracted with 19 counties through the CCE Preservation Program to continue serving their communities, preserving 2,686 beds.</p> <p>On March 18, 2025, CDSS published a case study on Yuba County's CCE Preservation Program, highlighting the CCE Preservation Program's role in supporting the stability of an essential licensed residential adult and senior care facility and its residents by providing resources to cover critical expenses and maintain service quality.</p> <p>CDSS offers technical assistance to counties participating in the CCE Preservation Program including events on April 10, 2025 covering reporting requirements and on April 24, 2025 regarding</p> |

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| | | navigating the contracting process with licensed facilities. |
| Investments | CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP): State-funded, locally administered program in which counties provide flexible housing-related support, including housing navigation, rental assistance, temporary shelter, assistance with moving costs and case management services to families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in the CalWORKs HSP program. | <p>Since the program's inception in 2014 through January 30, 2025, more than 94,000 families were served by HSP. Of those, 49,300 were permanently housed through HSP. Since the start of FY 2024-25 (July 2024 through January 2025), 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 for Federal FY 2023.</p> <p>As of FY 2024-25, a total of 56 counties were funded to operate HSP statewide.</p> |
| Investments | CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA): Provides financial assistance to eligible families receiving CalWORKs, or applicants of CalWORKs who are apparently eligible who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. CalWORKs HA can provide payments for temporary shelter, as well as payments to secure or maintain permanent housing, including a security deposit and last month's rent, or up to two months of rent arrearages. | <p>From July 1, 2024, through February 28, 2025, over 40,200 families were approved for temporary HA and over 6,900 families were approved for permanent HA.</p> |
| Investments | Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP): State-funded, locally-administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including outreach, case management, housing assistance, and disability benefits advocacy, to individuals likely eligible for disability benefits who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, with a focus on chronic homelessness. | <p>Since HDAP's inception in FY 2017-18 through September 30, 2024, over 31,300 people were served and over 8,700 people were permanently housed. So far in FY 2024-25 (July 2024 through September 2024), 49% of HDAP participants exited to permanent housing across the state excluding Los Angeles County data. For Los Angeles County, the majority of exits were to an unknown destination due to difficulty tracking program participants. By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless response systems in CA exited to permanent housing for Federal FY 2023.</p> <p>In addition, since program inception, over 30,400 disability applications have been submitted, and over 6,100 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.</p> |

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| | | At the start of FY 2024-25, a total of 57 counties and 19 tribal grantees were funded to operate HDAP statewide, although some of these counties are in the process of closing due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations. |
| 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, homelessness for reasons of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation as determined by APS or tribal agency. | <p>Since Home Safe's inception in 2018 through September 30, 2024, over 15,600 people were served, and more than 6,800 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided. In Q1 FY 2024-25, 61% 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 for Federal FY 2023.</p> <p>At the start of FY 2024-25, all 58 counties and 23 tribal grantees operated a Home Safe Program, although some of these counties have closed or are in the process of closing due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations. In FY 2023-24, Home Safe served 34% of the Adult Protective Services (APS) population with identified housing needs.</p> <p>On April 29, 2025, HHD held a Home Safe All Grantee Webinar focusing on the recently announced claiming deadline extension for FY 2021-22 funds, strategies for efficient and effective program budgeting, and related topics.</p> |
| 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. | <p>Since the program's inception in 2017 through September 30, 2024, over 9,800 families were served and over 4,800 families were permanently housed through BFH. In FY 2024-25, 59% 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 for Federal FY 2023-24.</p> <p>At the start of FY 2024-25, a total of 53 counties and 25 tribal grantees were funded to operate BFH statewide, although some counties have closed or are in the process of closing due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations.</p> <p>On March 28, 2025, CDSS released the March BFH Newsletter. The March newsletter contained a County Feature from Santa Cruz BFH, updates from HHD's Policy and Data teams, a recap of the February BFH All Grantee call, and links to relevant resources for BFH.</p> |

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| | | On April 23, HHD held the second BFH All Grantee Call for 2025. This call included a panel comprised of program managers and staff from San Diego County, Yolo County, and Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority, who spoke to their experiences with local challenges, promising practices, and impacts and outcomes as related to their local BFH programs. |
| 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. For the Guaranteed Income (GI) Pilot for Older Adults, the Request For Applications (RFA) submission period has concluded. Grant award announcements are anticipated in summer 2025. |
| 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). | The Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Policy Unit continues to provide ongoing technical assistance to counties, providers, community agencies, and current/former foster youth related to the transitional housing program. This includes offering potential providers with information and resources necessary for becoming certified/licensed in their local community. This also includes connecting potential participants (current/former foster youth) with local county coordinators for the facilitation of program admission. |
| 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. | Refer to Section 3.B.11 for relevant updates |
| 1.B.34 | Continue expanding the statewide CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Between July 2023 and December 2024, the RMP expanded by 2,482 restaurants, including in 12 |

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| | (RMP) to increase access to food for CalFresh Program participants experiencing homelessness. | <p>additional counties across California, significantly increasing food access to CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of March 2025, there are 5,860 active RMP restaurants within 50 California counties. • As of July 2024, 567,538 CalFresh recipients experiencing homelessness were being served by the RMP. ** • As of December 2024, an estimated \$6,881,715 in CalFresh dollars were spent on RMP transactions by CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness. • As of December 2024, there were an estimated 425,496 transactions by RMP Households experiencing homelessness. <p>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.</p> <p>** Due to timeline for submission, Program used population data as of July 2024 to calculate RMP program usage as of December 2024.</p> |
| 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. | <p>The Transition Age Youth (TAY) Policy Unit within CDSS 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 and 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).</p> <p>On April 24, 2025, the TAY Policy Unit held a statewide ILP convening, <i>Empowering Futures: Navigating Independence Together</i>. The convening hosted over 130 attendees (county child welfare, county probation, higher education professionals, providers, and community agencies) and focused on building and improving local ILP to aid youth in their transition from foster care to independence. During the Financial Empowerment breakout session, attendees were encouraged to incorporate financial literacy curriculum into local programming. Presenters demonstrated how</p> |

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| | | <p>targeted tools could directly improve youth economic stability. During the Housing Support breakout session, presenters explored available housing resources and best practices for ensuring foster youth/Nonminor Dependents have access to stable and safe housing while in care and more importantly, as they transition to independence.</p> <p>The 2025 ILP convening included a morning session which emphasized the critical role of authentic Tribal Collaboration ILP planning and service delivery. Presenters underscored the importance of respecting sovereignty, cultural traditions, and unique community needs, to ensure Tribal youth receive equitable and inclusive support as they transition from foster care to independence.</p> |
| 3.B.11 | <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> <p>On March 13, 2025, HHD held a webinar where staff provided an overview of the Home Safe program to Tribal grantees, which included information pertaining to the program’s funding history and clarification on the purpose of the program, eligibility requirements, allowable expenses, and data reporting requirements.</p> <p>In March 2025, CDSS published the HHD Tribal Grantee webpage to provide tribal grantees with resources, including the Tribal Set-Aside, Invoicing and Fiscal Documents, Tribal Waivers, Upcoming HHD Webinars, Technical Assistance, and access to relevant past letters and webinars.</p> <p>In March 2025, CDSS published All Tribal Leaders Letter (ATLL) No. 25-01 outlining data reporting requirements for tribal grantees operating BFH, HDAP, and Home Safe programs. HMIS requirements for tribal grantees were also waived in this letter; however, if a tribal grantee would like to use HMIS, CDSS can provide them support in engaging with their CoC(s) and HMIS. CDSS continues to provide technical assistance to grantees as they submit their quarterly data reports.</p> |

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| | | On April 24, 2025, HHD hosted a webinar for HDAP Tribal grantees to provide overview of the HDAP Program including program background, funding history, eligibility, allowable expenses, as well as extended invoicing deadlines for tribal grantees and the tribal/waiver modification process for HHD programs enacted by Assembly Bill 120. |
| 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. | On February 13, 2025, the University of San Francisco (UCSF) Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative (BHII) gave a presentation on the interim findings from their evaluation of the Home Safe program. This included sharing best practices, challenges and lessons learned from implementing Home Safe. Specific findings include Home Safe filled a service gap for older and dependent adults receiving APS services who are at risk or experiencing homelessness; the importance of communication between service providers; ongoing challenges with affordable housing availability; and that tailored interventions and flexible funding are key to the program's success. Grantees believe Home Safe has transformed their ability to prevent homelessness amongst older adults. The final report will be delivered in late 2025. |

Section 3: Other Program Updates

Releasing Resources:

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| ACWDL dated March 05, 2025 | March 5, 2025 | This county letter provides notice of an expenditure and claiming deadline extension for BFH, CalWORKs HSP, Home Safe, and HDAP. |
| County Fiscal Letter (CFL) 24/25-65 | March 10, 2025 | This CFL informs counties of a one-time expenditure and claiming extension for BFH, CalWORKs HSP, Home Safe, and HDAP. |
| ATLL 25-01 | March 21, 2025 | This ATLL notifies participating Tribes and tribal entities and agencies in California operating HDAP, Home Safe, and/or BFH programs of the CDSS data reporting requirements associated with program operations. |

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| CFL 24/25-71 | April 1, 2025 | This CFL provides counties with time study and claiming instructions for the April through June 2025 quarter for BFH, CalWORKs HSP, HDAP, and Home Safe. |
| All County Information Notice (ACIN) I-15-25 | April 17, 2025 | The purpose of this ACIN is to inform counties of the implementation date for the changes to the CalWORKs HA Program that were contingent upon automation and required by SB 1083 (Chapter 715, Statutes of 2022). |
| CFL 24/25-78 | April 17, 2025 | This CFL provides guidance to counties regarding the Budget Act of 2024 reappropriations of the FY 2022-23 allocations for the BFH program and the Home Safe program. |
| All County Letter (ACL) 24/25-23 | April 23, 2025 | This ACL informs County Welfare Departments of the launch of and transition to the Housing and Homelessness Data Reporting Solution (HHDRS) for reporting data on BFH, CalWORKs HSP, HDAP, and Home Safe beginning May 2025. |

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| Housing and Homelessness Data Reporting Solution (HHDRS) CDSS Site | March 2025 | <p>On April 28, 2025 CDSS launched the Housing and Homelessness Data Reporting Solution (HHDRS) - an integrated cloud-based reporting system for four CDSS-funded housing and homelessness programs: Bringing Families Home, HDAP, Home Safe and HSP. This followed the release of All County Letter No. 23-25 published on April 23, 2025 which notified grantees that they must report data into HHDRS going forward. This replaces the previously used Excel-based reporting process and will promote a shared understanding and improved data quality for data analysis, visualization and use through use of this platform across CDSS and grantees.</p> <p>CDSS also published the HHDRS Webpage to provide HHD county grantees with resources, training opportunities, information on project timelines, and project updates.</p> |

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| HHDRS Training and User Manuals | April 2025 | In April 2025, HHD hosted four trainings and shared draft user manuals with program grantees to support the HHDRS launch for Home Safe and BFH. |
| Southern California Housing and Homelessness Regional Convening | May 1 and 2, 2025 | CDSS, in partnership with its contracted TA provider Change Well, hosted the Southern California Regional Convening and Community of Practice, which brought together county and tribal grantees and other system partners in Southern California to collaborate, learn from one another, and identify action steps for implementing regional solutions to the homelessness crisis in their communities. Some key themes and discussions centered around integrating CalAIM into programming, building incomes for program participants to improve housing stability, developing relationships with landlords and affordable housing developers to access more units for program participants, and improving local and regional collaboration among different entities to more effectively strategize and better serve program participants. Post-convening discussions with grantees will be held in the coming months to sustain and build on the momentum generated by the convening. |

California Community Colleges (CCCCO)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| CalFresh EBT Technical Assistance Webinar. | April 3 rd , 2025 | This webinar focused on supporting California community colleges with implementing new requirements established in Assembly Bill 2033, which requires colleges with eligible store locations to accept CalFresh EBT on campus. Presenters included the Center for Healthy Communities and college representatives with experience setting up EBT on their campuses. |
| Native American Student Supports Program Professional Development | April 9 th , 2025 | CCCCO planned a virtual professional development session targeted to college leads for the Native American Student Supports (NASSP) program. The session focused on how NASSP colleges can braid funding with Basic Needs Centers, HHIP programs, and external agency resources identified through Cal-ICH. Thank you to Vevila Blossoming Bear for being a guest speaker and discussing opportunities and statewide initiatives that support our Tribal Students. |
| 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 9-11 th , 2026 in Sacramento | Our next summit planning session will be 5/22/25. During this planning session, the CCCCCO will be doing a site visit of the event venue with our Planning Team. |

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

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| Strategic Investment | Homeless and Housing Insecure 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. |
| Strategic Investment | Rapid Rehousing & Housing Security Program: Provides rental assistance and services to students who are experiencing housing insecurity or homelessness. | As of July 1, 2024, the number of CSU campuses participating in the Rapid Rehousing & Housing Security Program increased from 8 campuses to 18 campuses. |
| 1.A.7 | Identify opportunities for expanding housing support for students who transfer between community colleges and other institutions of higher education. | No update this quarter. |
| 1.B.23 | Provide emergency housing assistance to CSU students who are experiencing temporary housing insecurity or homelessness. | No update this quarter. |
| 1.B.33 | Implement and monitor Basic Needs Centers and expand programming targeting students involved with the justice and/or foster care systems. | Basic needs centers operations are ongoing across all CCCs. During 2025, colleges are focused on implementation of recently passed legislation, including Assembly Bill2458 and Assembly Bill2033. |
| 1.C.42 | Promote programs and funding for CCCs, UCs and CSUs—including the rapid rehousing funding and emergency housing assistance funding—in order to leverage these programs across the institutions responsible for the health, safety, well-being, and academic success of enrolled students. | No update this quarter. |
| 3.A.5 | Promote meaningful engagement of community college students within supports focused on preventing and ending their homelessness. | No update this quarter. |
| 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 | The CCCCCO completed a review of the HHIP Colleges annual fiscal reporting procedures to ensure fidelity of program funds. Colleges identified as having an |

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| | experiencing homelessness, and identify inequities in service provision and outcomes. | <p>excess of 50% or greater remaining funding from prior years will be required to submit a carryover spending plan addressing how they will increase support to students. Notices are being sent May 16th, and the colleges will need to have a documented plan, finalized and submitted, by June 6th, 2025, to ensure ongoing funding. Failure to complete this could result in a pause or delay in allocations.</p> <p>The CCCCCO has also recently completed its annual HHIP student services data collection process. Based on reports submitted by the 27 participating colleges, a total of 2,356 students were served in the 23-24 academic year. The complete student data will be used in the upcoming HHIP legislative report, which is due July 15th, 2025.</p> <p>CCCCCO has also completed data analysis for the most recent Basic Needs Centers student data, which was included in the annual legislative report submitted in May.</p> |
| 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 identification of conference committees, themes, and the upcoming call for workshop 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 students at-risk of or experiencing homelessness. | As part of the CCCCCO transition of HHIP college host sites, from pilot operations to permanent, ongoing program operations, we are requiring all participating colleges to establish and/or renew formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) documents with local housing service providers. Colleges have identified various partners based on local needs and resources, including local |

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| | | Continuum of Care agencies and affordable student housing providers. |
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California Department of Public Health (CDPH)

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| 2.A.3 | Strengthen internal coordination across teams to increase housing and homelessness resources provided to California's Tribal Communities. | CDPH has hired a Tribal Coordinator. We are in the initial phase of an internal landscape analysis to assess and establish a base line on this activity. |
| 2.A.11 | Strengthen internal coordination with the Center for Family Health and other teams to prevent homelessness among families and youth. | We are in the initial phase of an internal landscape analysis to assess and establish a base line on this activity. Analyzing results from our CDPH-wide survey of priority populations. |
| 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 We are brainstorming ways to promote these resources and track website traffic. |
| 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. |
| 3.C.31 | Support coordination between Local Health Jurisdictions and Continuums of Care and with State-funded homelessness programs. Implement opportunities to include Local Health Jurisdictions as eligible applicants within state funding programs. | CDPH gathered qualitative data from LHJs to assess the current coordination and collaboration efforts with CoCs. CDPH is analyzing the data and will use it to inform this activity. |
| 4.C.28 | Track and measure families and youth under 18 experiencing homelessness, including population level surveillance and CDPH service provision | No update this quarter. |
| 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 |

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| 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. We are planning for a pilot project with air monitors in shelters in Bay Area County shelters to test the effectiveness of the PAC units. |
| 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 housing instability among California's birthing population. | Population: analysis of 2014-2024 PIT data in progress; presented preliminary data to H&H workgroup; presented a poster at CDPH's 2025 Epi Forum. 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. | In final stages of CDPH Director's Office approval. Next it will be submitted to agency for 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. |
| 5.B.16 | Support communities in responding to climate change by working on projects such as developing public health strategies in partnership with the Center for Preparedness that are inclusive of the needs of people experiencing homelessness, improving air quality in congregate shelter, and responding to extreme weather. | Have had initial conversations with CPR health equity liaison. Will start formal planning in late May. |

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. Our next training

will be in partnership with Cal ICH on Housing First. It is scheduled for May 22nd and will include members of the LEAB and community-based organizations.

The California Department of Public Health Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch is offering **no-cost, event-based turnkey resources** for local health jurisdictions and community-based organizations. In partnership with Optum Serve and [LetsGetChecked](#), this initiative aims to support local prevention efforts for mpox, sexually transmitted infections, and hepatitis C—particularly for Californians who are uninsured, underinsured, and/or who face barriers accessing this care.

In addition to mpox vaccination, teams can provide rapid testing for syphilis, HIV, and hepatitis C on-site with telehealth services for confirmatory testing, empiric syphilis treatment, referrals, HIV PrEP, and doxy PEP as needed. LHJs and CBOs are encouraged to assess local community needs based on morbidity and populations at risk, **including people experiencing homelessness**. This resource is offered through July 31, 2025 and requests are approved based on availability with an equitable selection process. If an organization is interested in these turnkey team services, they can fill out this [request form](#). For any additional questions or information, contact our team at mpoxadmin@cdph.ca.gov.

California Health & Human Services Agency (CHHS)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

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| 1.A.6 | Expand utilization of Mainstream vouchers to meet the needs of non-elderly Californians with disabilities who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness. | No update this quarter. |
| 1.B.14 | Strengthen the alignment of the State's health care and housing responses to better serve people with complex care needs. | No update this quarter. |
| 1.B.22 | Strengthen connections to shelter, housing, and safety net programs for immigrants, including newcomer populations, through increased coordination of immigrant integration efforts. Include opportunities to expand services tailored to the needs of immigrants (e.g. legal services) and ensuring equitable access to services and resources. | No update this quarter. |
| 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. | CHHS held the Behavioral Health Task Force meeting April 9 th and discussed the interconnections between Proposition 1 and the Behavioral Health Community-Based Organized Networks of Equitable Care and Treatment (BH-CONNECT) Initiative and Opportunities in Proposition 1 and BH-CONNECT to Implement Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) and Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) |
| 2.A.2 | Facilitate CARE Act working group to support implementation efforts to deliver mental health and substance use disorder services to the most severely impaired Californians, including people experiencing homelessness. | CHHS continues to hold and facilitate CARE Act working groups and most recently met on February 12 th where they held an implementation updates panel, discussed CARE in the context of Specialty Behavioral Health Systems, provided an update to the recent changes to the CARE Act Data Dictionary and discussed the updated communication strategies. The next CARE Act |

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| | | working group meeting will be held May 21, 2025. |
| 2.B.20 | Continue to collaborate with participating state and local partners to support CalAIM implementation to strengthen the connection between housing, health, and human services, while leveraging other federal, state, and local resources. | No update this quarter. |
| 2.B.21 | Better align State-funded housing projects with local Homelessness Response Systems and their referral processes to improve access for people exiting homelessness. | No update this quarter. |
| 2.B.23 | Create public-facing Technical Assistance documents that provide guidance to help navigate housing and health connections, including Behavioral Health Services Act resources. | No update this quarter. |
| 3.A.9 | Provide adequate payment to individuals with lived experience when seeking their expertise and prevent any financial hardship that may result from changes in state-administered benefits. | No update this quarter. |
| 4.A.3 | Combine HDIS and Health and Human Services data to understand connections between homelessness and health services, and to help monitor the goals of the Action Plan. Expand the number of participating departments. | The CalHHS Center of for Data Insights and Innovation is continuing to work towards integrating data sets. |
| 4.C.18 | Develop a data-based methodology for better identifying households at risk of experiencing homelessness. Measure those at risk of experiencing homelessness within specific social safety net programs (e.g., Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, etc.) to understand how those programs contribute to prevention of homelessness. | No update this quarter. |

California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| CalHFA Board of Directors Meeting | May 22, 2025 | |
| CalHFA Audit & Risk Management Committee Meeting | May 22, 2025 | |
| PRA 811 Round IV NOFA | January 30 - April 30, 2025 | The Section 811 PRA NOFA is closed due to oversubscription and CalHFA is no longer accepting applications. |

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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. | The PRA 811 Round IV NOFA was published on the CalHFA website on December 27, 2024. Applications were accepted from January 30 to April 30, 2025. The NOFA is now closed due to oversubscription and CalHFA is no longer accepting applications. |
| 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. | Program is still ongoing, no current update. |
| 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 attended and participated in the NCSHA Legislative Conference in Washington D.C. March 10-12, 2025. The group was joined by CDLAC/CTCAC Executive Director and met with various federal legislators and staff to educate and advocate for federal priorities. |

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| 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 are being notified of new monitoring process prior to implementation. As departments gear up for governmental reorganization of the housing agency, the teams are pausing to reflect on process and identify any possible coordination or alignment with AB 519. |
| 3.B.13 | Conduct Tribal consultations and roundtable discussions to identify opportunities to improve Tribal communities' access to programs. | CalHFA conducted its first Tribal listening session on May 7, 2025 in Sacramento. Two other sessions are planned for the coming months. |
| 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. | No update this quarter. |
| 4.B.13 | Analyze time between funding approval and occupancy dates for CalHFA projects. Identify barriers to project completion. | No update this quarter. |

California Department of Aging (CDA)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| Disability and Aging Community Living Advisory Committee (DACLAC) | June 12, 2025 Register for this meeting | The purpose of DACLAC is to advance community living, inclusion, and integration across California. California is committed to community living for all, rooted in both the Olmstead Supreme Court decision of 1999 and in California's values of inclusion, access, and equity. The DACLAC Housing Subcommittee continues to advocate for increasing access to affordable and accessible housing. |
| Aging with Pride Webinar | June 16, 2025 Register for Webinar | This webinar will feature findings from a recent survey to better understand the needs, challenges, and aspirations of LGBTQIA+ older adults, as well as individual experiences reflected through focus group convenings. We are pleased to be joined by Senator John Laird and California Department of Aging Director, Susan DeMarois, as well as a reactor panel to provide insights and recommendations for meeting the needs of our growing aging population through California's Master Plan or Aging (MPA). |
| Elder and Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC) | June 18, 2025 Register for this meeting | The goal of this coordinating council is to increase coordination and develop recommendations to prevent and address the abuse, neglect, exploitation, and fraud perpetrated against older adults and adults with disabilities. Areas of focus for EDJCC includes supports for housing protections and emergency preparedness and response to increase housing stability. |

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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. | California Department of Aging (CDA) hosted an informational webinar on May 6, 2025, to highlight the opportunities available to the aging network under California Behavioral Health Transformation . The session focused on understanding local planning and funding structures, how aging service providers can engage in the stakeholder process, strategies to strengthen partnership with behavioral health and aging departments, and how to advocate for |

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| | | <p>programs that address the needs of older adults.</p> <p>County level toolkits are scheduled to be released in Summer 2025 on CDA's Older Adult Behavioral Health Resources for Providers webpage.</p> |
| 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. | The Aging and Disability No Wrong Door (NWD) System State Leadership Council met in April 2025. 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. The key elements of a NWD system includes governance structure, systems structure, a standard service and operating model, technological infrastructure, and branding, marketing and outreach. CDA currently has workgroups for development of the service model, an online resource hub, and branding. |
| 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. | On May 9, 2025, CDA held a kickoff meeting with Justice in Aging to officially launch the new initiative focused on strengthening California's Older Americans Act Title III-B Legal Services Programs provided through Area Agencies on Aging that serve older adults and adults with disabilities. This project builds on the prior collaboration through American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), funding and aims to develop a more coordinated and person-centered legal services system. |
| 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, including strategies | CDA is in early planning stages to develop resources to increase awareness of Area Agencies on Aging and Aging and Disability Resource Connection (ADRC) partners on housing and homeless services and supports |

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| | for outreach, identification, and service connection. | 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 continues to recommend 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 to support the housing needs of older adults and people with disabilities. |
| 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 Summer 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. |
| 4.C.25 | Continue building upon the Data Dashboard for Aging by expanding research and data functions and including housing and homelessness. | <p>The MPA Data Dashboard (MPADD) 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.</p> <p>CDA has added a variety of demographic data to the MPADD including information on older adult housing characteristics. The MPADD also includes “County Profiles” where users can find</p> |

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| | | 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 inform the aging network which will be completed in Summer 2025. |

California Department of Education (CDE)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

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| 1.B.25 | Educate housing agencies on the specific barriers to housing faced by families with children and unaccompanied homeless youth who are identified through the education system. | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is an active participant of the Youth and Young Adult workgroup supporting the needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California. |
| 1.B.26 | Streamline support and warm handoffs between high school liaisons, youth, and their families for transition to higher education. | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career. |
| 1.C.40 | Provide training to state housing and homelessness partners on the eligibility, rights, and educational protections under the McKinney-Vento Act. Promote coordination and collaboration through the California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Centers (HETACs) implementing the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure services, coordination, and accountability at the local level for all Californians. | <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students.</p> <p>California HETACs have developed resources and accompanying webinar sessions when appropriate.</p> <p>Latest resources are listed follow:</p> <p><u>Supporting Families with Young Children Experiencing Homelessness: Identification and Referral Strategies.</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends best practices for identifying young children experiencing homelessness. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggests strategies for referring families with young children experiencing homelessness to supports across school and community partners; and • Links to informational and implementation resources throughout. <p>This resource was developed in response to county office of education (COE) and local educational agency (LEA) homeless education liaison needs assessment feedback requesting additional information specifically on improving the identification of young children experiencing homelessness.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet provides key information about the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy; recommends best practices for partnering across the EHCY program and CS strategy to serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness; and links to resources for more information throughout. The tip sheet serves as a more comprehensive companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u> resource.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u></p> <p>This HETAC primer explores the alignment of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy across the four CS pillars. This primer serves as a summary companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u> tip sheet.</p> |
| 2.A.6 | Strengthen state-level communication and coordination between CDE's Homeless Education Program and Higher Education liaisons. Share technical assistance and training opportunities to ensure continuity of | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize students experiencing homelessness. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal |

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| | services for all eligible students experiencing homelessness, with a focus on unaccompanied youth and young parenting students. | <p>ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career.</p> <p>The CDE has also established working relationships to support youth and homeless awareness in partnerships with UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco.</p> |
| 2.A.7 | Increase coordination across State programs and with County Welfare programs to ensure students are receiving the appropriate level of care and connections to resources from cradle to career. | <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career.</p> <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is an active participant of the Youth and Young Adult workgroup supporting the needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California.</p> |
| 2.A.8 | Strengthen mutual understanding between CDE and Higher Education local/regional partners. Focus on duties of the Local Liaison in McKinney Vento Act and in California Education Code as well as role of community college Basic Needs Centers and other services. | <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize parents, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth.</p> <p>The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the higher education agencies and meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to students as they transition into college and/or career.</p> <p>The CDE will develop a shared side-by-side contact resources with the identified appropriate agency. Once identified, CDE and the sister agency will develop supports and training at local levels. The CDE, through its HETACs, will support the local connection and collaboration of resources and trainings.</p> |

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| 2.A.9 | Provide training to state housing and homelessness partners on the eligibility, rights, and educational protections under McKinney-Vento Act. Promote coordination and collaboration through the California Homeless Education Technical Assistance Centers implementing the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure services, coordination, and accountability at the local level for all Californians. | <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and their families.</p> <p>The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the housing and homelessness agencies for meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to homeless children, youth and their families across California leading to access and success in school and housing stability.</p> |
| 2.C.32 | Coordinate across departments and agencies to identify useful education data about children, youth, and their families experiencing homelessness (i.e., graduation rates, career technical education pathways, graduation exemption regulations, etc.). Identify ways to utilize this information within homelessness services, such as defining “at risk” or placement within a vulnerability index. | <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth, and their family’s experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the appropriate data opportunities related to housing and homelessness at sister state agencies to share the McKinney-Vento Act data analysis and use of the data.</p> |
| 2.C.33 | Communicate and disseminate guidance to county offices of education, LEAs, and partnering agencies to strengthen support for students experiencing homelessness from local housing partners. | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff support to identify state updates to share regularly with COEs at HETAC regional meetings. |
| 3.A.7 | Ensure student voices are present within working groups and other bodies in order to provide recommendations and perspectives on how to prevent and end homelessness for children, youth, unaccompanied youth, and their families. | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. The CDE is an active participant of the Youth and Young Adult workgroup supporting the needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California. |
| 3.C.28 | Implement strategies for local systems to streamline family services between COEs, LEAs, Charter Schools, and CoCs to ensure equitable access to housing options. | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff support to identify state updates to share regularly with COEs at HETAC regional meetings. |
| 3.C.34 | Support engagement and coordination with local systems of care for resource and funding connections. Strengthen local implementation of Coordinated Entry by working with state | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff support to identify |

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| | <p>departments and agencies to include local educational agencies for eligibility in state-funded homelessness and housing programs. Ensure compliance with federal law allowing for McKinney-Vento eligibility for these services.</p> | <p>state updates to share regularly with COEs at HETAC regional meetings.</p> <p>The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the applicable settings, meetings, and webinars to share and strengthen coordination.</p> <p>The CDE held listening sessions statewide in partnership with Cal ICH staff regarding CDE's Action Plan goal development. There were seven sessions covering rural, urban, northern, southern counties across the state.</p> |
| 4.A.7 | <p>Include education data on youth identified as homeless in state reports and data collection efforts related to homelessness. This will help provide a broader picture of youth homelessness than what is currently included in Point-in-Time counts and other reporting.</p> | <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff and will use Cal ICH staff guidance of legislative reports, research studies, etc. developed for this body of work to support data collection.</p> <p>The CDE has a dedicated data steward for homeless education that supports and provides technical assistance with the HETACs for local data collection, analysis and reporting. Data sessions happen on a monthly basis throughout the academic school year.</p> |
| 5.A.8 | <p>Continue to develop and distribute best practices to districts, charter schools, and county offices of education, on the implementation of legislative changes, including best practices in serving McKinney-Vento children, youth, and families.</p> | <p><u>Supporting Families with Young Children Experiencing Homelessness: Identification and Referral Strategies.</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends best practices for identifying young children experiencing homelessness; • Suggests strategies for referring families with young children experiencing homelessness to supports across school and community partners; and • Links to informational and implementation resources throughout. <p>This resource was developed in response to county office of education (COE) and local educational agency (LEA) homeless education liaison needs assessment</p> |

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| | | <p>feedback requesting additional information specifically on improving the identification of young children experiencing homelessness.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u></p> <p>This HETAC tip sheet provides key information about the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy; recommends best practices for partnering across the EHCY program and CS strategy to serve children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness; and links to resources for more information throughout. The tip sheet serves as a more comprehensive companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u> resource.</p> <p><u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment</u></p> <p>This HETAC primer explores the alignment of the Education for Homeless Children and Youths (EHCY) Program and the Community Schools (CS) strategy across the four CS pillars. This primer serves as a summary companion piece to the HETAC's <u>Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities</u> tip sheet.</p> |
| 5.A.9 | Support the implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure that the federal rights of students experiencing homelessness are upheld throughout California. Engage with state-level partners for alignment and understanding. | <p>The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and their families.</p> <p>The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the housing and homelessness agencies for meeting opportunities to share the McKinney-Vento Act rights and supports afforded to homeless children, youth and their families across California leading to access and success in school and housing stability.</p> |
| 5.C.25 | Collaborate with LEAs and state-level educational partners to identify needs of students experiencing homelessness as the | <p>The CDE is an active participant of the STEP-UP interdepartmental workgroup ensuring that schools, children, youth and</p> |

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| | result of natural disasters and/or other emergencies, and develop strategies, resources, and tools to address those needs. | family needs of McKinney-Vento eligible students in California are incorporated into the toolkit. The toolkit was released and included CDE resources and data. The CDE plans to continue to be an active partner in the development of the planned webinar series proposed. |
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Section 3: Other Department Updates (Optional)

SUN Bucks Program Summer 2025



California will soon be releasing electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards for the [SUN Bucks food program](#) for summer 2025. In the summer of 2024, California was one of the first states in the nation to launch SUN Bucks. In its first year, nearly \$500 million in food purchases were made and the families and caregivers of more than 4.3 million California children activated their SUN Bucks cards. Over four million eligible California children will automatically receive SUN Bucks EBT cards that can be used to purchase groceries starting in June, and each eligible child will receive \$120. SUN Bucks is administered through a partnership between the California Department of Social Services and the CDE. For questions or additional information on the SUN Bucks program, contact SummerEBT@cde.ca.gov.

[CDE Responses to 2025 Federal Actions & Communications Web page](#): This page includes letters to the field as well as news releases that help educators and families understand any impact on California’s public schools and students, or lack thereof, resulting from federal actions and communications.

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| 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 | Activity | Update |
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| 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.A.12 | Implement the Veterans Home master plans to continue providing care and services at eight state facilities across California. | Ongoing |
| 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. | Ongoing |
| 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. Currently, CalVet and HCD have facilitated 34 pre-application consultations with potential veteran-serving applicants, several of which have resulted in |

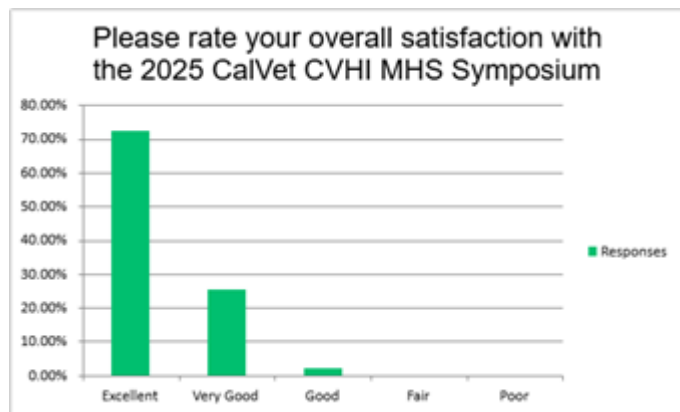
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| | | follow-up meetings with VA Homeless Programs leadership to help potential applicants connect HUD-VASH resources with Homekey+. |
| 3.C.26 | Coordinate with the US Department of Veterans Affairs programs to connect Veterans to benefits and implement VA homeless programs. | CalVet currently partnering with VA HUD-VASH Regional Coordinator, and when possible, with SSVF grantees to assist potential Homekey+ applicants through pre-application consultations. |
| 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. | Ongoing |
| 4.A.5 | Review VA and local databases with HDIS to compare data on veterans experiencing homelessness. | No update |
| 5.A.3 | Continue to develop and deploy Housing First training to sites funded by the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program. | No update |
| 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. | Currently, VSSR is serving approximately 424 veteran participants enrolled in HMIS who are receiving these enhanced services. The Pilot's Impact Evaluator RAND is expected to have out their interim report on July 15, 2025. |

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.

The CalVet CVHI team, collaborating with technical assistance provider Cohen Veterans Network (CVN), held a symposium on May 6-7 in Southern California to provide crucial training to CVHI-MHS grantees. With nearly 100 attendees, including clinical, support, and administrative staff, the training provided something for everyone. Cognitive Processing Treatment, targeted treatment planning, documentation, and suicide prevention continuing education/certification training was provided for clinical staff and 17 certificates were

issued. Mental Health First Aid, outreach, suicide prevention, and de-escalation training were provided for support staff. Additionally, time was set aside for leadership coordination among CalVet, CVN, and grantee administrative staff and leadership. Based on feedback collected from attendees, the symposium was successful in preparing CVHI-MHS grantees to meet the program goal of 100,000 clinical mental health sessions. 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, five VHHP-funded projects have completed construction in Monterey, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz, Pinole, and Lancaster, adding 262 new units to California's affordable housing inventory. Of these, 251 are VHHP-supported units reserved for veterans, including 203 units designated for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. All communities incorporate permanent supportive housing with Housing First principles, featuring individualized case management and on-site wrap-around services.

The VHHP NOFA (aka: Round 3 of the Multifamily Finance Super NOFA) application deadline closed on April 15, with awards expected by the end of summer.

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

California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| Strategic Investment | Prop 1's Behavioral Health Housing interventions: Provides funding for housing interventions that may include rental subsidies, operating subsidies, shared housing, family housing, non-federal share for Medi-Cal transitional rent, project-based housing assistance, including master leasing, capital development projects, and others. | DHCS released the Behavioral Health Services Act County Policy Manual during the week of 2/24. This includes policies related to Housing Interventions. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. |
| Strategic Investment | Cal AIM Enhanced Care Management (ECM) Services: Providing a whole-person, interdisciplinary approach to care management that comprehensively addresses the clinical and nonclinical needs of Medi-Cal Members with the most complex medical and social needs through systematic coordination of services and comprehensive care management that is community based, interdisciplinary, high touch and person centered. | No investment updates. |
| Strategic Investment | Cal AIM Community Supports: Providing housing-related services such as Housing Transition and Navigation Services, Housing Deposits, Housing Tenancy Sustaining Services, and other services (e.g., Recuperative Care, Short-Term Post-Hospitalization) services that address Medi-Cal managed care plan members' social drivers of health and help them avoid higher, costlier levels of care | No investment updates. |

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| Strategic Investment | 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. |
| Strategic Investment | 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 released the Behavioral Health Services Act County Policy Manual during the week of 2/24. This includes policies related to 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. | <p>DHCS released the updated Community Supports Policy Guide on 4/30/25 which includes final policy guidance for Transitional Rent (see Volume 2 of Community Supports Policy Guide).</p> <p>Transitional Rent is the newest Community Support that covers up to six months of rental assistance for permanent or temporary housing to Medi-Cal Members who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and meet eligibility criteria. Transitional Rent will be optional for MCPs to offer as a Community Support beginning on July 1, 2025. Beginning on January 1, 2026, however, MCPs <i>must</i> cover Transitional Rent as the first mandatory Community Support service.</p> |
| 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. | DHCS released the updated Community Supports Policy Guide on 4/30/25 which includes updates to recuperative care and short-term post-hospitalization housing (see Volume 2 of Community Supports Policy Guide). |

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| 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. | No action plan updates at this time. |
| 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. |
| 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 | Implementation of the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program will be ongoing through June 30, 2027. The People with |

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| | feedback and guidance as well as support to Tribal partners in their development of housing and related supports. | 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. | No action plan updates at this time. |
| 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. | No action plan updates at this time. |
| 4.B.11 | Track and analyze trends in uptake data for individuals experiencing homelessness within Community Supports. | No action plan updates at this time. |
| 4.C.27 | Implementation of Population Health Management Service to develop better data-driven approaches and better understand risk for individuals experiencing homelessness. | No action plan updates at this time. |
| 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. | No action plan updates at this time. |

Section 3: Other Department Updates (Optional)

DHCS awarded [\\$3.3 billion in competitive grant funding](#) through the Bond BHCIP Round 1: Launch Ready awards. This historic investment is funding [124 projects](#) across 42 counties to create or expand 214 behavioral health facilities across California. This investment will result in 5,077 new residential treatment beds and 21,882 new outpatient slots for mental health and substance use disorder treatment, bringing essential

behavioral health services closer to the Californians who need them most, including those in the foster care system.

DHCS also recently released a Request for Applications for the Flexible Housing Subsidy Pools Technical Assistance Academy on May 2, 2025. Applications are due on June 13, 2025.

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| National American Indian Housing Council 51 st Annual Convention | May 26-29 th , 2025 | Hilton Los Angeles Universal City, CA |
| HCD Tribal Financing Workshop | September 10-100, 2025 | HCD Headquarters, Sacramento |
| Nevada/California Indian Housing Association Annual Business Meeting and Training | August 25 – 27 th | Reno, NV |

Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| Investments | Family Homelessness Challenge Grants: Grants for local jurisdictions to support the development and acceleration of innovative programs that expand promising practices and create solutions to address and end family homelessness. | No updates this quarter. |
| Investments | Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Program: Funds to help young adults 18-24 years secure and maintain housing, with priority given to those formerly in the foster care or probation systems. | No updates this quarter. |
| Investments | Homekey Tribal Program: Provides Tribal Entities funding to develop multifamily rental housing developments, including rehabilitation of existing housing, new construction of apartments, townhomes, or single-family rental homes, including manufactured housing, or conversion of non-residential space to residential housing. | As of May 1, 2025, all program funds \$81 million awarded. Two awards were declined. Application #14 under review. |
| Investments | Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (Tribal HHAP): Grants for California Federally Recognized Tribes | Draft NOFA and Standard Agreement Boilerplate expected to be released soon. |

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| | to support unique, culturally responsive interventions to prevent and address homelessness within their communities. | |
| Investments | <p>Homekey+: Providing funding to build more permanent supportive homes faster for veterans and residents experiencing homelessness and mental health challenges.</p> <p>Tribal Homekey+: The 2024 Tribal Homekey+ NOFA is the Permanent Supportive Housing component of the Behavioral Health Infrastructure Bond Act. \$121 million in funding represents the Department's ongoing investment in Tribal housing opportunities and continues a statewide effort to sustain and rapidly expand permanent supportive housing for households and individuals who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness and are living with a behavioral health challenge. Rather than utilizing a set-aside within the standard Homekey+ Program, this NOFA operates independently and is tailored to meet the specific affordable housing needs of California Tribes. THK+ Applications are processed Over the Counter, which allows for better collaboration and technical assistance to ensure applicant/grantee success.</p> | <p>Homekey+: NOFA for 2.2 billion closes on May 30, 2025.</p> <p>Tribal Homekey+: Update: Program has completed 12 preapplication meetings. One application has been received and is pending updates.</p> |
| Investments | <p>Encampment Resolution Funding Program (ERF): Grants for local jurisdictions to develop coordinated strategies to resolve encampments and transition people experiencing homelessness in encampments into safe and stable housing.</p> | <p>On May 1, HCD published the first ERF Grant Program Annual Report on its website. The Annual Report contains cumulative reporting for all rounds of ERF by award, including data on each encampment addressed by the award (people served, people housed in interim housing, people housed in permanent housing, and resolution status of the encampment), all grantee fiscal activity, successes for</p> |

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| | | <p>replication, and challenges and opportunities.</p> <p>HCD expects to release a NOFA for ERF Round in Summer 2025. The FY 2024-2025 Budget committed \$100 million for ERF Round 5. The final amount made available will be determined in the final FY 2025-2026 Budget.</p> |
| Investments | <p>Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP): Providing grants for local jurisdictions to support regional coordination and local homelessness response to address challenges and increase permanent housing solutions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.</p> | <p>HHAP Round 6 NOFA was released on 2/24/25 and includes a variety of continued and new accountability measures. Final applications due by August 29, 2025. HCD continues to host monthly office hours, release updated FAQ documents, and has hosted two NOFA Support Workshops to provide application support.</p> <p>On May 1, HCD published the first HHAP Grant Program Annual Report since HHAP transitioned to HCD. The Annual Report contains cumulative reporting for HHAP rounds 1 through 5 of all grantees fiscal activity, successes for replication, and challenges and opportunities.</p> |
| Investments | <p>Multifamily Finance Super Notice of Funding Availability (Super NOFA): Streamlines four of HCD's rental housing programs to align eligibility criteria, scoring, and release of funds allowing for a coordinated single application and award</p> | <p>MFSN is currently reviewing applications for Round 3 funding. Awards are expected in August.</p> |

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| | <p>process. Multifamily Housing Program (MHP): Provides low-interest, long-term deferred payment loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing for lower-income households. Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG): Promotes infill development by providing financing for infrastructure necessary for the development of affordable and mixed income housing. Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP): Provides long-term loans for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable multifamily housing for veterans and their families. Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant (FWHG): Provides funding for new construction, rehabilitation, and acquisition of owner-occupied and rental units for agricultural workers.</p> | <p>MFSN's forthcoming disaster NOFA is expected this summer.</p> |
| Investment | <p>Tribal Multifamily Finance Super Notice of Funding Availability (Tribal MFSN): The 2025 Tribal Multifamily Finance Super Notice of Funding Availability for approximately \$50 million in funds available under Multifamily Housing Program (MHP) and Infill Infrastructure Grant Program (IIG). This marks the first Tribal MFSN which will provide Tribal Applicants the opportunity to apply for any combination of the available funding programs at the same time and within the same funding round. The NOFA makes funds more easily accessible to Tribes and Tribal Entities and provides flexible options to address the unique needs of Indian communities to achieve better outcomes in health, climate, and household stability. TMFSN Applications are processed Over the Counter, which allows for better collaboration and technical assistance to ensure applicant/grantee success.</p> | <p>Program has completed one preapplication meeting. No applications have been received.</p> |
| Investments | <p>HOME American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP): Assists individuals or households at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing</p> | <p>No updates this quarter.</p> |

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| | housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter. | |
| Investments | HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME): Funding to create and retain affordable housing for lower-income renters, homebuyers, or homeowners by funding tenant assistance, or single- or multi-family acquisition and/or rehabilitation or new construction. | Program awarded \$134 million in HOME funds which will result in over 750 affordable housing units. |
| 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. | ESG 2024 NOFA closed on March 28. Funds were made available on an allocation basis to each eligible Continuum of Care. Fifty-two applications were received. ESG staff is reviewing for eligibility and starting to make award recommendations. |
| Investments | Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG): Funds community & economic development & disaster recovery to create suitable living environments by expanding economic opportunities & providing appropriate housing to low-income households. | CDBG 2024 NOFA closed on December 30, 2024. CDBG team reviewed applications and has made award recommendations. |
| Investments | Housing for a Healthy California Program (HHC): Creates supportive housing for individuals who are recipients of or eligible for health care provided through the California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal program. | The HHC Funding Program concluded in 2021. |
| Investments | HOME-ARP Reentry Housing Pilot Project: Funding to develop units for re-entry populations and/or those exiting state prisons. | Program currently evaluating applications. Awards are anticipated in August 2025. |
| 1.A.1 | Support the achievement of Statewide Housing Plan goals through the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, ensuring housing element compliance, and strengthen housing and homelessness accountability by providing technical | HCD has enhanced collaboration with local jurisdictions to improve accountability in addressing homelessness by providing technical assistance for |

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| | assistance and, when necessary, enforcements through the Housing Accountability Unit. | compliance with Housing Element requirements (e.g. emergency shelters, transitional and supportive housing), and evaluates funding programs for services, emergency shelter expansion, and Housing First, etc. HCD further enforces state requirements, including AB 101 and SB 1395. |
| 1.A.5 | Publicize the inventory and map of State-Owned Excess Sites. Provide technical assistance to developers and local government on utilizing public lands for affordable housing development. | HCD and DGS released 23 new sites on February 20, 2025 and will begin reviewing proposals for affordable housing developments on June 9, 2025 |
| 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. | No updates this quarter. |
| 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. | No updates this quarter. |
| 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. | No updates this quarter. |

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

Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| 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

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| Investments | Low Income Housing Tax Credit Programs: Allocates federal and state tax credits to the developers of affordable rental housing for low-income Californians and corporations provide equity to build the housing in return for the tax credits. | |
| 1.B.21 | Examine and modify CTCAC regulations to ensure funding incentives are appropriately designed for people experiencing homelessness. | <p>The most recent regulation changes were adopted on December 11, 2024 and can be found here. Substantive changes include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. |
| 1.C.36 | Align CTCAC-funded projects with local homelessness response system referral processes in order to support tenants. Educate | |

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| | housing developers and operators regarding Coordinated Entry, Continuums of Care, Housing First, property management practices in PSH, and connections to services partnerships. | |
| 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%. | Traveled to Washington, DC in March to advocate for federal changes and followed up to help secure Republican co-sponsors of AHCIA. |
| 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. | Attending weekly working group meetings. |
| 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. |
| 4.B.12 | Analyze and report on outcomes from Tribal and BIPOC developer set-aside programs, as well as other efforts to provide housing opportunities for extremely low-income households. | |

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.

4% Round 1 Awards were made on April 8, 2025 to support a total of 4,298 low-income units, including 419 units for individuals experiencing homelessness. The awards include \$1,240,672,798 in private activity bonds from CDLAC and 111,026,910 in annual federal 4% tax credits from CTCAC.