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## Quarterly Council Member Department and Agency Updates

California Interagency Council on Homelessness Meeting
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*Note: Department Updates are highly encouraged but not required. The departments not included in these updates are The California Department of Tribal Affairs and The California Department of Rehabilitation.*

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## Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| Quarterly Advisory Committee (AC) Meeting | TBD | |
| HELP Act Webinar (hosted by the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence) | December 16th, 2025, at 12pm | Cal ICH will present the HELP Act Dashboard to members of the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence as well as other stakeholders. |
| SB914 Tribal Outreach Virtual Listening Session for Tribal Community members and Tribal service providers. | December 17th, 2025, at 1:30pm | Cal ICH and the Pala Band of Mission Indians will co-host the fourth of four Tribal listening sessions for unaccompanied women and survivors of violence who have experienced homelessness. |
| HDIS Connect | February 4th, 2026 | Cal ICH will host a learning session for HMIS administrators. |
| Quarterly Council Meeting | March 4th, 2026, 1-4pm | |

## 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 (AC) meetings. | The new Advisory Committee cohort held a meeting on November 5th. The meeting included opening comments including brief discussion of monitoring of federal impacts on homelessness, discussions on Cal ICH working groups, the released Cal ICH recovery Housing Guidance, and the Tribal Homelessness Policy Brief. Information on Advisory Committee meetings can be found on this webpage: https://bcsh.ca.gov/calich/meetings/ |
| 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 | Cal ICH staff meet monthly with Council department staff to discuss relevant strategic investments and action items from the Action Plan. Discussions focus on measuring outcomes, defining success for different initiatives, and opportunities for support or improvement. |

| | homelessness programs effectively and elevate to the Council. | |
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| 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. | Last quarter, Cal ICH paused the working groups, including the State Funding and Programs Working Group to conduct a strategic review. This quarter Cal ICH completed a review of existing groups within the state structure addressing homelessness to identify gaps, reduce silos, strengthen alignment, and ensure limited resources are used effectively to advance Council priorities. Recommendations developed as a result of this evaluation will be presented to the Council at the December 3rd meeting. |
| 2.C.27 | Assess and monitor compliance with California Housing First statute for state-funded programs among Council departments and agencies. | Earlier this year, Cal ICH administered a Housing First survey to Council Member Departments funding or administering programs that address homelessness to assess compliance with the State's Housing First statute (WIC Section 8255-8256). This assessment follows up from the 2024 Housing First survey. There are currently 37 programs across 8 agencies and departments required to implement the Housing First statute. Cal ICH staff developed recommendations for individual departments to be fully compliant and strengthen Housing First within program guidance and information. Cal ICH is meeting with state departments about the recommendations provided to them. |
| 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 is in the final stages of redesigning the calendar to improve usability 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 continuing to develop a new digital strategic funding guide and is currently finalizing key data fields with relevant departments before launching the new guide. |

| 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. |
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| 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 continued to provide input and guidance to Cal ICH staff on Housing First implementation and provided feedback on the Cal OES Listos' Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness. As of August 2025, two LEAB members serve as members of the Advisory Committee and regularly present at Council meetings. |
| 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.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 released Recovery Housing Guidance, along with a Summary of the Guidance, to support system leaders and program administrators operating state-funded Recovery Housing Programs to effectively operate recovery- and abstinence-focused programs and implement the required Housing First core components. Cal ICH has also previously 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 State Statute.<br><br>Cal ICH staff is working with the Cal ICH Lived Experience Advisory Board to get input on what is needed for each of the Housing First core components to be implemented successfully. This input will inform future Housing First implementation guidance from Cal ICH. |

| 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. | Work progresses on developing a 4-part recorded webinar series highlighting the HEART Toolkit. The introductory webinar was released in June, the second webinar was released in October, and the remaining two will be released in the coming months. Cal ICH will pause STEP-UP convenings at the conclusion of the webinar series development and will re-evaluate future meetings as needed to support future HEART iterations. |
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| 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 tenth stakeholder engagement session for local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) administrators in its HDIS Connect Series. This session (held in October 2025) provided an overview of the HELP Act dashboards, which illustrate the state's progress towards ending homelessness for survivors of domestic violence, their children, and unaccompanied women. It also included a discussion on how the HELP Act dashboards can be used by communities to build more inclusive and effective homelessness plans. Cal ICH will continue to develop relationships with HMIS administrators through quarterly HDIS Connect workshops. The next workshop is scheduled February 4, 2026. |
| 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. | Cal ICH held the first webinar in the Listen and Learn Series designed to foster collaboration, knowledge-sharing, and problem-solving across local jurisdictions. The September webinar's topic was including Tribes and Tribal Lands in local PIT counts. The next Listen and Learn session is expected to be held in January 2026. Cal ICH and the Pala Band of Mission Indians also provided a two-part training series on Tribal Engagement to local jurisdictions, TA providers, and state staffs on October 29 and 30, 2025. |

| 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. | Cal ICH has continued to improve data tools supporting AB 977 compliance and overall HDIS data quality.<br><br>Cal ICH released updates to the State Department Compliance Dashboards, AB 977 Data Summaries Dashboards, and HHAP, ERF, and FHC Program Outcome Dashboards. Cal ICH continues to work with state department staff to improve AB 977 compliance and data completeness, including by reviewing their data and providing direct TA in quarterly meetings. |
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| 4.A.2 | Streamline data sharing with Council member departments and agencies by establishing policies and procedures. | Cal ICH continues quarterly transfers of HDIS data to the Office of Technology Solutions and Integration (OTSI) within the Health and Human Services (HHS) Agency to support the creation of an integrated dataset with homelessness, social services, and health data, and provides technical support for departments to utilize the integrated data.<br><br>In September, Cal ICH executed a data sharing agreement with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR). Cal ICH and CDCR are coordinating on the initial data transfer.<br><br>Departments interested in pursuing a data sharing agreement with Cal ICH can reach out to HDIS@bcsh.ca.gov. |
| 4.A.4 | Use McKinney-Vento data to document and understand the experiences of homelessness for youth in California schools. | No update this quarter. |
| 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 is in the processes of sharing a set of proposed outcomes measures with departments and agencies administering state homelessness programs and will incorporate departments' feedback into the development of the final outcomes measures for publication. Cal ICH has completed essential preparation activities to support the collection of fiscal data and is in the process of developing the data reporting framework that will be used to collect fiscal data across state programs.<br><br>Cal ICH continues to develop a new digital strategic funding guide and redesign the Statewide |

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| | | Homelessness and Housing Calendar to improve usability and to expand the information included, as required by AB 799. |
| 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. | Cal ICH released HDIS data through June 30th, 2025, on the Public Dashboard, the CoC Dashboards, and to the state's Open Data Portal. Additionally, Cal ICH provided technical assistance to CoCs related to victim service provider data and issues with entry dates, exit dates, and housing move-in dates. Cal ICH continues to streamline the Data Quality Dashboard tool, which has seen increased adoption and has improved CoC's identification and resolution of data quality discrepancies. |
| 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 has presented the HELP Act Dashboard – which displays progress towards goals in alignment with SB 914 – to service providers, advocates, and leaders of local jurisdictions. Cal ICH is continuing to incorporate user feedback to improve the dashboard. Cal ICH has conducted three, regional in-person listening sessions with Tribal Communities for individuals with lived experience and Tribal service providers regarding Tribal unaccompanied women and survivors of violence. Cal ICH is also developing technical assistance materials to help communities improve cross-systems coordination to serve the populations named in SB 914, leveraging feedback from HMIS administrators, the Advisory Council, and the LEAB. |
| 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 hosted learning sessions for CoC HMIS Leads focused on statewide dashboards and data quality monitoring. Cal ICH also updated and deployed a new version of the CoC Data Quality Tool to ensure full compliance with FY 2026 HUD HMIS data standards. Cal ICH continues to monitor quarterly HDIS uploads to ensure data quality. Cal ICH conducted targeted outreach to CoCs to resolve critical data issues resulting in improved statewide data integrity. Cal ICH continues to refine the CoC Data Quality Dashboard based on user feedback and |

| | | recommendations from technical assistance partners. |
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| 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 the period from 4/1/24 - 3/31/25 were released in October 2025 and are available for download from the state's Open Data Portal. Cal ICH also published the third Quarterly Council Report containing progress towards statewide Action Plan goals as well as service use and destination data for AB 977 programs. |
| 5.A.6 | Identify best practices to increase access to state-funded homelessness programs and services. | Cal ICH published the California Tribal Homelessness Policy Brief, providing recommendations on what state and local decision makers can do to improve partnerships, coordination, and funding access for California Tribes. 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 four 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 recently provided input on Cal OES Listos' Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness. |
| 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. | Last quarter, Cal ICH paused the working groups to conduct a strategic review. This quarter Cal ICH completed a review of existing groups within the state structure addressing homelessness to identify gaps, reduce silos, strengthen alignment, and ensure limited resources are used effectively to advance Council priorities. Recommendations developed as a result of this evaluation will be presented to the Council at the December 3rd meeting. |

| 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. | Last quarter, Cal ICH paused the working groups to conduct a strategic review. This quarter Cal ICH completed a review of existing groups within the state structure addressing homelessness to identify gaps, reduce silos, strengthen alignment, and ensure limited resources are used effectively to advance Council priorities. Recommendations developed as a result of this evaluation will be presented to the Council at the December 3rd meeting. |
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| 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. | Last quarter, Cal ICH paused the working groups to conduct a strategic review. This quarter Cal ICH completed a review of existing groups within the state structure addressing homelessness to identify gaps, reduce silos, strengthen alignment, and ensure limited resources are used effectively to advance Council priorities. Recommendations developed as a result of this evaluation will be presented to the Council at the December 3rd meeting. |
| 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. | Last quarter, Cal ICH paused the working groups to conduct a strategic review. This quarter Cal ICH completed a review of existing groups within the state structure addressing homelessness to identify gaps, reduce silos, strengthen alignment, and ensure limited resources are used effectively to advance Council priorities. Recommendations developed as a result of this evaluation will be presented to the Council at the December 3rd meeting. |
| 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. |

**Business and Consumer Services Agency (BCSH)**

## 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 Housing and Transportation Workgroup is finalizing the work and presentation topics for 2026. In December, the workgroup will submit the draft plan to the Housing and Transportation steering committee for adoption. Themes for next year include: (1) land use and transportation actions to reduce GHG (greenhouse gases) and VMT (Vehicle Miles Traveled), (2) data and information sharing across issue areas (public health, housing, climate and transportation), and (3) actions to memorialize workgroup activities for the upcoming administration. |
| 1.A.3 | Identify barriers to the production of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Assess opportunities for local, state, and federal action to deliver opportunities to increase housing production, including ADUs. | BCSH continues to support the administration and HCD in providing guidance and technical assistance to local governments and community partners affected by the LA wildfires as they explore multiple avenues to expedite permitting, inspections and approvals of factory-built or prefabricated housing, including ADUs. |
| 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. | As part of the implementation of the Governor's Reorganization Plan, BCSH is launching three workgroups: (1) housing finance, (2) local government and housing authorities, and (3) ensuring fair and stable housing outcomes. In December, BCSH will host two Tribal listening sessions to discuss the Governor's Reorganization Plan. |
| 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, DHCS, Cal ICH and HCD met with the California Health Care Foundation, Kaiser Permanente and Homebase to discuss Transitional Rent and ways to support local implementation of this new Medi-Cal initiative. With support from the foundation, state government will collaborate to create a system roadmap and unified messaging that ensures the effective use of Transitional Rent to support Californians experiencing homelessness. |
| 5.A.5 | Continue strategic communications to inform the public about the causes of | On October 16, BCSH spoke at the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency |

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| homelessness, effective solutions, the state's approach, and relevant programs. | Integrated Service Model Working Groups kickoff. On October 20-22, BCSH spoke with local government, community, and philanthropic partners in San Diego about the importance of housing in solving homelessness. On October 27-28, BCSH convened with regional housing finance groups from San Diego, Los Angeles, and the Bay Area. On October 29, BCSH spoke with housing and homelessness funders in Los Angeles. |

**Section 3: Other Department Updates**

**Los Angeles County Fire Recovery:**

BCSH continues to actively support the Los Angeles fire response and recovery, participating in the LA County Housing Task Force, providing technical assistance to the Governor's Office and state and local departments in the implementation of the Governor's Executive Orders, and guiding discussions as the Los Angeles region pivots from immediate response activities to long-term recovery strategies. During the months of July and August, FEMA transitioned Interagency Recovery Coordination to state and local counterparts, and steady-state federal teams. In September, BCSH, HCD and CalOES provided feedback to HUD on their draft Housing Impact Assessment. In mid-October, BCSH, along with HCD, attended the California Recovery Support Function Leadership Group meeting convened by Cal OES, to debrief on the challenges and opportunities ahead. In late October, HUD presented the updated Housing Impact Assessment to BCSH, HCD and CalOES. In mid-November, HUD will present the Housing Impact Assessment findings to the LA County Housing Task Force.

**Reevaluating the Federal Funding Landscape:**

In response to ongoing uncertainly surrounding federal funding for housing and homelessness programs, BCSH is closely monitoring developments, such as federal Executive Orders and 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 key department priorities including funding opportunities such as the Multifamily Finance Super NOFA (which included a set-aside for Los Angeles jurisdictions affected by the January fires) and CalAssist Mortgage Fund for homeowners affected by fires, implementation of Proposition 1 and Homekey+, accelerating delivery of Homekey projects, and supporting progress on the state's Three-Year Action Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness in California.

## California Department of Aging (CDA)

### Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

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| Implementing the Master Plan for Aging in California Together (IMPACT) | **January 29, 2026** | The IMPACT Committee advises the California Health and Human Services Agency on the implementation of the Master Plan for Aging, and continues to advocate for development of accessible and affordable housing, rental subsidies, and other tailored advocacy for rent-burdened and precariously housed older adults and people with disabilities. |
| Disability and Aging Community Living Committee (DACLAC) | **February 12, 2026** | DACLAC advises on community living, inclusion, and integration across California. DACLAC advises the California Health & Human Services Agency, in addition to other state entities, on community living policies and programs, including but not limited to home and community-based services, transportation, and housing opportunities. The DACLAC Housing Subcommittee continues to advocate for increasing access to affordable and accessible housing. |
| Elder & Disability Justice Coordinating Council (EDJCC) | **March 5, 2026** | The EDJCC advises to increase coordination throughout the state and develops 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. | CDA developed Behavioral Health Services Act County Toolkits for Older Adult Stakeholders, which can be found on CDA's webpage. These toolkits are designed to support local partners to engage with local behavioral health departments, navigate planning processes, and to elevate the behavioral health needs of older adult. |
| 1.B.24 | Facilitate connections across AAAs, CoCs, county staff, and Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans to align services for older adults who | CDA completed a crosswalk of Area Agencies on Aging (AAA), Continuums of Care (CoC) and managed care plans. Using this information, CDA |

|  | are at risk of or currently experiencing homelessness. | will develop tools and training to educate housing CoCs, as well as aging and disability networks including 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. |
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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. | In May 2026, CDA plans to launch a statewide consumer website to help older adults, people with disabilities, and family caregivers navigate local, regional, and statewide resources to support aging Californians to remain living in their homes and communities. |
| 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. | The California Department of Aging (CDA) received technical assistance from Justice in Aging to strengthen Legal Services Programs (LSP) administered through local Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) which provides older adults with advocacy on a range of issues including housing rights, eviction protection and others. Using the updated Legal Assistance Guidance Manual, CDA will build collaboration across the network, including training LSP providers in best practices for housing advocacy. |
| 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 for outreach, identification, and service connection. | 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. |
| 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. | During the August 2025 DACLAC meeting, the Housing Subcommittee reported on the Non-Medi-Cal HCBS Gap Analysis housing findings. The subcommittee highlighted the report's findings on: 1) Lack of affordable housing options for older adults and people with disabilities and recommended long-term state funding for housing programs, including a low barrier rental assistance program. 2) Shelters and interim housing that may be inaccessible to people with disabilities who have personal care needs. The subcommittee recommended that the state develop best practices and guidance for |

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| | | shelters and interim housing providers serving people with disabilities. |
| | | 3) How navigating the various housing programs can be challenging. The subcommittee recommended more investment in housing navigators to assist older adults and people with disabilities to access housing services and support. |
| 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 | Using 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, CDA will elevate the needs of underrepresented populations, and identify services in underserved areas. | CDA has released the non-Medi-Cal Statewide [Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Gap Analysis report](#) that includes analysis of affordable, accessible housing options and services for older adults and people with disabilities. The Gap Analysis Report identified three major gaps in affordable and accessible housing for older adults and people with disabilities:<br><br>1) Older adults and people with disabilities are struggling to find and retain government-assisted housing that meets their needs.<br>2) **The processes for accessing government-assisted housing can be challenging for older adults and people with disabilities, despite comprising a majority of affordable housing tenants and nearly half of people experiencing homelessness.**<br>3) Older adults and people with disabilities living in government-assisted housing struggle to access the right mix of supportive services that allow them to live independently.<br><br>Building on this work, CDA is conducting a more in-depth analysis focused specifically on housing gaps and affordable housing supply for older adults and people with disabilities. |
| 4.C.25 | Continue building upon the Data Dashboard for Aging by expanding | The MPA Data Dashboard (MPADD) includes data and tools related to housing and homelessness. |

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|  | research and data functions and including housing and homelessness. | The MPADD includes homelessness data at the regional level along with data on potential "drivers" of homelessness. In August, CDA updated the key outcomes dashboard to include the most recently available homelessness data from calendar year 2023.<br><br>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 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. | In May 2025, CDA completed a shared housing and rental subsidies landscape analysis that includes program models and promising practices. |

## California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR)

**Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions**

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| Strategic Investment | Long Term Offender Reentry Recovery (LTORR) 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 Consumer Price Index (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 (DRP) has activated a new MCRP in Fresno and has executed agreements for three expansion sites in Sacramento, and San Bernardino County for 435 new MCRP beds. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (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. A Request for Information (RFI) released at the end of October 2025 to solicit for a fourth Los Angeles County site and a site in Riverside County. Further expansion beyond these plans will require additional funding. |
| 1.B.15 | Support older adults transitioning to community living from incarceration or other secured settings, leveraging opportunities through CalAIM Enhanced Care Management, Community Supports, and other state programs. | There is a significant need for appropriate care and housing for older adults transitioning from incarceration. CDCR has requested assistance and is collaborating with Cal ICH to identify 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 Enhanced Care Management (ECM) referrals to the Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans. Effective October 1, 2025, BHR transitioned to the Enterprise Information |

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| | | Services (EIS) created application for enhanced data tracking. |
| 1.B.32 | Improve access and connections to wrap-around services, including housing, for Returning Home Well participants transitioning from corrections who have higher needs for services. | The Fiscal Year 2025-26 Governor's Proposed Budget proposes $12.9 million one-time General Fund in 2025-26 and 2026-27 to continue the Returning Home Well (RHW) Program for an additional two years, which will also enable CDCR to provide important wraparound services to RHW participants. |
| 1.C.38 | Strengthen connections and referral pathways with CoCs to improve access to housing and services resources for people exiting from prison. | CDCR continues to collaborate with Cal ICH to strengthen connections and referral pathways to Continuums of Care (CoCs). |
| 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.<br><br>CDCR's Statewide Mental Health Program and BHR are also filing Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act petitions for individuals who meet CARE act criteria, and need intensive support and engagement upon release to ensure they have access to appropriate services and supports, including residential treatment, supported housing, etc. |
| 4.C.23 | Analyze existing data from all relevant CDCR programs and identify data- sharing opportunities to understand who is at risk of experiencing homelessness among people preparing to exit prison. Partner with Continuums of Care to begin planning efforts to address the needs of people pre-release and those under community supervision. | CDCR and Cal ICH have signed and completed a data sharing agreement to link Cal ICH Homeless Management Information Systems data with CDCR data to determine the extent to which individuals being released from CDCR are utilizing CoC services. The Office of Research (OR) and EIS are working with Cal ICH to set up an automated system where files will be uploaded to OR's server quarterly. In addition, CDCR has provided 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. |
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| | | As reflected on CDCR's Parole Population Housing Status Dashboard, as of September 30, 2025, there were 3,166 unhoused parolees (sheltered+ unsheltered), with 71 percent of those unhoused having a CDCR mental health and/or substance use disorder designation at the time of release. |
| 5.A.2 | Embed statutory Housing First requirements into CDCR recovery housing contract requirements, in order to provide participants with meaningful choices and minimize exits to homelessness. Report out on outcomes from participants in specified programs. | The contractual requirements related to Housing First are monitored through CDCR's Program Accountability Review (PAR) process. CDCR will report annually on the PAR findings related to Housing First in August for the prior fiscal year's date. |

## California Department of Education (CDE)

### Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| 2026 Statewide Homeless Education Conference | March 19-20, 2026 | Save the Date; Registration information forthcoming |

### Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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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. <br><br> The CDE met with the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to: <br><br> • Review shared responsibilities across Action Plan Actions <br> • Identify strategies for creating warm handoffs between high school and college homeless liaisons <br> • Identify other areas where coordination can improve outcomes for students and communities. <br> • Surface any near-term opportunities, challenges, or technical assistance needs |
| 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 | The 2025 Rural Summit brought county offices of education (COE) homeless liaisons together to network and share promising practices for supporting and serving homeless children, youth, and their families living in rural areas. <br><br> This year's summit featured a Continuum of Care (CoC) presentation from Contra Costa County Health, Housing, and Homeless Services which outlined partnerships and roles within CoC. |

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| | accountability at the local level for all Californians. | In addition, there was a panel discussion that featured Homeless Education COE Coordinators from Shasta, Butte, Tehama, and Humboldt Counties to discuss education's successful partnerships with CoCs. |
| 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 services for all eligible students experiencing homelessness, with a focus on unaccompanied youth and young parenting students. | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize students experiencing homelessness. The CDE has also established working relationships to support youth and homeless awareness in partnerships with UC Berkeley and UC San Francisco. The CDE met with the California Community College Chancellor's Office (CCCCO) to:<br><br>• Review shared responsibilities across Action Plan Actions<br>• Identify strategies for creating warm handoffs between high school and college homeless liaisons<br>• Identify other areas where coordination can improve outcomes for students and communities.<br><br>Surface any near-term opportunities, challenges, or technical assistance needs. |
| 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. | 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.<br><br>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. |
| 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 | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize parents, youth and unaccompanied homeless youth. |

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| | California Education Code as well as role of community college Basic Needs Centers and other services. | The California HETAC web page includes a list of higher education contacts and resources that show coordination between CDE and CCCCO. |
| 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. | The 2025 Rural Summit brought county offices of education (COE) homeless liaisons together to network and share promising practices for supporting and serving homeless children, youth, and their families living in rural areas.

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| 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. | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth, and their families experiencing homelessness.

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. |
| 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 | The 2025 Rural Summit brought county offices of education (COE) homeless liaisons together to network and share promising practices for |

| | ensure equitable access to housing options. | supporting and serving homeless children, youth, and their families living in rural areas. |
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| | | This year's summit featured a Continuum of Care (CoC) presentation from Contra Costa County Health, Housing, and Homeless Services which outlined partnerships and roles within CoC. |
| | | In addition, there was a panel discussion that featured Homeless Education COE Coordinators from Shasta, Butte, Tehama, and Humboldt Counties to discuss education's successful partnerships with CoCs. |
| 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 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. | 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.<br><br>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.<br><br>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. |
| 4.A.7 | 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. | 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.<br><br>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.<br><br>The CDE Homeless Youth in California Schools webpage contains the state-level educational outcomes and enrollment data for the homeless youth population: https://www.cde.ca.gov/ds/sg/homelessyouth.asp |
| 5.A.8 | Continue to develop and distribute best practices to districts, charter schools, and county offices of education, on the | ***Supporting Families with Young Children Experiencing Homelessness: Identification and Referral Strategies.*** |

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| | implementation of legislative changes, including best practices in serving McKinney-Vento children, youth, and families. | This HETAC tip sheet<br><br>• recommends best practices for identifying young children experiencing homelessness,<br>• suggests strategies for referring families with young children experiencing homelessness to supports across school and community partners,<br>• and links to informational and implementation resources throughout.<br><br>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.<br><br>***Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities***<br><br>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 ***Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment*** resource.<br><br>***Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Primer on Pillar Alignment***<br><br>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 ***Homeless Education and Community Schools: A Crosswalk of Partnership Opportunities*** tip sheet. |
| 5.A.9 | Support the implementation of the McKinney-Vento Act to ensure that the federal rights of students experiencing homelessness are upheld throughout | The California Department of Education (CDE) meets monthly with the Cal ICH staff to prioritize children, youth and their families.<br><br>The CDE is in the early stages of identifying, in partnership with Cal ICH staff, the housing and |

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| | California. Engage with state-level partners for alignment and understanding. | 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. |
| 5.C.25 | Collaborate with LEAs and state-level educational partners to identify needs of students experiencing homelessness as the result of natural disasters and/or other emergencies, and develop strategies, resources, and tools to address those needs. | The CDE is an active participant of the STEP-UP interdepartmental workgroup ensuring that schools, children, youth and 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. |

**Section 3: Other Department Updates**

**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 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. | No investment updates. |
| 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. | No investment updates. |
| Strategic Investment | CalAIM 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. |
| Strategic Investment | Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA): Modernizes the Mental Health Services Act to address today's behavioral health | No investment updates. |

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| | 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. | |
| 1.A.13 | Develop implementation plan to provide six months of transitional rent to eligible members making critical life transitions or meeting high-risk population criteria. | DHCS 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).<br><br>Beginning on January 1, 2026, MCPs will cover Transitional Rent for the Behavioral Health Population of Focus (POF) as the first mandatory Community Support service. Phase-in dates for other POFs are to be determined. |
| 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). |
| 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 were announced in November of 2025. The funding priorities for PATH CITED Round 4 included 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 focused 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 was also given to organizations that assist individuals whose primary |

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| | | 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.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. | DHCS continues to monitor ECM utilization by Medi-Cal members experiencing homelessness through regular collection of data from MCPs and a public-facing Quarterly Implementation Report. Since 7/2025, DHCS has implemented Closed Loop Referral policy that permits tracking of not only ECM utilization but also referrals to ECM. |
| 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 Medi-Cal Connect (previously Population Health Management Service) to develop better data-driven approaches and better | No action plan updates at this time. |

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| 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. |

## California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

### Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates

| Program | NOFA Release Date | Application Due Date | Available, Funding | Eligible Applicants | Additional Information/ Contact Info |
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| HOME Program | January 2026 | March 2026 | $35 million | Developers, Non-Profits, Tribes and Cities and Counties that do not receive money from HUD directly. | HOME@hcd.ca.gov |
| CDBG Program | September 30, 2025 | January 30, 2026 (anticipated) | $27 million | Non-entitlement Units of General Local Government | CDBG@hcd.ca.gov |
| Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (Tribal HHAP) | September 30, 2025 | January 16, 2026 | $28.5 million | California Federally Recognized Tribes | TribalHHAP@hcd.ca.gov or Amy Lopez at amy.lopez@hcd.ca.gov |

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| Tribal HHAP R4 NOFA & Application workshop | October 29, 2025 | Virtual workshop |
| Tribal HHAP R4 NOFA & Application workshop | November 4, 2025 | Yurok Tribe – Klamath Office |
| Tribal HHAP Drop-In Office Hours | November 6, 20, 2025 December 4, 18, 2025 | Zoom |
| HCD Annual Tribal Finance Workshop | September 10-11, 2025 | In person/Zoom |

### Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

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| Strategic Investment | 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. | HCD continues to monitor and provide technical assistance for FHC Rounds 1 and 2. The 100% expenditure deadline for both rounds is June 30, 2026. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. | On June 10, 2025, program staff received stakeholder approval to finalize the FY 2025-2026 TAY program fund allocations and reallocations for all three programs. These stakeholders were the State Department of Social Services (CDSS), the Department of Finance (DOF), the County Welfare Directors Association of California (CWDA), and John Burton Advocates for Youth (JBAY). To continue providing excellent customer service, program staff released a survey to counties and hosted a webinar for TAY county stakeholders on August 26, 2025. On August 19, 2025, Program staff released the invitation to accept the allocations. Counties had until September 18, 2025, to accept their allocations. The Department anticipates awarding funds in Spring 2026. |
| Strategic Investment | 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 11/14/25, 11 awards issued; 2 awards declined. Final application pending award with a targeted recommendation in December 2025, which will exhaust $81 million total program funds. To date, 9 standard agreements approved, totaling over $68 million. |
| Strategic Investment | Tribal Homekey+ 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 11/14/25, the THK+ Program has completed 16 pre-application consultation meetings and received 1 application. One applicant is currently receiving ongoing technical assistance support to complete the application. |
| Strategic Investment | Tribal Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (Tribal HHAP): Grants for California Federally Recognized Tribes to support unique, culturally responsive | |

| | interventions to prevent and address homelessness within their communities. | |
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| Strategic Investment | Homekey+: Providing funding to build more permanent supportive homes faster for veterans and residents experiencing homelessness and Behavioral Health Challenges. | As of October 9, 2025, 32 projects have been awarded totaling an estimated $540 million to create 1,545 units. Of those funds, approximately $154 million has been awarded to create 395 units to house Veterans At-risk of or Experiencing Homelessness with a Behavioral Health Challenge. The most recent NOFA amendment prioritizes Projects serving the Veteran population in two ways: 1) prioritizes review of applications received on or after August 7, 2025, based on the inclusion of Veteran-serving units and 2) implements a $30,000 per unit additional operating award for each Veteran unit in a Project. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. | HCD continues to monitor and provide technical assistance for all active rounds of ERF, and expects to release a NOFA for ERF Round 5 by end of 2025 for $100 million. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. | HCD received 42 HHAP 6 applications, representing all regions across California, and as of November 2025 has completed one cycle of application review and amendment requests. HCD is conducting in-depth reviews of the region's Key Actions described in the System Performance Measures Improvement Plan and HHAP 6 Funding Plans. Once regions have addressed all amendment requirements, HCD will make awards on a rolling basis. HCD also continues to monitor and provide technical assistance for HHAP rounds 2 through 5, and to process HHAP 4 and 5 remainder disbursements when grantees have met all statutory requirements to receive them. |
| Strategic Investment | 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 process. Multifamily Housing Program (MHP): Provides low-interest, long-term deferred payment loans for new construction, rehabilitation, and | MFSN Round 3 awarded 30 projects, 1 of which declined, totaling $414,242,992. 10 – MHP, 10 FWHG, 2 VHHP, and 8 IIG projects for a total of 2068 units. MFSN Disaster NOFA received a total of 38 applications and we anticipate making award announcements in December 2025. |

| | 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. | |
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| Strategic Investment | HOME American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP): Assists individuals or households at risk of, or experiencing homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter. | The HOME-ARP NOFA closed in 2024. Ten projects were awarded funds. Four are under construction. The remaining projects anticipate in 2026. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. | HOME 2024 closed on May 2025. 25 applications were received, and awards will be made in December 2025. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. 52 applications were received, and all 52 awards have been made as of September 2025. Standard Agreements for all these awards are fully executed as of October 2025. In February 2025, HCD was awarded $3 million for the Rapid Unsheltered Survivor Housing Program (ESG-RUSH) grant funds to respond to the LA wildfire Disaster in January 2025. HCD awarded $2,887,500.00 to their subrecipient, the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA). LACDA then awarded the funds to a subrecipient, Union Station, for Rapid Re-housing assistance. To |

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| | | date, HCD and LACDA have made draws to administer the program and Union Station is working on two draws for Rapid Re-housing for approximately $180,000.<br><br>In April 2025, HCD awarded LACDA $358,930 tri al in old 2022 ESG funds that had a remediation plan approved by HUD to be used for the same purposes as above for ESG-RUSH. LACDA has gone into contract with the same subrecipient, Union Station, and to date, they have drawn approximately $1,800 in Rapid Re-housing expenses. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. | On September 30, 2025, the 2025 CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) was released. The 2025 CDBG NOFA makes available $27 million in federal funds for housing, economic development, and community development activities. Eligible applicants are non-entitlement Units of General Local Government. Applications are anticipated to open on December 1, 2025, and close on January 30, 2026. |
| Strategic Investment | 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 Program started in Fiscal Year 2018-2019 (FY18) and concluded in Fiscal Year 2020-2021 (FY20). The status of the remaining 21 multifamily affordable housing developments with HHC/NHTF financing is comprised of six (6) projects that will start construction within the next 12 months; twelve (12) projects are actively under construction and will close on permanent financing within the next 36 months; and three (3) project that closed on permanent financing and the project is fully leased by residents. |
| | HOME-ARP Reentry Housing Pilot Project: Funding to develop units for re-entry populations and/or those exiting state and federal prisons and local jails. | Funds for HOME-ARP Reentry Housing Projects were awarded in August 2025. The project is anticipated in commencing construction in the Summer of 2026 and consist of 32 units of housing for those exiting state and federal prisons and local jail. This is a one-time program. No other funding will be available for this program. |
| 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 | |

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| | assistance and, when necessary, enforcements through the Housing Accountability Unit. | |
| 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. | |
| 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. | The Affordable Housing Finance Workgroup (AHFW) convened June 2025 and is expected to meet through May 2026. Members include CDLAC, CTCAC, CalHFA, HCD, BCSH, representatives of local governments, tribal governments, affordable housing developers, other stakeholders, and advocacy organizations. Recommendations to the legislature to implement a single consolidated application and coordinated review process for affordable housing resources are currently under development. |
| 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 Memorandum of Understanding was executed in November 2024. Beginning in 2025, HCD, CalHFA, and TCAC coordinated and developed streamlined processes to enhance compliance monitoring in alignment with AB 2006. The collaboration includes key functions such as site inspections, budget reporting, changes in ownership, property management, and reserve withdrawals. |
| 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. | The Tribal HHAP Round 4 NOFA was released on September 30, 2025, with $28.5 million available to California Federally Recognized Tribes. These flexible funds are intended to support each community's unique efforts to prevent and end homelessness. The application deadline is January 16, 2026. While workshops held from August through November have concluded, HCD continues to offer technical assistance and drop-in Zoom office hours, with increased engagement expected as the deadline approaches. |

## Section 3: Other Department Updates

**The No Place Like Home FY 24-25 Annual Report should be available by December 31 on the program webpage at** No Place Like Home Program | California Department of Housing and Community Development.

**California Department of Public Health (CDPH)**

## Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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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 Relations Coordinator. The Housing & Homelessness staff will coordinate with her 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. | The Housing & Homelessness team is conducting a landscape analysis to assess where coordination can occur with the Center for Family Health. H&H staff plan on creating and recruiting for an internal cabinet to establish sustainable infrastructure for housing, homelessness, and health equity within the department. This approach ensures that the work related to housing and health is institutionalized and prioritized, rather than dependent on specific individuals . |
| 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 will work with CDPH's Office of Communications 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 have drafted a proposal to seek funding for compensation of LEAB members. |
| 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 their current coordination and collaboration efforts with CoCs. CDPH has analyzed this data and has completed a report. We plan to promote the report Q1 of 2026. |

| 4.C.28 | Track and measure families and youth under 18 experiencing homelessness, including population level surveillance and CDPH service provision | An intern is starting work this fall to identify data sources (e.g., MIHA; PIT counts) and work on a Maternal Homelessness data brief. |
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| 4.C.29 | Analyze mortality data for people experiencing homelessness, specifically focusing on deaths caused by climate-related factors. | Birth and death BUCP approved by OHE legal; resubmitted CPHS (IRB) approval under different category. Application in process; made some minor requested edits and resubmitted Sept 2025 |
| 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. Follow up surveys have been sent out to Northern and Central CA location. Initial surveys have been sent to the LA region. We are planning a pilot project with air monitors in shelters in Bay Area County shelters to test the effectiveness of the PAC units. We have one shelter that has agreed to the pilot so far. |
| 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.<br><br>**Mortality:** death data request in progress<br><br>**Births**: H&H intern is starting work this fall to identify data sources (e.g., MIHA; PIT counts) |
| 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. | WaSH (water, sanitation, hygiene) Guidelines have been finalized and CDPH is supporting the distribution. Researchers presented Guidelines at our October internal CDPH H&H working group. Plan for all CDPH training in 2026 and distribution to LHJs. |
| 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. We are currently coordinating internally with other sections and branches within OHE on this action item. |
| 5.B.16 | Support communities in responding to climate change by working on projects | We will create and recruit an internal Cabinet to establish sustainable infrastructure for housing, |

| | 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. | homelessness, and health equity within the department. This approach ensures that the work related to housing and health is institutionalized and prioritized, rather than dependent on specific individuals |
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**California Department of State Hospitals (DSH)**

**Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates**

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| Opening of MHRC facility in Los Angeles County | December 2025 | Funded by the IST Solutions Infrastructure program |

**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. | As of November 2025, DSH has executed one small county CBR for 8 beds and is in contract negotiations with two potential counties interested in combined CBR/Diversion programs with a total of 85 beds for both program types.<br><br>This expansion is in addition to the combined CBR and Diversion program established in Los Angeles County beginning in 2018-19 and expanded to a total of 1,005 beds by the end of 2024-25. |
| 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. | As of November 2025, DSH has contracted with multiple providers to establish a 60-bed Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) program across two 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 2026-27. |
| 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. | As of November 2025, DSH has executed contracts with 22counties and commenced contract negotiations with an additional three counties to contract for permanent Diversion programs and two counties to contract for combined Diversion/CBR programs that will provide 714 Diversion-only and 85 Diversion/CBR treatment slots annually.<br><br>This expansion is in addition to the combined Diversion and CBR 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. |

| 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 November 2025, 13 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 1,642beds to support permanent Diversion and CBR programs. In addition, one project proposal submitted by the awarded CBO was approved for funding. |
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| 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. In addition, DSH continues to foster connections to Medicare enrollment counseling for older adults ensuring patients understand the benefit to timely Medicare/Medicaid enrollment. In the most recent quarter, DSH is also working directly with the Enhanced Care Management program in Los Angeles County to identify and link eligible DSH patients prior to discharge from the state hospitals. This partnership will inform DSH policies and practices rolled out with other counties' ECM programs. |
| 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. DSH has established collaborative partnerships with San Diego and Los Angeles Counties to help inform DSH policy and pilot processes to facilitate warm in reach services for those discharging from DSH to a jail setting for transition planning and linkage to services. |

| 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). DSH participates in monthly CARE Call for Statewide Petitioners workgroup to share information and experience with CDCR stakeholders to assist with the filing of petitions by CDCR for patients committed as an offender with a mental disorder (Penal Code 2962) court ordered released to parole. In the last quarter, DSH worked with CDCR Division of Adult Parole Operations to support submission of new Medi-Cal applications; or reinstatement of Medi-Cal benefits for PC 2962 patients upon release from the state hospital and transition to state parole. |
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| 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 August 2025, DSH continues 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. 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. DSH has established a process to provide CBH with a Notification of Release for all state hospital patients deemed incompetent to stand trial at the time of discharge. DSH recently implemented this process with the counties which included establishing a standardized process for CBH to request and receive DSH's discharge packet of information. |
| 4.B.16 | Evaluate Diversion and Community - Based Restoration program outcomes, ensure collection of client and service- | DSH has partnered with Policy Research Associates to conduct a phased evaluation of DSH's community continuum of care for IST |

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| | level data, and find opportunities to link HDIS and DSH data to evaluate programs. | 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 qualitive data for their analyses.  Because the pilot program was active through June 2025, a final report for that initial retrospective outcome evaluation of the pilot IST diversion program is not yet available.<br><br>Currently, PRA is conducting 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. |
| 5.A.12 | Expand current educational, training, and technical assistance opportunities for local partners to address the housing and treatment needs of people in pre-trial mental health diversion or Community-Based Restoration (CBR) programs. Support local partners' planning for transitioning diversion or transitioning CBR clients to long-term/permanent housing and treatment. | DSH continues to work with the American Psychiatric Association (APA), to expand its training and technical assistance, related to the treatment of IST population and supporting DSH's continuum of care, using diverse formats such as webinars, lectures, and on-demand courses through an online educational platform. The educational opportunities will support treatment and housing providers and the broader IST stakeholder community (i.e. Sheriff, District Attorney, Public Defender, Courts/Judges, County Behavioral Health, etc.). As of August 2025, the educational platform is live. |

**California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)**

## 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. | • AB 130 and SB 131 have passed. These bills list affordable housing as a method of VMT mitigation and link affordable housing to VMT mitigation banks. <br>• CalSTA continues to hold affordable housing workgroup meetings with staff from HCD, the CTC and Caltrans. |
| 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. | No update |
| 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. | No Update |
| 3.C.20 | Implement quality assurance strategies, including strengthening regular training, to implement Caltrans's Encampment Coordinators Reference Guide and Maintenance Policy Directive 1001R. Strengthen partnerships to respond to risks and needs of people in encampments on Caltrans-controlled property. | Caltrans MPD 1001-R1 continues to guide the department's holistic approach to addressing homelessness and encampments on the state ROW. <br><br>We are currently updating the Encampment Coordinator Reference Guide to incorporate changes to our processes including the transition to a GIS based tracking program for reporting purposes. <br><br>Regular training is ongoing including statewide monthly meetings; 1:1 meeting with District Encampment staff; training on the CERT/Survey 123 GIS program and contractor trainings. |
| 3.C.21 | Work with partners to use available Caltrans property for temporary emergency shelter. | No Update |
| 3.C.22 | Strengthen efforts to provide advance notification to local housing service | Caltrans is strengthening coordination by creating a GIS layer of ERF grant sites to help Encampment |

| | partners regarding encampment removal activities to coordinate outreach and additional services. | Coordinators identify when a removal is planned in a grant site so that notification can be provided to Grantees. |
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| | | HCD reviews weekly planned removals and provides feedback to make sure that sites are accurately identified, and outreach connections are made. Caltrans routinely updates maps to reflect any necessary changes identified. |
| | | Caltrans continues to provide 2 weeks' notice to social service providers at other sites when possible, allowing time for outreach. |
| 4.B.15 | Conduct an annual statewide encampment survey and assess effectiveness of strategies used to address encampments on Caltrans property. | Caltrans will conduct the annual survey of encampments in early 2026. |

**California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet)**

**Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates**

| Program | NOFA Release Date | Application Due Date | Available, Funding | Eligible Applicants | Additional Information/ Contact Info |
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| Homekey+ | Amended 08/07/2025 | Continuous until funds are exhausted | Veterans $1,033,000,000 | Tribal entities, cities, counties, and all other state, regional, and local public entities, including councils of government, metropolitan planning organizations, public housing authorities, and regional transportation planning agencies designated in Section 29532.1 of the Government Code. | |

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| VHHP Project Grand Opening – Delores Huerta | September 2025 | 58 units with affordable housing for farm workers and 15 supportive housing units for veterans experiencing homelessness |
| VHHP Project Grand Opening – Linnet Corner | September 2025 | 64 senior supportive housing units with 16 of those units for veterans experiencing homelessness. |
| VHHP Project Grand Opening - Ventura | September 2025 | 122 apartments for veterans and their families with 95 supportive units for homeless veterans |
| VHHP Project Grand Opening – Huntington Square | October 2025 | 48-unit complex for low-income seniors with 35 senior veteran supportive housing units |
| VHHP Project Grand Opening – Veterans Commons | October 2025 | 48-unit veteran supportive housing complex with 35 set aside for senior veterans |
| VHHP Project Grand Opening – Lightfighter Village | November 2025 | 71 units for veterans, with 53 supportive housing units set aside for formerly homeless veterans |

**Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions**

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| Strategic Investment | Veterans Support to Self-Reliance 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. | See the Prop. 1 (Homekey +) update in Section. 3 of this document. |
| 3.C.26 | Coordinate with the US Department of Veterans Affairs programs to connect Veterans to benefits and implement VA homeless programs. | CalVet continues to partner 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. | CalVet meeting with Cal ICH in December 2025 to discuss AB 977 dashboard and updates. |

| 5.A.3 | Continue to develop and deploy Housing First training to sites funded by the Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program. | No Update |
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| 5.C.24 | Implement the Veterans Support of Self-Reliance pilot program to identify and evaluate approaches that help aging, highly vulnerable veterans with a history of homelessness who are residing in permanent supportive housing. The goal is to support veterans to thrive within community-based housing with appropriate services and supports. | The Veterans Support to Self-Reliance (VSSR) Pilot Program continues to provide enhanced on-site supportive services for high-acuity veterans aged 55 and older living in permanent supportive housing across California.<br><br>A review of data and trends in third quarter of year three of the VSSR Pilot, in comparison to the data submitted in the 1st quarter of this year to the data that grantees submitted a year ago.<br><br><ul><li>Enrollment numbers have grown slightly in the past year. Grantees reported a total of 414 enrollees at the end of the first quarter of Year 3, compared to the 406 reported at the end of last year's first quarter.</li><li>12 residents who would have been eligible for the Pilot have left their housing program in the first quarter of year 3 compared to 18 exits a year ago.</li><li>Grantees reported improvement in general health in enrollees the Y3Q1 compared to what the Y2Q1 data suggested.</li><li>The recent data suggests more engagement and participation in group programs although most veterans are emerging from their units with the same frequency as they did a year ago.</li></ul>In addition to program data review, the ongoing impact analysis in partnership with RAND corporation has resulted in new interim findings included in a July 2025 interim report, including the following:<br><br><ul><li>Housing stability: 98% remain housed; negative exits are rare (2%) and none occurred within the last six months of reporting. This pattern is consistent with the theory that VSSR may serve as a protective factor against housing loss and negative exits.</li><li>Safety & health: Falls down 63%; ER visits and ambulance/911 calls reduced by nearly two-thirds.</li></ul> |

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| | | • Health behaviors: Missed appointments dropped 63%; daily meal frequency doubled; alcohol use declined, but medication adherence fell and opioid use rose.2<br>• Engagement: Group participation is strongly protective, associated with better health, fewer acute care visits, and fewer habitability complaints.<br>• Higher level of needs: Participants are older, medically complex, and racially diverse, with a high prevalence of depression, anxiety, hypertension, PTSD, and arthritis. |

**Section 3: Other Department Updates**

**Proposition 1 (Homekey +) -** Championed by Governor Newsom and approved by voters in 2024, is transforming California's mental health system with a $6.4 billion Behavioral Health Bond for housing, services, and treatment for veterans and people experiencing homelessness. Over $2.1 billion of this funding supports Homekey+, which helps local communities build permanent supportive housing (PSH) with wraparound services—about 50% of which is dedicated to veteran-focused projects.

In November 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) released a $2.145 billion Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for PSH under Homekey+, modeled after Governor Newsom's successful Homekey program.

To date, Homekey+ has awarded $540.4 million for 32 projects, creating 1,517 affordable homes across California—395 reserved for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Five previously awarded veteran projects also received $4 million in additional funding for operating expenses.

New Awards

To date, the $251.8 million in Homekey+ awards is expected to create 707 new permanent supportive homes (plus 13 manager units), including 231 units for veterans. Veteran project highlights for this quarter include:

- San Francisco (1035 Vets LLC & Swords to Plowshares) – $39M to convert an assisted living facility into 124 homes for veterans with behavioral health needs.
- San Diego Housing Commission – $32.4M to convert a hotel into 80 homes (40 for veterans) at Starling Place, with services from the VA and County Behavioral Health.
- Visalia (Self-Help Enterprises) – $12M for 25 veteran homes within the 80-unit Crescent Meadows project.
- Fresno (La Hacienda Mobile Estates) – $5M to add 18 new manufactured homes, 17 for veterans.
- Jackson (Victory Village, Inc.) – $5.2M for 20 homes, 15 for veterans, in the city's first Homekey project.
- Berkeley (Insight Housing) – $4.6M for 11 veteran homes at MLK House.

Approximately $1.03 billion in Proposition 1 funds made available through Homekey+ for veteran-serving projects, and $1.11 billion for other target populations, using a mix of Prop 1 and Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) funds. Allocations are based on regional needs, with dedicated funding for rural communities and youth experiencing homelessness. Applications are accepted and awarded on a rolling basis.

**Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program –** The Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention (VHHP) Program continues to expand California's affordable and permanent

supportive housing resources for veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness, particularly in areas of critical need.

In September 2025 (VHHP Round 9) Multifamily Finance Super NOFA awards were announced for the remaining VHHP funding remaining. The following veteran serving projects were awarded funding:

| Brisa Encina | Lompoc | Santa Barbara | New Construction development of 49 units, with 13 supportive housing units for homeless veterans and families, VHHP funds = $8.3M | Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara |
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| Heritage View I | Santa Maria | Santa Barbara | New Construction development of 40 units, with 10 supportive housing units dedicated to homeless veterans, VHHP funds = $4.4M | People's Self-Help Housing Corporation |

The Multifamily Finance Super NOFA – Los Angeles Disaster (MFSN-LA Disaster) update:

The special MFSN of $101 million in various funding programs, which included $5.4 million in VHHP funding, was released late July and announcements from HCD, on upcoming awards, is expected late November to early December 2025.

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

**Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions**

| Reference Number | Activity | Update |
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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, 2026 – December 31, 2026. Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity application deadline was October 17, 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, 2025 – September 30, 2026. Non-Competitive Funding Opportunity application deadline was October 17, 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, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Application period: closed until summer 2026. |
| 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 | PoP: October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026. Application period: closed until summer 2026. |

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|  | provide supportive services for victims/survivors of crime with specialized needs (e.g. elderly, youth, men, disabled, LGBTQIA+, non-English speaking, culturally or religiously marginalized, etc.) who cannot be served through a traditional shelter. |  |
| 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, 2025 - December 31, 2026.\nNon-Competitive Funding Opportunity application deadline was October 20, 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.\nNext 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, 2025 - September 30, 2026.\nNon-Competitive Funding Opportunity application deadline was October 17, 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 continues to participate in local recovery efforts to support as needed.\nPPT 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 | Continue partnering with FEMA and other state/federal agencies in response to the 2025 LA wildfires. |

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| | facilitate federal response and recovery services. | |
| 3.C.24 | Engage Emergency Operations Centers, local communities, and Tribal partners to include their unhoused populations into emergency operations plans. | The DEI office is available to assist the Community Planning Unit at Cal OES to ensure that local emergency plans are inclusive and provide TA to local government as needed.<br><br>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 assist the review team with these plans. |
| 4.C.32 | Use Geographic Information System, social vulnerability index, and other data sources to understand the impact of disasters on vulnerable communities, including people experiencing homelessness. | The DEI office is working with Cal OES GIS staff to explore creating a GIS Map that would incorporate data on social vulnerability and disaster risks.<br><br>Staff completing training to support the development and on-going implementation of data mapping. |
| 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. | Listos California Disaster Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness is available on the Cal OES website.<br><br>Updates to the guide is in process after receiving stakeholder feedback. |

**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.

- Cal OES is in the planning stage for the 2025-26 Listos California Grant Program. Funding levels are anticipated to remain at $7.75

**California Health & Human Services Agency (CHHS)**

**Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions**

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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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. | N/A |
| 1.B.14 | Strengthen the alignment of the State's health care and housing responses to better serve people with complex care needs. | N/A |
| 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. | N/A |
| 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. | CalHHS held the Behavioral Health Task Force quarterly meeting, November 12th where a panel presentation and discussion on Substance Use Disorder (SUD) as a Behavioral Health Priority was discussed which included discussing how BHSA continues to support those with SUD. |
| 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. | CalHHS continues to hold and facilitate CARE Act working groups and most recently met on August 27th where the CARE annual report was discussed, and a presentation on the Role of Peers and Health Plans were discussed. CalHHS has also attended multiple site visits to counties and cities implementing CARE including Santa Ana, Long Beach, Sacramento, Alameda County, and Humboldt County. |

| 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. | N/A |
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| 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. | N/A |
| 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. | DHCS has released a [BHSA Myths vs Reality](#) document, which clarifies and dispels frequent misconceptions or "myths" about the BHSA. |
| 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. | N/A |
| 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. | This year, CDII obtained and cleaned data from Cal ICH's HDIS, DHCS' Medi-Cal and FPACT programs, and CDSS' CalWORKs, CalFresh, and Housing and Homeless Division programs, and began testing matching methodologies. Given the complexity of matching data across these diverse programs—something never before done at the statewide level—we encountered challenges that required a revised approach. CDII is now validating results from this new methodology, which has shown promising early results. While the original timeline anticipated a report by the end of December 2025, we now expect to finalize the matched dataset by year-end, with initial insights and reports available in early 2026. |
| 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. | CalHHS has convened cross-agency workgroups to align on data definitions and limitations. |

**California Housing Finance Agency (CalHFA)**

**Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates**

| Event | Date | Notes |
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| CalHFA Board of Directors Meeting | December 11, 2025 | |

**Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions**

| Reference Number | Activity | Update |
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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. Seven developments were selected under this founding round (Round IV), creating 69 PRA units. An additional 18 eligible project have been placed on a waitlist pending future funding opportunities. CalHFA received the final Cooperative Agreement from HUD on September 19 and the document is currently under review by CalHFA's General Counsel. The agreement must be fully executed within 60 calendar days, by November 18, but CalHFA expects to complete execution by November 7. |
| 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, here's the most recent quarterly update.<br><br>NMS Quarterly 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%. | CalHFA, along with its sister housing agencies, have continued to advocate for improvements to LIHTC, which has been successful given the federal reconciliation bill which passed in July that lowers the 50% test to 25% and will allow for more tax credits in the market. |
| 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 | These efforts are underway between various housing agencies, but the impending governmental reorganization of the housing agency will likely impact the outcome of this work. |

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| | single consolidated application and coordinated review process for affordable housing resources. | |
| 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. | Following the executed MOU in July 2024 and amended MOU in November 2024, the multiagency team recently finalized an Interagency Agreement to specify compliance monitoring requirements and agreements. As departments gear up for governmental reorganization of the housing agency, the teams are looking for ways to coordinate and align, particularly around AB 519. |
| 3.B.13 | Conduct Tribal consultations and roundtable discussions to identify opportunities to improve Tribal communities' access to programs. | CalHFA conducted two listening sessions in Sacramento and San Diego. Working on third session in the Central/Northern CA area. |
| 3.B.14 | Expand culturally competent outreach to ensure access to State-funded housing programs across racial, ethnic, gender, geographic, and affordability demographics, including with Tribal communities. | CalHFA set up an Underserve Community Committee to create and implement targeted outreach efforts to underserved communities. |
| 4.B.13 | Analyze time between funding approval and occupancy dates for CalHFA projects. Identify barriers to project completion. | No update |

## Section 3: Other Program Updates

CalHFA has launched the Cal Assist Mortgage Fund Program to help California homeowners who are currently displaced due to a California disaster such as the Los Angeles wildfires or floods. It provides much-needed relief from mortgage payments for displaced families for 3 months, up to a maximum of $20,000. The funds never have to be repaid, and it is free to apply. As of **Nov. 10**, 457 homeowners have received grants averaging $8,000 toward their mortgage, with 79% of the grants going to homeowners who were affected by the Eaton Fire, 17% by the Palisades Fire and 4% other California disasters such as storms, floods and the Mountain Fire in 2024.

**California Workforce Development Board (CWDB)**

**Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates**

| Program | NOFA Release Date | Application Due Date | Available, Funding | Eligible Applicants | Additional Information/ Contact Info |
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| HIRE | Fall 2025 | TBD | $10M | Current HIRE recipients | Support to Reentry |

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| Appointment of new Chief Deputy Director | July 2025 | Joelle Ball |
| Assistant Deputy Director of Workforce Policy | Announced August 2025, swearing in September 2025 | Michael Wiafe |

**Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions**

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| Strategic Investment | Helping Justice Involved Reenter Employment (HIRE): Integrates workforce and reentry services and to promote equity and create economic opportunity for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals through partnerships with community-based organizations with demonstrated success in serving the reentry population. | Legislators approved new funding ~$10M in 2025-2026 budget - RFA will be early Spring 2026 for current HIRE grantees |
| Strategic Investment | Breaking Barriers to Employment Initiative: Supplements existing workforce and education programs by providing services to ensure the success of individuals either preparing to enter or already enrolled in workforce and education programs. | No updates |
| Strategic Investment | High Road Training Partnerships Resilient Workforce Fund Program: Funds training partnerships with high-road employers to directly increase the number of skilled | Pending award announcements/ approval |

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| Strategic Investment | Prison to Employment (P2E) Initiative: Integrates workforce and reentry services in all of California's labor regions and promotes equity and creates economic opportunity for formerly incarcerated and justice-involved individuals. | No new funding authorized this budget cycle. P2E grant ends 12/2025 |
| 1.B.27 | Work with Caltrans for targeted hires in High Road Construction Careers and their projects via a Project Labor Agreement and/or Community Work Agreements and prioritize reentry and homeless populations. | Currently in negotiations with Caltrans and CWDB |
| 1.B.28 | Explore options for funding LWDBs to enroll people staying in shelters, or accessing other homelessness services, into job training and education. | No updates |
| 2.A.12 | Create partnerships with Local Workforce Development Areas and Jobs First Regions to provide employment and career training opportunities for Veterans. | Current Road Shows happening throughout CA at Jobs First Regions |
| 2.A.18 | Create partnerships with State agencies to support "pre-entry" for justice-involved people to access employment and/or job training to find housing and mitigate a return to experiencing homelessness and recidivism. | In discussion with CDCR re: Workforce center in Valley State Prison and San Quentin |
| 2.C.35 | Develop collaborative workforce guidance, best practices, and potential training provider lists with DOR in support of people with disabilities. | Currently updating partnership agreement with DOR |
| 3.B.18 | Develop new relationships and partnerships with Tribal Nations to begin development of workforce training programs. | No updates |
| 3.C.30 | Coordinate service delivery by identifying best practices, training opportunities, and peer-to-peer connections between the Local Workforce Development Boards | Jobs First Regional tours will be providing insight into CWDB creating a best practices protocol for creating better connections between workforce boards, educators, and industry |

| 4.B.17 | Track and report California Workforce Development Board program data for people experiencing homelessness, including participants served, career services provided, credentials received, and successful employment placements. Gather regional data on training and employment using input from the Jobs First High Road Training Collaborative. | In process |
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| 5.C.28 | Develop policies to incorporate employment centers into state-funded housing programs, including both interim and permanent housing. | Not in the budget currently |

**California Department of Social Services (CDSS)**

**Section 1: Upcoming Important Dates**

| Program | NOFA Release Date | Application Due Date | Available Funding | Eligible Applicants | Additional Information/ Contact Info |
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| BFH | November 3, 2025 | December 5, 2025 | $73.1 million (counties) & $3.85 million (Tribal Set-Aside) | Counties and Tribal Grantees | ACWDL dated November 3, 2025 BFH ACWDL webinar walkthrough for all BFH grantees, scheduled for November 20. |
| Home Safe | November 3, 2025 | December 5, 2025 | $75.6 million (counties) & approximately $4 million for Tribes | Counties and Tribal Grantees | ACWDL dated November 3, 2025, Home Safe ACWDL webinar walkthrough for all Home Safe grantees, scheduled for November 19. |
| HDAP | November 2025 | December 2025 | $40.2 million & approximately $2.1 million for Tribes | Counties and Tribal Grantees | ACWDL dated November 10, 2025, HDAP ACWDL webinar walkthrough scheduled for December 3. |
| HDAP | October 2, 2025 | October 31, 2025 (planning allocations) December 31, 2025 (submit a program funding request) | $3 million | Tribal Grantees | All Tribal Leaders Letter NO. 25-04 dated October 2, 2025. Current grantees have through October 31, 2025, to accept planning allocations, and eligible Tribal Entities have until December 31, 2025, to submit a program funding request (PFR). |

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| CWDA TAY Subcommittee Meeting | 10/22/2025 | CDSS CFSD provided THPP policy updates resulting from legislative bills being signed and taking effect January 2025. The audience included county child welfare staff and local/community service providers. |

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| Chief Probation Officers of CA (CPOC) Conference (TAY Services Breakout Session) | 10/23/2025 | CDSS CFSD participated in the Transitioning from Foster Care to Adulthood: Unlocking Resources for Success breakout session at this year's Chief Probation Officers of California conference. The audience included probation professionals from across the state as well as attorneys, and local providers. The TAY Unit provided updated subject matter expertise related to housing, specifically new changes in THPP policy taking effect January 2025. |
| Beyond the Bench 2025 Conference: Coming Together Again to Support Children, Families & Communities | November 17th – 19th, 2025 | HHD, together with tribal and county BFH representatives, will lead a session on mitigating homelessness experienced by child welfare involved families at the Beyond the Bench 2025 conference; a multidisciplinary statewide event focused on children, youth, and families involved with the California court system. The session will cover the challenges families experiencing homelessness face when navigating the child welfare system, how the Bringing Families Home (BFH) program is impacting housing stability and child welfare outcomes, and best practices from both tribal and county perspectives. |
| CalWORKs Training Academy | December 2nd – 4th, 2025 | The CalWORKs Training Academy (CTA) is a biennial conference hosted by CDSS that focuses on innovative and effective ways to support the program by bringing together relevant, empowering strategies to CalWORKs partners from throughout the state featuring about 500 state and county partners.<br><br>HHD and the Change Well Project (CWP) are hosting an in-person pre-academy session on the |

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| | | CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) as part of the CTA on December 2. County staff working on HSP and the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA) program will participate in the session. The session will include an overview of recent HSP updates and program impacts; a panel discussion of county staff from Napa, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Bernardino counties focused on best practices, successes, and challenges in operating HSP local programs; an update on plans and relevant timelines for implementing new requirements related to program housing plans and complaint resolution processes; and an interactive activity led by CWP.<br><br>HHD will also host a workshop on the HA program at the CTA on December 2. The workshop will provide county HA staff with an overview of the new HA FAQ [All County Information Notice Dated November 3, 2025](#), which provides clarifying guidance to ensure that local HA programs are as accessible as possible to eligible families across the state. |
| 2025 RTFH Conference on Homelessness: Harnessing the Power of Purpose | December 10th – 11th, 2025 | HHD will be participating in the 2025 RTFH Conference on Homelessness: Harnessing the Power of Purpose at the San Diego Convention Center. This event brings together policy leaders, service providers, healthcare professionals, and individuals with lived experience in order to elevate best practices, strengthen national collaboration, and address anticipated changes in federal homelessness policy. |

**Section 2: Action Plan Strategic Investments and Actions**

| Activity Reference | Activity | Update |
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| Strategic Investment | Community Care Expansion: 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. | As of October 2025, nine of the 61 CCE-funded Capital Expansion projects, representing 522 new beds/units, have completed construction and are in the process of initiating move-in, and an additional 16 projects, representing 1085 beds/units, have also broken ground.<br><br>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 November 2025, 201 licensed residential adult and senior care facilities at risk of closure have contracted with 25 counties to preserve 5,880 beds through the CCE Preservation Program.<br><br>On October 14, 2025, CDSS released a press release that focused on the positive impact of CCE funding in Bakersfield. The Seniors Housing Redevelopment Bakersfield project is a new 300-bed Residential Care Facility for the Elderly (RCFE) that will provide housing and supportive services to older adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including those living with mental health illness, substance use disorders, and psychological disabilities.<br><br>On November 5, 2025, CDSS attended the grand opening of Generation Healthcare's newest adult residential facility, Siena Terraces, in Placer County. The CCE Program granted $13.4 million in funding for this project, which created 78 beds for individuals who are receiving or applying for SSI/SSP and CAPI who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness, including those who have historically been underserved within the behavioral health system.<br><br>On November 20, 2025, CDSS attended the grand opening of East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation's permanent supportive housing project, the Phoenix, in Oakland, CA. The CCE Program granted $5.2 million in funding for this project, which created 101 units for individuals who are chronically homeless and for other low- or very low-income individuals with mental or physical |

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| | | health limitations, active or historical substance use, and/or co-occurring disorders. Approximately 48% of the units will be designated for the CCE target population (SSI/SSP and/or CAPI recipients or applicants, who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness). |
| Strategic Investment | CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP): State-funded, locally administered program in which counties provide flexible housing-related support, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness in the CalWORKs program. | Since the HSP's inception in 2014 through June 30, 2025, over 100,300 families were served, over 51,700 were permanently housed and 51% of families exited to permanent housing across the state. In FY 2024-25, 56 counties were operating HSP and over 14,500 families were approved for HSP. Over 6,700 families were permanently housed and 48% of families who exited HSP that year 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. |
| Strategic Investment | CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA): Provides payments for families in the CalWORKs program for temporary shelter for up to 16 days, to secure or maintain housing, including a security deposit and last month's rent, or up to two months of rent arrearages. | In FY 2024-25, over 59,900 families were approved for temporary HA and over 10,000 families were approved for permanent HA. |
| Strategic Investment | Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP): State-funded, locally-administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation, rental assistance, and legal services, to individuals likely eligible for disability benefits who are experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, with a focus on chronic homelessness. | Since HDAP's inception in FY 2017-18 through June 30, 2025, over 33,400 people were served, over 6,200 people experiencing homelessness were permanently housed, and over 160 people at-risk of homelessness stabilized their living situation. Overall, 46% of individuals who exited HDAP since program inception exited to permanent housing across the state excluding Los Angeles County data (due to historical data tracking and reporting challenges). |
| | | In FY 2024-25, over 3,400 people were approved for HDAP, over 700 people experiencing homelessness were permanently housed, and over 30 people at-risk of homelessness stabilized their housing situation. Overall, 47% of individuals who exited HDAP that year exited to permanent housing across the state (note that this includes Los Angeles County data as data tracking and reporting challenges were addressed for FY 2024-25 data). By comparison, 35% of participants receiving services overall through local homeless |

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| | | response system in CA exited to permanent housing for Federal FY 2023. |
| | | In addition, since program inception, over 28,800 disability applications have been submitted, over 7,000 disability applications were approved, and the program has a 79% approval rate for disposed disability benefits applications. In FY 2024-25, over 4,300 disability applications were submitted, over 1,200 disability applications were approved and there was a 79% approval rate for disposed disability benefit applications. |
| | | 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 county programs scaled down or closed due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations made in FY 2021 and 2022. |
| | | Per All-County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) dated July 30, 2025, $44.6 million in one-time funding was appropriated for HDAP in FY 2025-26 and is available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2028. CDSS will continue to provide TA to grantees that are scaled down or closed to support quick and effective program ramp-up once the funds have been allocated to grantees. |
| | | On September 16, 2025, the 2025 HDAP Annual Report to the Legislature was sent to the Legislature and posted on the HHD website. |
| Strategic Investment | 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. | Since Home Safe's inception in 2018 through June 30, 2025, over 17,900 people were served, over 4,000 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided for people at risk of homelessness, over 2,600 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided for people experiencing homelessness, over 380 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided to people whose housing status at entry was not collected/reported and 55% of those who exited the program exited to permanent housing. |
| | | In FY 2024-25, over 2,600 people were approved for Home Safe, over 1500 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided for people at risk of homelessness, over 750 instances of housing-related financial assistance were |

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| | | provided to people experiencing homelessness, over 150 instances of housing-related financial assistance were provided to people whose housing status at entry was not collected/reported and 68% of those who exited the program 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. |
| | | In FY 2024-25, Home Safe served approximately 40% of the Adult Protective Services (APS) population with identified housing needs. |
| | | At the start of FY 2024-25, all 58 counties and 23 tribal grantees operated a Home Safe Program, although some of these county programs scaled down or closed due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations. |
| | | Per All-County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) dated July 30, 2025, $83.8 million in one-time funding was appropriated for Home Safe in FY 2025-26, and is available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2028. CDSS will continue to provide TA to grantees that are scaled down or closed to support quick and effective program ramp-up once the funds have been allocated to grantees. |
| Strategic Investment | Bringing Families Home (BFH): State-funded, locally-administered program in which counties and tribal grantees provide flexible housing-related supports, including housing navigation and rental assistance, to eligible families experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness who are in the child welfare system or who receive child welfare services in accordance with tribal law or customs. | Since the program's inception in 2017 through June 30, 2025, over 10,800 families were served, over 4,100 families experiencing homelessness were permanently housed, and over 1,100 at-risk families were stabilized through BFH. Overall, 63% of families that exited the program exited to permanent housing. |
| | | In FY 2024-25, over 1,900 families were approved for BFH, over 460 families were permanently housed, and over 320 at-risk families' housing were stabilized. Overall, 68% of families who exited that year 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. |
| | | At the start of FY 2024-25, a total of 53 counties and 25 Tribal Grantees were funded to operate BFH statewide, although some county programs |

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| | | scaled down or closed due to the exhaustion of one-time funding appropriations. |
| | | Per All-County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) dated July 30, 2025, $81.0 million in one-time funding was appropriated for BFH in FY 2025-26 and is available for encumbrance or expenditure through June 30, 2028. CDSS will continue to provide TA to grantees that are scaled down or closed to support quick and effective program ramp-up once the funds have been allocated to grantees. |
| Strategic Investment | 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, the seven CDSS-funded pilot programs serving former foster youth and pregnant individuals across California's major regions completed enrollment. These programs offered guaranteed income payments of $600 to $1200 per month for 12 to 18 months to nearly 2,000 participants. Some participants have concluded their payment programs and all support for the participants will end by April 2026.

For the GI Pilot for Older Adults, the California Department of Social Services selected GiveDirectly as the intended grantee, with enrollment anticipated to begin in Summer 2026. The program will serve low-income adults aged 60 or older living in San Joaquin County, with the goal of advancing guaranteed income as a "bridge" to longer-term supports, focusing on housing and income security. |
| Strategic Investment | 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 | As part of the first ever Program Update Survey for tribal grantees of BFH, HDAP, and Home Safe (as outlined in All Tribal Leaders Letter 25-03, dated August 1, 2025) HHD is providing intensive, tailored budget-related technical assistance to |

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| | 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. | support tribal grantees in completing the required budget template portion of the Surveys, as needed. On September 24, 2025, HHD attended the Annual Tribal Consultation Summit (ATCS) to consult Tribes and Tribal Entities on proposed funding methodology for the FY 2025-26 tribal set aside. The tribal set aside is comprised of one-time funds appropriated by the Budget Act of 2025. Tribes and Tribal Entities (both currently participating and interested) of the HDAP, Home Safe and BFH programs provided feedback on methodology that would allow for the equitable distribution of funds within tribal communities. HHD also presented the methodology options on September 25, 2025, at the Tribal Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting. On October 9, 2025, HHD invited Tribal grantees already operating one or more HHD programs to a listening session to obtain feedback on the same methodology options. Finally, HHD attended Offices Hours, hosted by the Office of Tribal Affairs (OTA), to answer any outstanding questions about HHD programs, the upcoming funding opportunity, and the proposed funding methodology. HHD is drafting an All Tribal Leader Letter (ATLL) to announce the availability of funds for Tribes and Tribal Entities to operate HDAP, Home Safe, and/or BFH and is planning to publish the letter in the coming months. |
| 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. | CDSS is an active member of the No Wrong Door (NWD) State Leadership Council, led by the Department of Aging (CDA), the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), and other state partners. As new NWD resources are developed through this Council, CDSS will continue working with CDA, DOR, and other state partners to determine how best to share CDSS program information across new resource platforms. |
| 1.B.34 | Continue expanding the statewide CalFresh Restaurant Meals Program to increase access to food for CalFresh Program participants experiencing homelessness. | • Between December 2024 and August 2025, the RMP expanded by 324 restaurants, across California, significantly increasing food access to CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness.<br>• As of August 2025, there are 5,883 active RMP restaurants within 50 California counties.<br>• As of June 2025, there are 1,805,526 CalFresh recipients experiencing |

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| | | homelessness were being served by the RMP. <br> • As of August 2025, an estimated $7,944,410.22 in CalFresh dollars were spent on RMP transactions by CalFresh participants experiencing homelessness. * <br> • As of August 2025, there were an estimated 1,503,995 transactions by RMP Households experiencing homelessness. * <br><br> **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. <br><br> * This is point in time data as of August 2025. |
| 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. | 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). <br><br> Between September and October 2025, the TAY Unit participated in three case-specific technical assistance calls and had the opportunity to assist local county child welfare/probation staff with transitional planning for specific youth. This included providing policy guidance and support related to placement options for youth transitioning to Extended Foster Care and independent living. |
| 3.B.11 | Provide pre-application and other technical assistance and training opportunities, participate in listening or feedback sessions, and adapt program guidelines and guidance, to enhance access to State homelessness and housing programs and resources, and other support services, for federally recognized Tribes, Tribal organizations, Tribal consortium, and Tribal entities in California. | Tribal "Community of Practice" (CoP) technical assistance (TA) meetings for tribal grantees operating Home Safe, BFH and HDAP are held bi-monthly by Change Well Project, CDSS's contracted TA provider, to discuss program updates, technical assistance needs, and key issues affecting tribal communities. These CoP meetings support participating tribal grantees in reviewing their progress, addressing challenges, and ensuring alignment with program policies, funding requirements, and best practices. Change Well Project and CDSS also continue to provide |

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| | | both intensive and light-touch support on a wide variety of program implementation and refinement activities through one-on-one TA with tribal grantees and other group learning opportunities. |
| | | On August 20, 2025, HHD hosted the first-ever Tribal Program Update Survey Webinar for tribal grantees of the BFH, HDAP, and Home Safe programs. The webinar provided Tribal Grantees with an explanation of the intent, purpose, and process for submitting required Program Update Surveys covering the details of program design and implementation over the course of Fiscal Year 2024-25, as outlined in All Tribal Leaders Letter 25-03. As part of the Program Update Survey submission process, HHD is providing intensive, tailored budget-related technical assistance to support tribal grantees in completing the required budget template portion of the Surveys, as needed. |
| | | Resources for Tribal grantees, including invoicing templates, have been added to HHD's Tribal Grantee webpage. |
| 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. | |

**Section 3: Other Department Updates**

| Other | Program | Release/ Event Date | Description |
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| HA FAQ ACIN I-57-25 | HA | November 3, 2025 | Provides County Welfare Departments with answers to frequently asked questions about the CalWORKs Homeless Assistance (HA) program. |
| Transition to Housing and Homelessness Data Reporting Solution (HHDRS) | HSP, BFH, HDAP, and Home Safe | August 1, 2025 | In FY 2024–25, HHD transitioned from its previous practice of collecting data through Microsoft Excel workbooks to a more streamlined software system. This new platform enables program grantees to edit and submit records in real time and to more easily generate reports for analysis. As part of this effort, an ACL was issued to grantees in April 2025. Through close collaboration and partnership with program grantees, extensive data validation and cleaning |

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| | | | were conducted to ensure the accuracy and completeness of program data. The transition to the new system occurred in phases, and it has been fully operational for all programs since August 2025. |
| CDSS Housing and Homelessness Program Annual Report (AB 120) 2025 | HSP, BFH, HDAP, CCE and Home Safe | October 10, 2025 | Details implementation of HHD programs, associated expenditures and observed trends related to the housing and homelessness needs of the families, individuals with disabilities, and older adults. |
| All Tribal Leaders Letter NO. 25-04 | HDAP | October 2, 2025 | Notifies interested eligible federally recognized Tribes, tribal organizations (including but not limited to Tribal 638 Providers and Urban Indian Organizations), tribal consortia, and tribally-led nonprofits, hereafter 'tribal grantees' and nineteen (19) currently participating tribal grantees in California of available Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 planning allocations to establish, continue, and expand housing and homelessness assistance through the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). Current grantees have through October 31, 2025, to accept planning allocations, and eligible Tribal Entities have until December 31, 2025, to submit a program funding request (PFR). |
| All County Letter NO. 25-65 | CalWORKs HA, CalWORKs HSP | September 22, 2025 | Informs County Health and Human Services Agencies (HHSA) of the 3.42 percent increase to the maximum resource limit for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids, Refugee Cash Assistance, Entrant Cash Assistance and Trafficking and Crime Victims Assistance Programs, effective January 1, 2026. |
| HDAP Annual Report – Report to the Legislature FY 23-24 | HDAP | September 16, 2025 | Summarizes at a statewide level each of the statutorily required data elements (WIC Section 18999.6) submitted to the CDSS by HDAP grantees. It provides an overview of program operations and outcomes from program launch through FY 2023-24, including an overview of the program, progress made toward program implementation, a description of the impact of one-time funding awards, a summary of technical assistance provided, and other highlights. |
| Central Coast Regional Convening | Across Programs | September 11-12, 2025 | HHD and its contracted TA partners at Change Well Project hosted the third ever Regional Convening in Santa Barbara. Staff from Santa |

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| | | | Barbara, Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Ventura, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties were brought together to workshop and discuss local and regional challenges and successes; local and regional action plans for program improvement; opportunities for cross-agency and cross-county partnerships; and navigating the current funding environment by leveraging resources like CalAIM and strategies for stretching and braiding HHD program funds.  Grantees were also provided opportunities for networking and relationship-building as they strategized on internal, local, and regional solutions for program and homelessness response system improvements. |
| Southern California Region, Post Convening virtual meeting | Across Programs | October 23, 2025 | HHD hosted a 90-minute post-convening virtual meeting with attendees from the Southern California Regional convening in Riverside County that took place in May 2025. This post convening meeting was designed as a space for Southern California grantees to reconvene and discuss progress made on their local and regional goals. Grantees gave brief presentations on their successes and challenges and shared resources they had developed related to their local and regional goals. The group plans to continue meeting as a region to sustain the shared learning space and emerging partnerships created through the regional convening. |
| [All County Letter NO. 25-61](#) | CalWORKs HA, CalWORKs HSP | September 5, 2025 | Transmit the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Income Reporting Threshold (IRT) chart for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2026, effective October 1, 2025. |
| [County Fiscal Letter NO. 25/26-10](#) | HDAP | September 4, 2025 | Provides the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 ongoing allocation for the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP). An annual appropriation amount of $25.0 million in General Fund (GF) is available based on the Budget Act of 2025. |
| [County Fiscal Letter NO. 25/26-05](#) | CalWORKs HSP | August 12, 2025 | Provides the final Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 allocation for the California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Housing Support Program (HSP). A total amount of $95 million in General Fund (GF) is available based on the Budget Act of 2025. |

| All County Information Notice NO. I-42-25 | CalWORKs HA, CalWORKs HSP | August 11, 2025 | Announces registration for the 2025 California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs) Training Academy. |
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