

HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM (HEAP)

Program Guidance



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The California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) is pleased to announce the launch of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). HEAP is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. HEAP is authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 850, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018. This overview provides a program timeline with key milestones and delineates when stakeholders may expect program deliverables.

Available Funding

HEAP funding is divided into three categories for distribution.

Category for Distribution	Funded Amount	Eligible Applicants
Continuum of Care – Based on Point in Time Count Ranges [SB 850: Section 2, Chapter 5, 50213 (a)]	\$250,000,000	Continuum of Care (CoC)
Continuum of Care – Based on Percent of Homeless Population [SB 850: Section 2, Chapter 5, 50213 (b)]	\$100,000,000	Continuum of Care (CoC)
City / City that is also a County – Based on Population [SB 850: Section 2, Chapter 5, 50213 (c)]	\$150,000,000	Large cities with a population over 330,000

Eligible Uses

HEAP funds are intended to provide funding to Continuums of Care (CoCs) and large cities with populations over 330,000, so they may provide immediate emergency assistance to people experiencing homelessness or those at imminent risk of homelessness. Eligible uses include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Homelessness prevention activities,
- b. Criminal justice diversion programs for homeless individuals with mental health needs,
- c. Establishing or expanding services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness, and
- d. Emergency aid.

The parameters of the program are intentionally broad to allow local communities to be creative and craft programs that meet the specific needs they have identified. All activities must directly benefit the target population.

Expenditure Deadlines

The HEAP statute mandates that 50 percent of the awarded funds must be contractually obligated by January 1, 2020. Additionally, 100 percent of the funds must be expended by

June 30, 2021. Unexpended funds must be returned to the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) and will revert to the General Fund. Finally, administrative costs are capped at five percent of program funds, but this does not include staff costs directly related to carrying out program activities.

Eligible Applicants

For the HEAP program, an Administrative Entity (AE) is the CoC. The CoC is the eligible applicant for HEAP funding for the same geographic boundaries for which it administers federal Department of Housing and Urban Development CoC funds. Large cities with populations over 330,000 are also eligible applicants. Please refer to the California Department of Finance [website](#) for population estimates. Large city grant applicants will enter into a contract with Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency (BCSH) and administer their own funds separately; however, they will still be expected to collaborate with their CoC.

Shelter Crisis Declaration

The shelter crisis declaration is required for all cities and counties within a CoC that wish to receive HEAP funds, except for CoCs with fewer than 1,000 homeless people, based on the 2017 Point in Time count. Each incorporated city must declare a shelter crisis pursuant to Chapter 7.8 (commencing with Section 8698) of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code. Counties may declare a shelter crisis only for the unincorporated areas of the county. The declaration is a resolution that must be adopted by the governing body of a jurisdiction or jurisdictions within a CoC or large city. A sample resolution has been provided (see attachment A). If a CoC has fewer than 1,000 homeless people, they may submit with their application a waiver exempting all cities and the counties that are part of the CoC from declaring a shelter crisis.

Pre-Application Program Timeline

Beginning in early August, the HEAP team will begin the distribution of key program information and documents. These pre-application materials will help inform the local collaborative process and assist stakeholders as they plan their applications.

Program Guidance, Timeline, Sample Shelter Crisis Resolution, Funding Allocations	
August 3, 2018	The guidance document includes a program timeline, sample resolution and funding allocation spreadsheet.
HEAP Frequently Asked Questions	
August 10, 2018	The FAQs will be updated on a regular basis on the HCFC website: http://www.bcsb.ca.gov/hcfc/
Sample Application and Instructions	
August 17, 2018	An application map and instructions will be released in advance of the HEAP Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The map will track to the application and walk the applicant thru the application process and the information needed to complete the application.
August 20, 2018	Application instructions will be distributed along with the sample application.
Workshops/Webinars - Application Training Documents	
August 13 – Ongoing	Outreach and technical assistance will be conducted by the HEAP team. A detailed schedule will be posted on the HCFC website at a later date.

Application Timeline

Applications will be accepted immediately upon release of the Round 1 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) beginning on September 5, 2018. The Round 2 NOFA is planned for release on February 15, 2019. If, after the second round of awards, not all funds have been claimed by all administrative entities, the BCSH shall, no later than June 15, 2019, work with the Department of Finance to identify an appropriate allocation methodology for a third round of awards or determine if any unallocated funds should revert to the General Fund.

Round 1	
NOFA Release	September 5, 2018
Early Applications Reviews Start***	Starting in September 2018
Early Applications Awarded	Starting in September 2018
Early Distribution of Funds Begins	Starting in late October 2018
Round 1 Application Cut-off Date	No later than December 31, 2018
Standard Applications Awarded	No later than January 2019
Standard Distribution of Funds Begins	April 2019
Round 2	
NOFA Release	February 15, 2019
Early Applications Reviews Start***	Starting in February 2019
Early Applications Awarded	Starting in February 2019
Early Distribution of Funds Begins	Starting in late March 2019
Round 2 Application Cut-off Date	No later than April 30, 2019
Standard Applications Awarded	No later than May 2019
Standard Distribution of Funds Begins	July 2019

***The HEAP team, recognizing the urgent need in cities and counties, encourages early applications and will review applications, make award decisions, and disburse funds on a rolling basis, immediately upon receipt.

Application Process

HEAP applications will be received through an online portal, with supporting attachments submitted via email. There are separate applications for CoCs and LCs. The applicant (CoC or large city) must submit with the application proof that a resolution declaring a shelter crisis has been approved for all jurisdictions receiving funds. Applicants must conduct a local collaborative application process to determine how HEAP funds will be utilized in the CoC or large city. The submitting entity must also demonstrate coordination with stakeholders, including but not limited to, homeless service and housing providers, law enforcement, cities, and homeless advocates whose general service area falls within the CoC or large city. The CoC or large city, in turn, may make sub-awards to entities it determines are qualified to carry out the eligible activities and operate within areas with approved shelter crisis status.

Special Notes

Collaboration

CoCs and large cities must demonstrate that a local collaborative effort has been conducted prior to application submission. A collaborative process may include, but is not limited to, a

Public meeting, regional homeless taskforce meeting, letters of support with signatures of endorsement, an adopted homeless plan, and an adopted budget which includes HEAP funds. Proof of a public process may include sign-in sheets, meeting minutes, agendas, and public comment logs, among other items. It is important that a wide enough range of participants are consulted as part of this process. Participants should include representatives of local homeless service provider entities, law enforcement, behavioral health, and city and county public officials.

Homeless Youth

The HEAP statute requires a minimum investment of five percent of all awards be set aside for emergency assistance for homeless youth. The HEAP team encourages and expects local CoCs and large cities to work with youth advocates and related stakeholders to consider the level of investment that makes sense for this most vulnerable segment of the target population.

Contact the Program

The HCFC will be providing ongoing technical assistance and training to support CoCs and large cities in successfully applying for and administering HEAP funds. Additional information regarding the HEAP program is available on the HCFC [website](#). To receive information releases regarding the HEAP program, please register for the program [listserv](#). If you have questions, please direct them to the HCFC inbox at HCFC@BCSH.ca.gov.

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Sample Resolution: Declaration of a Shelter Crisis

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF [insert name of local governing body, e.g. City Council or County Board of Supervisors] OF THE [insert name of jurisdiction, e.g. City or County here] _____, STATE OF CALIFORNIA declaring a shelter crisis pursuant to SB 850 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 and Government Code § 8698.2).

The _____ [insert name of local governing body, e.g. City Council or County Board of Supervisors] Finds:

WHEREAS, California’s Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr. and the members of the California Legislature have recognized the urgent and immediate need for funding at the local level to combat homelessness;

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature have provided funding to local governments under the Homeless Emergency Aid Program as part of SB 850 and the 2018-19 Budget Act (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018);

WHEREAS, The Governor and Legislature require jurisdictions seeking an allocation through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program to declare a Shelter Crisis pursuant to Government Code §8698.2;

WHEREAS, [insert name of city or county here] has developed a homelessness plan and undertaken multiple efforts at the local level to combat homelessness;

*WHEREAS, [insert name of city or county here] finds that **[Insert the 2017 Point in Time Count for the jurisdiction]** persons within the [insert name of city or county here] are homeless and living without shelter;*

REQUIRED

*WHEREAS, [insert name of city or county here] **finds that the number of homeless is significant, and these persons are without the ability to obtain shelter;***

WHEREAS, [insert name of city or county here] finds that the health and safety of unsheltered persons in the [insert City or County] is threatened by a lack of shelter;

WHEREAS, [insert name of city or county here] affirms the [insert: City’s or County’s] _____ commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE [insert name of city council or county board of supervisors here] _____, CALIFORNIA, that a **shelter crisis** pursuant to Government Code §8698.2 exists in [insert name of city or county here] _____, and authorizes the [insert: City's or County's] _____ participation in the Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

Required: This is a specific term used in the code. Other terms such as shelter emergency, or homeless crisis are not sufficient.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the [insert governing body here] _____ of the [insert name of city or county here] _____, State of California at the meeting of the said [insert Board or City Council] held on the ___ day of _____ by the following vote:

AYES: [insert name of local governing body]: _____
NOES: [insert name of local governing body]: _____
ABSTAIN: [insert name of local governing body]: _____
ABSENT: [insert name of local governing body]: _____

By: _____
_____, CHAIR PERSON
_____ [insert name of local governing body]

ATTEST:
By: _____
Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:
By: _____
Date: _____

Attachment B – Formula Funding Estimates

CoC Number	Jurisdiction	Total Homeless, 2017	Percent of Total State Homeless, 2017	Section 50213(a) Per Jurisdiction portion of \$250M	Section 50213(b) \$100M Distribution Based on Percent of Homeless Population	Total of CoC Distribution per 50213(a) and (b)	50214(c) 5% Minimum Youth Set-aside Per Continuum of Care total of 50213(a) and (b)
CA-600	Los Angeles City & County	55,188	41.100%	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ 41,099,807.86	\$ 81,099,807.86	\$ 4,054,990.39
CA-601	San Diego City & County	9,160	6.822%	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 6,821,668.48	\$ 18,821,668.48	\$ 941,083.42
CA-500	San Jose/Santa Clara City & County	7,394	5.506%	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 5,506,486.54	\$ 17,506,486.54	\$ 875,324.33
CA-501	San Francisco	6,858	5.107%	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 5,107,314.68	\$ 17,107,314.68	\$ 855,365.73
CA-502	Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County	5,629	4.192%	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 4,192,049.33	\$ 16,192,049.33	\$ 809,602.47
CA-602	Santa Ana, Anaheim/Orange County	4,792	3.569%	\$ 12,000,000.00	\$ 3,568,715.65	\$ 15,568,715.65	\$ 778,435.78
CA-503	Sacramento City & County	3,665	2.729%	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 2,729,412.12	\$ 12,729,412.12	\$ 636,470.61
CA-506	Salinas/Monterey, San Benito Counties	3,364	2.505%	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 2,505,250.30	\$ 12,505,250.30	\$ 625,262.52
CA-504	Santa Rosa, Petaluma/Sonoma County	2,835	2.111%	\$ 10,000,000.00	\$ 2,111,291.50	\$ 12,111,291.50	\$ 605,564.57
CA-608	Riverside City & County	2,406	1.792%	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 1,791,805.06	\$ 9,791,805.06	\$ 489,590.25
CA-508	Watsonville/Santa Cruz City & County	2,249	1.675%	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 1,674,883.45	\$ 9,674,883.45	\$ 483,744.17
CA-514	Fresno City & County/Madera County	2,016	1.501%	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 1,501,362.84	\$ 9,501,362.84	\$ 475,068.14
CA-609	San Bernardino City & County	1,866	1.390%	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 1,389,654.30	\$ 9,389,654.30	\$ 469,482.71
CA-606	Long Beach	1,863	1.387%	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 1,387,420.13	\$ 9,387,420.13	\$ 469,371.01
CA-603	Santa Maria/Santa Barbara County	1,860	1.385%	\$ 8,000,000.00	\$ 1,385,185.96	\$ 9,385,185.96	\$ 469,259.30
CA-510	Turlock, Modesto/Stanislaus County	1,661	1.237%	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 1,236,985.95	\$ 7,236,985.95	\$ 361,849.30
CA-505	Richmond/Contra Costa County	1,607	1.197%	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 1,196,770.88	\$ 7,196,770.88	\$ 359,838.54
CA-511	Stockton/San Joaquin County	1,542	1.148%	\$ 6,000,000.00	\$ 1,148,363.84	\$ 7,148,363.84	\$ 357,418.19
CA-512	Daly City/San Mateo County	1,253	0.933%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 933,138.71	\$ 4,933,138.71	\$ 246,656.94
CA-509	Mendocino County	1,238	0.922%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 921,967.86	\$ 4,921,967.86	\$ 246,098.39

Attachment B – Formula Funding Estimates Continued

CoC Number	Jurisdiction	Total Homeless, 2017	Percent of Total State Homeless, 2017	Section 50213(a) Per Jurisdiction portion of \$250M	Section 50213(b) \$100M Distribution Based on Percent of Homeless Population	Total of CoC Distribution per 50213(a) and (b)	50214(c) 5% Minimum Youth Set-aside Per Continuum of Care total of 50213(a) and (b)
CA-518	Vallejo/Solano County	1,232	0.917%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 917,499.52	\$ 4,917,499.52	\$ 245,874.98
CA-519	Chico, Paradise/Butte County	1,195	0.890%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 889,944.74	\$ 4,889,944.74	\$ 244,497.24
CA-613	Imperial County	1,154	0.859%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 859,411.07	\$ 4,859,411.07	\$ 242,970.55
CA-611	Oxnard, San Buenaventura/Ventura County	1,152	0.858%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 857,921.63	\$ 4,857,921.63	\$ 242,896.08
CA-614	San Luis Obispo County	1,125	0.838%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 837,814.09	\$ 4,837,814.09	\$ 241,890.70
CA-507	Marin County	1,117	0.832%	\$ 4,000,000.00	\$ 831,856.30	\$ 4,831,856.30	\$ 241,592.81
CA-515	Roseville, Rocklin/Placer, Nevada Counties	979	0.729%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 729,084.44	\$ 2,729,084.44	\$ 136,454.22
CA-516	Redding/Shasta, Siskiyou, Lassen, Plumas, Del Norte, Modoc, Sierra Counties	934	0.696%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 695,571.87	\$ 2,695,571.87	\$ 134,778.59
CA-513	Visalia/Kings, Tulare Counties	853	0.635%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 635,249.26	\$ 2,635,249.26	\$ 131,762.46
CA-604	Bakersfield/Kern County	810	0.603%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 603,226.14	\$ 2,603,226.14	\$ 130,161.31
CA-524	Yuba City & County/Sutter County	760	0.566%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 565,989.96	\$ 2,565,989.96	\$ 128,299.50
CA-522	Humboldt County	759	0.565%	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 565,245.24	\$ 2,565,245.24	\$ 128,262.26
CA-525	El Dorado County	602	0.448%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 448,323.63	\$ 1,448,323.63	\$ 72,416.18
CA-607	Pasadena	575	0.428%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 428,216.09	\$ 1,428,216.09	\$ 71,410.80
CA-521	Davis, Woodland/Yolo County	459	0.342%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 341,828.15	\$ 1,341,828.15	\$ 67,091.41
CA-520	Merced City & County	454	0.338%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 338,104.53	\$ 1,338,104.53	\$ 66,905.23
CA-529	Lake County	401	0.299%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 298,634.18	\$ 1,298,634.18	\$ 64,931.71
CA-526	Tuolumne, Amador, Calaveras, Mariposa Counties	367	0.273%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 273,313.57	\$ 1,273,313.57	\$ 63,665.68
CA-517	Napa City & County	315	0.235%	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 234,587.94	\$ 1,234,587.94	\$ 61,729.40
CA-523	Colusa, Glen, Trinity Counties	176	0.131%	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 131,071.36	\$ 631,071.36	\$ 31,553.57
CA-612	Glendale	168	0.125%	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 125,113.57	\$ 625,113.57	\$ 31,255.68
CA-527	Tehama County	124	0.092%	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 92,345.73	\$ 592,345.73	\$ 29,617.29
CA-530	Alpine, Inyo, Mono Counties	121	0.090%	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 90,111.56	\$ 590,111.56	\$ 29,505.58



HEAP Large Cities Allocation

CoC Number	Jurisdiction	50213(c) Large Cities \$150,000,000 Allocation	50214(c) Minimum Youth Set Aside Per Large City Allocation
CA-600	Los Angeles	\$ 85,013,607.00	\$ 4,250,680.35
CA-601	San Diego	\$ 14,110,397.95	\$ 705,519.90
CA-500	San Jose	\$ 11,389,987.16	\$ 569,499.36
CA-501	San Francisco	\$ 10,564,313.22	\$ 528,215.66
CA-502	Oakland	\$ 8,671,116.82	\$ 433,555.84
CA-602	Santa Ana	\$ 3,690,885.84	\$ 184,544.29
CA-602	Anaheim	\$ 3,690,885.84	\$ 184,544.29
CA-503	Sacramento	\$ 5,645,699.61	\$ 282,284.98
CA-514	Fresno	\$ 3,105,519.90	\$ 155,276.00
CA-606	Long Beach	\$ 2,869,833.12	\$ 143,491.66
CA-604	Bakersfield	\$ 1,247,753.53	\$ 62,387.68