



# CALIFORNIA HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL

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## **Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council Approves More Than \$113 Million in Homeless Emergency Aid Program Grants**

*Applications from four cities and two Continuums of Care approved*

SACRAMENTO – Nearly \$116 million dollars in emergency homeless aid for four cities and one Continuums of Care has been approved by the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency’s Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council.

The money is part of \$500 million in block grants for the Council’s Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), which is designed to provide local jurisdictions with funding to address homelessness while giving them maximum flexibility to spend it on a broad range of activities.

The funding approved as of today include:

City of Los Angeles	\$85,013.607.00
City of San Diego	\$14,110.397.95
City of Oakland	\$8,671,116.82
City of Long Beach	\$2,869,833.12
Bakersfield/Kern Continuum of Care	\$2,604.226.14

“Our goal has been to get this funding out the door as quickly as we can,” said Alexis Podesta, Secretary of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, and Chair of the Council. “We are very excited that we’ve already approved more than \$116 million to help address homelessness in these communities.”

HEAP was created by Senate Bill 850 and signed into law by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. on June 27, 2018. It took effect July 1, 2018. Funding under the program is allocated as follows:

- \$250 million to Continuums of Care – the local or regional planning bodies that coordinate housing services and funding for the homeless – based on their 2017 homeless point in time counts;
- \$150 million in direct allocations to cities with populations of 330,000 or more as of January 1, 2018; and
- \$100 million to Continuums of Care based on their percentage of the 2017 statewide homeless population.

The cities of Los Angeles, San Diego, Oakland and Long Beach would receive additional funding when and if their local Continuums of Care apply for their portion of the block grants. The city of Bakersfield is also eligible for an additional \$1,247,753 as a direct allocation.

To qualify for HEAP, local jurisdictions must declare a shelter crisis and complete the appropriate application(s) for the funding they're seeking. The council has streamlined the application and review process for HEAP and funds will be distributed as soon as an application has been reviewed and approved. The deadline to apply is December 31, 2018 but early applications are strongly encouraged.

For more information about HEAP, visit [https://www.bcsb.ca.gov/hcfc/aid\\_program.html](https://www.bcsb.ca.gov/hcfc/aid_program.html).

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