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Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council Releases Funding Guide for Grant Recipients

Putting the Funding Pieces Together: Guide to Strategic Uses of New and Recent State and Federal Funds to Prevent and End Homelessness

SACRAMENTO – The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) has released its latest version of a funding guide aimed at helping leaders and planners within local governments and Continuums of Care in California understand and make strategic use of the many important resources made available to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and to support economic recovery, as they continue their work to prevent and end homelessness for Californians.

The *Putting the Funding Pieces Together: Guide to Strategic Uses of New and Recent State and Federal Funds to Prevent and End Homelessness (Guide)* is designed to support the most effective uses of the historic levels of state and federal investments into programs that can help prevent and end homelessness. These programs include new and expanded state investments in: Homekey; Project Roomkey and Rehousing Strategy; the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program; a new Affordable Housing Backlog Production program; and a range of other essential programs administered by the State departments of Housing and Community Development, Social Services, and others.

"We have a historic opportunity to act swiftly and collaboratively to drive progress in the full range of strategies to respond to homelessness," said Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez, who chairs the Council. "If implemented purposefully, the recent state and federal funding allocated in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to support economic recovery will advance the state's HCFC Action plan to prevent and end homelessness, including by driving progress towards racial equity and justice."

Used wisely and with a sense of urgency, the investments outlined in the guide will help drive significant progress in the five action areas of the Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California, adopted earlier this year:

1. Strengthening Our Systems to Better Prevent and End Homelessness in California
2. Equitably Addressing the Health, Safety, and Services Needs of Californians Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness
3. Expanding Communities' Capacity to Provide Safe and Effective Sheltering and Interim Housing
4. Expanding and Ensuring Equitable Access to Permanent Housing in Our Communities
5. Preventing Californians from Experiencing the Crisis of Homelessness

The Guide is organized into four complementary parts: a high-level summary of eligible and prioritized uses of major funding sources for preventing and ending homelessness; detailed information regarding key new and recent state and federal resources; a section on how the different funding sources can be woven together into an effective local investment plan; and finally defining the interventions which should be emphasized within such local investments.

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