

# County of Riverside Continuum of Care (CoC)



**Board of Governance (BoG) Meeting**  
**August 2, 2018 | 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.**  
**DPSS Banning Children/Adult Services Office**  
**901 E. Ramsey Street, Banning, CA 92220**

**Tammy Marine**, Chairperson

**Leticia DeLara**, Vice-chairperson

1. **Call to Order:** Welcome & Introductions
2. **Minutes Approval:** None
3. **Public comment:** Members of the Public are encouraged to address the Board. Anyone who wishes to speak must submit a comment request card to the board clerk. Each speaker should begin by identifying themselves for the record and is allowed up to three minutes.
4. **New Business:**
  - a. **Overview of State Funding for Homelessness: Special Workshop**

**Tammy Marine**, Chair  
**Dr. Joe Colletti**, DPSS Consultant

On June 21, Dr. Joe Colletti of Urban Initiatives presented information and analysis of the homeless funding that will be coming from the state as part of SB 2. On July 12, the BoG approved scheduling a special workshop to learn more about the funding for homelessness that is in the FY 18/19 state budget. The BoG asked Dr. Colletti to facilitate the workshop and provide additional and updated information on the funding included in the state budget and guidance on developing recommendations on how the funding can be used.

An agenda for the BoG Special Workshop is as follows:

**1. Present overview and purpose of workshop:**

- **Purpose:** to present current information on four funding opportunities to be released by the State Housing and Community Development in 2018 and early 2019 to address homelessness and identify priorities and needs/gaps.
- **Overview:** Timeline and brief recap of funding.

Handouts:

- *State Funding for Homelessness: Timeline*
- *Upcoming Homelessness Program Funding (2018-19 Summary)*

- *What's in the California State Budget 2018-19 for Homelessness? It Contains the Largest Affordable Housing and Homelessness Budget to Date*, by Joe Colletti, PhD, Hub for Urban Initiatives, July 2018.

## **2. Overview of Programs to be administered by the Continuum of Care Administrative Entity (AE):**

### **Homelessness Emergency Aid Block Grants to CoCs (HEAP): SB 850**

- Overview/description
- Funding amount
- Eligible services and components
- Timeline to release funds
- Application and administration process
  - Lead agency to apply for funds

*Handout: Piecing Together the California Homeless Emergency Aid Program.*

### **California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) (SB 850)**

- Overview/description
- Funding amount
- Eligible services and components
- Timeline to release funds
- Application and administration process
  - Lead agency to apply for funds

*Handout: Are You Ready for the Newly Established California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program?*

## **3. Overview of Programs to be administered by County agencies:**

### **Housing for a Healthy California (AB-74)**

- Overview/description
- Funding amount
- Eligible services and components
- Timeline to release funds
- Application and administration process
  - Lead agency to apply for funds

*Handout: Are California Counties Ready for the Newly Established Housing for a Healthy California Program?*

### **No Place Like Home (NPLH) (AB 1827)**

- Overview/description
- Funding amount
- Eligible services and components
- Timeline to release funds
- Application and administration process
  - Lead agency to apply for funds

*Handout: No Place Like Home Program Updates, July 2018.*

**4. Analysis of data: Needs/gaps/priorities**

Data to be included in the review:

- HMIS data
- Point-in-Time Count data (broken out by sub-population for each Sup. District)
- Housing Inventory (current beds by component type)
- Inventory of outreach workers and housing navigator countywide
- CES data (based on By-Name-List from week of July 23)

**5. Next Steps:**

- Present to County of Riverside Executive Oversight Committee on Homelessness (EOCH) Core Group on August 6
- Schedule special BoG meeting on September 20

**6. Adjournment**

**County of Riverside CoC Board of Governance**

**August 2, 2018 Meeting**

**Teleconferencing Notice**

**The following committee members have confirmed they will call in to the meeting from the locations indicated:**

**Board Member:**

**Call-in Location:**

**NONE**

## UPCOMING HOMELESS PROGRAM FUNDING (2018-2019): SUMMARY

Program Description	Target Population & Eligible Services	Funding Level, Administration & Timeline
<p><b>Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP)</b> <i>California Department of Housing and Community Development</i></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> The VHHP Program provides loans for the development of affordable multifamily rental housing containing permanent supportive housing units, and affordable housing units, for Veterans and their families.</p>	<p><u>Target Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness</li> </ul> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSH</li> <li>Affordable Housing</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7/9/2018</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximately \$75 million statewide</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Several entities are eligible and are planning to apply based on requested letters of support from the CoC</li> </ul>
<p><b>HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Program (FY 2018)</b> <i>United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u> The CoC Program is designed to provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness.</p>	<p><u>Target Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chronically Homeless; Literally Homeless</li> </ul> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)</li> <li>Rapid Re-Housing (RRH)</li> <li>Homeless Management Information System</li> <li>CES CoC Planning</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9/18/2018</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential: \$9.6 million w/estimated bonus \$10.1 million for Riverside CoC</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPSS (Collaborative Applicant)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Homelessness Emergency Aid Block Grants to CoCs</b> <i>State of California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council</i></p> <p>The Homeless Emergency Aid Program was established by statute to provide localities with flexible block grant funds to address their immediate homelessness challenges.</p> <p>The Homeless Emergency Aid Block Grants will provide \$500 million in one-time funding to enable local governments to respond to homelessness, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$250 million to Continuums of Care based on 2017 homeless point in time count;</li> <li>\$150 million direct allocation to a city or county that is also a county with a population of 330,000 or more as of January 1, 2018; and</li> <li>\$100 million to Continuums of Care based on their percentage of the statewide 2017 homeless population.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Requirements</u></p> <p>Continuum of care must demonstrate collaboration with other city, county, or nonprofit partners.</p> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency housing vouchers</li> <li>Rapid rehousing</li> <li>Emergency shelter construction, and</li> <li>Use of armories to provide temporary shelters, among other activities</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2018 Summer/TBD (NOFA on Homeless Emergency Aid Block Grants)</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$8 million (based on PIT count)</li> <li>\$1.7 million (based on % of statewide homeless population)</li> <li>TOTAL for county: \$9,791,805</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPSS (Collaborative Applicant)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>SB-2 Building Homes and Jobs Act</b>  <i>California Department of Housing and Community Development</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u>  Fifty percent of the annual funding received from fees charged for real estate recording instruments (beginning with monies collected on and after Jan. 1, 2019) will be used to establish permanent, ongoing sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development through the Building Homes and Jobs Fund created within the CA State Treasury.</p> <p>First-year planning grant funds from the initial allocation, and the 70% local allocation in the second year and beyond require jurisdictions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have a compliant housing element;</li> <li>• Submit a current annual report (pursuant to Section 65400)</li> <li>• Submit a plan to the department detailing the manner in which allocated funds will be used by the local government and how those activities will meet the local government's unmet share of the regional housing needs allocation.</li> </ul> <p>Allocation of funds (first year) will be determined through a public participation process to begin in March 2018</p>	<p><u>Target Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness</li> <li>• Extremely low, very low, low-, and moderate-income households</li> </ul> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rapid Re-Housing</li> <li>• Rental assistance</li> <li>• Navigation centers</li> <li>• New construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional rental housing</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8/6/18</b> (state ESG from federal pass-through)</li> <li>• The state ESG combined with SB 2 funds will be released in the fall of 2018</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SB 2 Revenues will vary annually; estimated to generate \$125 million per year.</li> <li>• 50% to be allocated via state ESG; 50% via Healthy California Program (AB 74)</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DPSS (CoC Administrative Entity)</li> </ul>
<p><b>No Place Like Home Initiative (NPLH)</b>  <i>California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u>  NPLH dedicates \$2 billion in bond proceeds to invest in the development of permanent supportive housing for persons in need of mental health services and are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or who are at risk of chronic homelessness. The bonds are repaid by funding from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA).</p> <p>NPLH funds permanent supportive housing, utilizing low barrier tenant selection practices, and prioritizing vulnerable populations and offer flexible, voluntary, and individualized supportive services. Counties must commit to provide mental health services and help coordinate access to other community-based supportive services.</p> <p>NPLH Program will be on the November 2018 ballot and if approved by voters, the program would authorize up to \$140 million in MHSA funding to be diverted in 2018-19 to "jump-start" NPLH, and allow bond issuance starting in January 2019.</p>	<p><u>Target Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless, chronically homeless, or at risk of chronic homelessness; AND</li> <li>• Adults/Children who suffer from serious mental illness or severe emotional disorders; requires or are at risk of requiring acute psychiatric inpatient care, residential treatment, or outpatient crisis intervention with symptoms of psychosis, suicidality or violence and who are</li> </ul> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acquisition of PSH</li> <li>• Design of PSH</li> <li>• Construction of PSH</li> <li>• Rehabilitation of PSH</li> <li>• Preservation of PSH</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2018 Summer/TBD</b> (for First NOFA, non-competitive)</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Competitive Program (up to \$1.8 billion for multiple funding rounds).</li> <li>• First Round Funding is \$263.6 million (set asides: \$21M for small county; Over-the-Counter Program, \$200M; Technical Assistance, \$6.2M)</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads: RUHS-BH and Housing Authority</li> <li>• Counties will be eligible applicants either solely or with a housing development sponsor.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Home Safe Pilot Program</b> California Department of Housing and Community Development</p> <p>The pilot provides housing-related supports to seniors experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their homes by providing temporary rental or utility assistance, housing repairs, landlord mediation, and case management.</p>	<p><u>Target population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seniors experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their homes.</li> </ul> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing needs assessment needs</li> <li>Housing navigation or search assistance</li> <li>Landlord recruitment</li> <li>Enhanced case management</li> <li>Housing-related financial assistance (rental assistance, security deposit assistance, utility payments, interim housing assistance, etc.)</li> <li>Housing stabilization services (landlord engagement, case management, legal services, etc.)</li> <li>Connections to permanent supportive housing</li> <li>Mental health assistance</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Sept-Dec 2018 (projected)</b></li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$15 million state-wide, on a one-time basis, to fund a pilot program</li> <li>The funding will be available to participating counties over a three-year period with a 100% local match</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPSS-Adult Protective Services</li> </ul>
<p><b>AB-74 Housing for a Healthy California Program</b> California Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD)</p> <p><u>Summary</u> DHCD will establish this program on or before January 1, 2019, to create supportive housing for homeless populations. This housing may be created through grants awarded to counties on a competitive basis, dependent on the county's:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Need;</li> <li>Ability to administer operating assistance for supportive housing;</li> <li>Documented partnerships with affordable housing providers;</li> <li>Commitment to addressing the needs of homeless populations;</li> <li>Coordination with community-based housing and homeless service providers, behavioral health providers, and safety net providers, including community health centers</li> </ul> <p>Housing may also be created through operating reserve grants and capital loans to developers.</p> <p>A county is eligible for a program grant when it:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifies a source of funding for housing stability services;</li> <li>Agrees to contribute funding for projects assisted through federal Housing Trust Fund grants;</li> <li>Designates a process for administering grant funds through housing agencies; and</li> <li>Agrees to collect and report data.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Target Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness</li> <li>Chronically homeless</li> <li>Medi-Cal beneficiaries</li> <li>Eligible for Supplemental Security Income</li> <li>Eligible to receive housing stability services</li> <li>Likely to improve their health conditions with supportive housing.</li> </ul> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acquisition funding, new construction or reconstruction and rehabilitation;</li> <li>County administrative costs of at least 5% of the total grant; and</li> <li>Project-based operating assistance, which may include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental assistance for up to five years; and</li> <li>Capitalized operating reserve for at least 15 years to pay for operating costs to provide supportive housing.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>2019 (TBD)</b></li> <li>Program to be created on or before January 1, 2019</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$20 million (projected statewide), from National Housing Trust Fund received annually by the state</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Authority (County Housing Agency)</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program</b> <i>California Department of Health Care Services</i></p> <p><u>Summary</u> One-time funds to counties to support intensive outreach, treatment, and related services to homeless individuals living with serious mental illness through multi-disciplinary teams. Counties are encouraged to match this one-time funding with local and federal matching funds, where appropriate.</p> <p>Both the Senate and Assembly approved this proposal; unclear whether the terms or funding will change. (Potential connection to the AB 210 Homeless Multi-disciplinary Personnel Team).</p>	<p><u>Target Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homeless persons living with mental illness</li> </ul> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting intensive outreach</li> <li>Treatment</li> <li>Other related services</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$50 million (statewide)</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RUHS-BH (already administers AB 109 housing)</li> </ul>
<p><b>SB-3 Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018</b> <i>California Department of Housing and Community Development</i></p> <p><u>Summary:</u> SB-3 would enact the Veterans and Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018 for November 6, 2018 statewide general election. This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financing of various existing housing programs</li> <li>Infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs</li> <li>Farm, home, mobile-home purchase assistance</li> </ul> <p>If adopted, SB-3 authorizes the issuance of bonds for \$4M: \$3M million to fund various existing housing programs, infrastructure financing and affordable housing matching grant programs; provided, and \$1M to fund the above-described program for farm, home, and mobile-home purchase assistance for veterans, as provided.</p>	<p><u>Target Population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Persons experiencing or at risk of homelessness</li> <li>Veterans and their families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD (depends on result of November 2018 election result)</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$4 million (statewide)</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Authority to lead (needs to be confirmed)</li> </ul>
<p><b>SB 918 Homeless Youth Act of 2018</b> <i>California Department of Housing and Community Development</i></p> <p>This bill creates the Office of Homeless Youth within the Department of Housing and Community Development and requires it to set specific goals to prevent and end youth homelessness in California, and to monitor progress toward those goals; establishes \$60 million in grants from the cannabis tax and other funds, it prioritizes agencies that work with their local continuum of care organizations and otherwise coordinate with local and state youth-serving organizations; supports agencies that demonstrate cultural sensitivity to various groups, including youth who are LGBT, and have disproportionately high rates of homelessness.</p>	<p><u>Target population</u> Homeless youth</p> <p><u>Eligible Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental assistance; non-time-limited supportive housing; transitional housing; rapid re-housing; host homes; and shelters for homeless minors and youth.</li> <li>Drug abuse prevention; mental and physical health care</li> <li>Transitional living services</li> <li>Education and employment assistance</li> <li>Family support</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$60 million (statewide)</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul>

Program Description	Target Population & Eligible Services	Funding Level, Administration & Timeline
<p><b>CalWORKs Housing Support and Homeless Assistance programs</b>  <i>California Department of Housing and Community Development</i></p> <p>CalWORKs Housing Support Program (CW HSP): Helps families in the CalWORKs program experiencing homelessness secure permanent housing. This program provides counties with flexibility to address the needs of each family, including move-in assistance, temporary rental subsidies, and intensive case management.</p> <p>CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program (CW HAP): This program provides up to 16 days of temporary housing assistance each year by issuing eligible families payment for temporary shelter or hotel/motel.</p> <p>The daily payment rate is increased for temporary assistance for families who are homeless or face imminent eviction. For a family of four, the nightly rate will increase from \$65 to \$85 beginning January 1, 2019. This rate was last increased more than ten years ago.</p>	<p><u>Target population</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families receiving CalWORKs that are homeless or at-risk of homelessness.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Due</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBD</li> </ul> <p><u>Funding Level</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>CW HSP</i>: Increase of \$24.2 million (total of \$71.2 million in 2018-19)</li> </ul> <p><u>Applicant</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DPSS-CalWORKs</li> </ul>

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## What's in the California State Budget 2018-19 for Homelessness? It Contains the Largest Affordable Housing and Homelessness Budget to Date

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The following table is from page 118 of the [California State Budget 2018-19](#), which lists the programs and their budgeted funds as the "*Homelessness Response in the 2018-19 Budget*." Also noted is whether the funds are ongoing or one-time.

A description of each of the programs follows the table that consists of information provided in other parts of the [2018-19 Budget](#) and other sources when appropriate. The descriptions below the table also include the eligible activities for each of the programs.

Figure SWE-01  
**Homelessness Response in the 2018-19 Budget**  
(Dollars in Millions)

Department	Program	2018-19	Ongoing
Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council <sup>[1]</sup>	Emergency Homeless Aid Block Grants	\$500.0	-
	Council Administration	\$0.5	\$0.5
Department of Social Services	CalWorks Housing Support Program	\$24.2	\$48.3
	CalWorks Homeless Assistance Program	\$8.1	\$15.3
	Senior Home Safe Program	\$15.0	-
Office of Emergency Services	Domestic Violence Shelters and Services	\$10.0	-
	Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program	\$1.0	-
Department of Health Care Services	Homeless and Mental Illness Program	\$50.0	-
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$608.8</b>	<b>\$64.1</b>

[1]Housed within the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.

## **1. Homeless Emergency Aid Program (\$500 million)**

As noted on page 119 of the [2018-19 Budget](#),

"To assist local governments in addressing immediate homeless needs until additional resources become available, the Budget provides:

\$500 million for a Homeless Emergency Aid program for bridge funding to assist local governments in addressing immediate homeless needs. This program provides flexible block grant funds to jurisdictions that declare a shelter crisis and commit to local coordination. Of these funds, \$350 million will be distributed through Continuums of Care and \$150 million will be distributed directly to cities with populations greater than 330,000."

Urban Initiatives released a report entitled [Piecing Together the California Homeless Emergency Aid Program](#), which provides additional information.

## **2. Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (\$500,000)**

Page 119 of the [2018-19 Budget](#) noted that

"Given the many state resources that will be available in the coming years, the Budget includes \$500,000 ongoing to expand the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council and move it to the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency. The Council will provide statewide guidance on homelessness issues and develop a statewide plan to support the coordination of the various state homelessness investments."

The California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency is in the process of hiring an Executive Officer who will be "responsible for managing staff resources in support of the directions from the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council comprised of 17 appointees." The Executive Officer "will lead the strategy, planning and resourcing efforts and will ultimately be responsible for achieving various statutory goals," according to the job posting. One statutory responsibility will be "developing, implementing and closing down the one-time Homeless Emergency Aid Program."

## **3. CalWORKs Housing Support Program (\$24.2 million)**

The [2018-19 Budget](#), as noted on page 51, provided an increase of \$24.2 million in 2018-19 for the [CalWORKs Housing Support Program](#) for CalWORKs families.

The program follows core components of a Rapid Re-Housing program by helping CalWORKs families quickly obtain permanent housing by offering financial assistance and wrap-around supportive services to foster housing retention. The program allows flexibility regarding support, which includes partnerships with landlords, move-in assistance, temporary rental subsidies, financial counseling, credit repair and intensive case management.

The program was created by [SB 855 Human Services](#), which was approved by the Governor on June 20, 2014.

#### **4. CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program (\$8.1 million)**

The [2018-19 Budget](#), as noted on page 51, provided an increase of \$8.1 million in 2018-19 for the [CalWORKs Homeless Assistance Program](#) for CalWORKs families and \$15.3 million annually thereafter.

Eligible families receive temporary assistance for a shelter or hotel/motel. While receiving the assistance, families are required to search for permanent housing. Once permanent housing is located, families may be eligible to receive assistance with the security deposit, which may include last month's rent, and assistance with the utility deposit, if required. For recipients facing eviction, families may receive up to two months of rent arrearages.

#### **5. Senior Home Safe Program (\$15 million)**

As noted on page 51 of the [2018-19 Budget](#), there will be

"one-time funding of \$15 million General Fund to establish a three-year pilot program, with local matching funds, designed to provide housing-related supports to seniors experiencing or at risk of homelessness."

#### **6. Office of Emergency Services (\$11 million)**

Also, "To assist local governments in addressing immediate homeless needs until additional resources become available, the [2018-19 Budget](#) included, as noted on page 119

"\$11 million for the California Office of Emergency Services to fund programs focusing on homeless youth and victims of domestic violence."

##### **Domestic Violence Shelters and Services (\$10 million)**

One of three units that oversee its Victim Services Programs is the [Domestic Violence Unit](#), which includes a Domestic Violence Housing First (XD) Program, Domestic Violence Response Team (VA) Program, and a Domestic Violence Assistance (DV) Program.

##### **Homeless Youth and Exploitation Program (\$1 million)**

Office of Emergency Services released a [Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) on June 29 for the HX Program, which

"is a comprehensive program to help homeless youth exit street life. Services provided under the HX Program include: access to food, shelter/housing; counseling, outreach services, screening/providing for basic health needs; linkage to other services offered by public and private agencies; long-term stabilization planning.; and follow-up services. In addition, the Program provides specialized services for youth involved in sexual exploitation activities."

## **7. Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment (\$50 million)**

Also, "To assist local governments in addressing immediate homeless needs until additional resources become available, the [2018-19 Budget](#) included, as noted on page 119

"a one-time augmentation of \$50 million for the Department of Health Care Services to provide counties with targeted funding for multi-disciplinary teams to provide intensive outreach, treatment and related services for homeless persons with mental illness. This type of intervention is expected to result in earlier identification of mental health needs, prevention of criminal justice involvement, and better coordination of care for this population at the local level."

In summary of the "*Homelessness Response in the 2018-19 Budget*," the following was noted on page 118 of the [2018-19 Budget](#)

"In recognition of the longer time frame that these recent investments and policies require to take effect, and the immediate homelessness challenges facing local jurisdictions, the Budget includes \$609 million one-time General Fund and \$64 million ongoing General Fund (see Figure SWE-01) to focus state homelessness funding on planning, prevention, and emergency aid."

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# **Piecing Together the California Homeless Emergency Aid Program**

**-\$500 Million Will Be Allocated to Cities and Counties throughout the State-**

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## **1. Purpose**

The purpose of the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), as noted in the proposed trailer bill language, is to provide Continuums of Care (CoCs) with one-time funds “to address their immediate homelessness challenges.” Senate Bill 850 established HEAP as a flexible block grant program to allow CoCs more discretion to determine how to use the funds.

## **2. Eligible Uses**

HEAP proposed trailer bill language states that

- “(a) Program funds shall be expended on uses that address homelessness, including, but not limited to, prevention and emergency aid.
- (b) No more than five percent (5%) of program funds may be used for administrative costs related to the execution of eligible activities. This does not include staff costs directly related to carrying out eligible activities in paragraph (a). No program funds shall be used for overhead or planning activities.”

Senate Bill 850, section 50214 expands upon the language noted in the proposed trailer bill:

- “(a) Program funds shall be expended on one-time uses that address homelessness, including, but not limited to, prevention, criminal justice diversion programs to homeless individuals with mental health needs, and emergency aid.
- (b) No more than five percent of programs funds may be used for administrative costs related to the execution of eligible activities. For purposes of this subdivision, ‘administrative costs’ does not include staff costs directly related to carrying out the eligible activities pursuant to subdivision (a). Program funds shall not be used for overhead or planning activities.
- (c) An administrative entity shall use no less than five percent of its total allocation to establish or expand services meeting the needs of homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness.”

## **3. Administrator**

The administrator of the funds is an “Administrative Entity,” which

“means a unit of general purpose local government, a nonprofit organization that has previously administered Department of Housing and Urban Development Continuum of Care funds as the collaborative applicant pursuant to Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations that has been designated by the Continuum of Care to administer program funds.”

#### Threshold Requirements

In order to be eligible for program funds, as noted in the proposed trailer language, an Administrative Entity must demonstrate:

“(1) The jurisdictions that the Administrative Entity represents for which funding is requested has, at the time of award, declared an emergency shelter crisis pursuant to Section 8698 of the Government Code.

(2) The Administrative Entity has collaborated in its application, and has committed to future collaboration, with other city, county, or nonprofit partners.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), Administrative Entities representing cities and counties included in the three groupings with the lowest three homeless point-in-time thresholds pursuant to Section XXXXX.3 may submit a waiver to the requirement for a declaration of an emergency shelter crisis in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a). Upon approval by the Agency during a given round of awards, these cities and counties will be eligible to receive program funds through the Administrative Entity.”

**NOTE:** Section 8698 d. states that a

‘Declaration of a shelter crisis’ means the duly proclaimed existence of a situation in which a significant number of persons are without the ability to obtain shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety.”

#### **4. Funding**

A total of \$500 million will be allocated to administrative entities as follows:

- \$250 million will be allocated according to the following groupings based on the 2017 Point-in-Time Count of homeless persons:

(1) Forty million dollars (\$40,000,000) to the Administrative Entities with a homeless point-in-time count of over 20,000 persons.

- (2) Sixty million dollars (\$60,000,000) to Administrative Entities with a homeless point-in-time count between 4,000 and 19,999 persons.
- (3) Thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) to Administrative Entities with a homeless point-in-time count of between 2,500 and 3,999 persons.
- (4) Forty-eight million dollars (\$48,000,000) to Administrative Entities with a homeless point-in-time count of between 1,800 and 2,499 persons.
- (5) Eighteen million dollars (\$18,000,000) to Administrative entities with a homeless point-in-time count of between 1,500 and 1,799 persons.
- (6) Thirty-two million dollars (\$32,000,000) to Administrative entities with a homeless point-in-time count of between 1,000 and 1,499 persons.
- (7) Twelve million dollars (\$12,000,000) to Administrative entities with a homeless point-in-time count of between 750 and 999 persons.
- (8) Seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) to Administrative entities with a homeless point-in-time count of between 250 and 749 persons.
- (9) Two million dollars (\$2,000,000) to Administrative entities with a homeless point-in-time count of less than 250 persons.

- \$100 million will be allocated based on the administrative entity’s proportionate share of the total 2017 Point-in-Time Count homeless population.
- \$150 million allocated to cities or cities that are also counties that meet specified requirements. Cities with more than 330,000 residents based on 2018 Department of Finance estimates is a requirement. This includes the following 11 cities: Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Diego, San Jose, Oakland, Long Beach, Sacramento, Fresno, Santa Ana and/or Anaheim, and Bakersfield.

**5. Timeline**

Senate Bill 850 requires the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency to make

- a first round of awards by January 31, 2019;
- a second round of awards by May 31, 2019;
- “and if any funds remain unallocated following the first round, and to work with the Department of Finance to identify an appropriate allocation methodology for a 3rd round of awards, or to determine if any unallocated funds should revert to the General Fund, if any funds remain unallocated following the 2nd round.”

Senate Bill 850 requires

- “award recipients to expend program funds on one-time uses that address homelessness, including, but not limited to, prevention, criminal justice diversion programs to homeless individuals with mental health needs, and emergency aid, and to submit a report to the agency by January 1, 2020, pertaining to contract expenditures,

the number of homeless individuals served by program funds, and progress toward state and local homelessness goals.”

- The bill requires “that at least 50% of program funds be contractually obligated by January 1, 2020, and 100% of program funds contractually obligated by June 30, 2021, and further require that any unexpended funds as of the latter date be returned to the agency and revert to the General Fund.”
- The bill also “authorizes the agency to request a repayment of funds from an administrative entity, or to pursue any other remedies available by law for failure to comply with program requirements.”

The proposed trailer bill provides the following information:

“(c) Applications for the first round of awards shall be due to the Agency on or before December 31, 2018. The Agency shall verify whether funding requests meet the minimum criteria established by this chapter and make awards on a continuous basis but no later than January 31, 2018.

(d) If, after the first round of awards, not all funds have been claimed by all Administrative Entities within a grouping, the Agency shall set aside any remaining funds equally across Administrative Entities in that grouping for a second round of awards.

(e) Applications for the second round of awards shall be due to the Agency on or before April 30, 2019. The Agency shall verify whether funding requests meet the minimum criteria established by this chapter and make awards on a continuous basis but no later than May 31, 2019.

(f) If, after the second round of awards, not all funds have been claimed by all Administrative Entities within a grouping, the Agency shall work with the Department of Finance to identify an appropriate allocation methodology for a third round of awards or determine if any unallocated funds shall revert to the General Fund. The allocation methodology shall be approved by the Department of Finance with notification to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee.”

Lastly, the California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency is in the process of hiring an Executive Officer who will be “responsible for managing staff resources in support of the directions from the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council comprised of 17 appointees.” The Executive Officer “will lead the strategy, planning and resourcing efforts and will ultimately be responsible for achieving various statutory goals,” according to the job posting.

One statutory responsibility will be developing, implementing and closing down the one-time Homeless Emergency Aid Program.

## **Are You Ready for the Newly Established California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program?**

*-Administrative Entities will Request the Funds-  
-Continuum of Care Service Areas are the Targeted Regions-  
-Subrecipients May Receive Funding to Implement Eligible Activities-*

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The California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program was established recently by [California Senate Bill 850 Housing](#) (SB 850), which requires 50% of the funds collected under [Senate Bill 2 Building and Jobs Act](#) (SB 2) on and after January 1, 2018, and before December 31, 2018, to the [California Department of Housing and Community Development](#) (HCD) for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program. Year 1 breakdown of funds from SB 2 includes \$57.5 million for the California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program.

Requirements include:

- Applicant needs to be an administrative entity designated by the Continuum of Care;
- Qualified subrecipients need to carry out eligible activities (project selection process must avoid conflicts of interest);
- Prioritized assistance to homeless households over households at risk of homelessness is required;
- Emergency housing interventions are limited to no more than 40 percent of funds;
- Operational Coordinated Entry System (CES) is required;
- Operational Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is required;
- Commitment to Housing First is required;
- Numeric goals and performance measures must be described in application to HCD;
- Action plan not required but encouraged (funds may be used to develop plan);
- Funds may only be requested for eligible activities (as listed below);
- Project selection process must be documented;
- Funding request to HCD must be based on an assigned allocation (as quoted below);
- Match is not a requirement.

**1. Applicant needs to be an administrative entity designated by the Continuum of Care**

HCD will issue a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) that will allow “administrative entities to request funding for eligible activities relating to homelessness within specified Continuum of Care service areas by submitting an application in response to a notice of funding availability,” according to [SB 850 \(6\)](#), which also notes in section 50490

“(a) “Administrative entity” means one of the following that has been designated by the Continuum of Care to administer California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program funds:

- (1) A unit of general purpose local government.
- (2) A nonprofit organization that has previously administered HUD Continuum of Care funds as the collaborative applicant, as that term is defined by Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (3) A unified funding agency, as that term is defined by Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.”

The bill requires administrative entities to enter into a five-year contract with HCD if awarded. The bill allows up to five percent of the awarded funds “for administrative costs related to the planning and execution of eligible activities.”

## **2. Qualified subrecipients need to carry out eligible activities**

Qualified subrecipients will be needed to carry out the eligible activities, which are noted below. Administrative entities will describe or provide “documentation of the local program or project selection process anticipated to be used to allocate available funds to subrecipients qualified to carry out the eligible activities,” as noted in 50490.3 (4).

### Conflict of Interest

Section 50490.3 (4) also noted immediately after referring to subrecipients that

“In order to satisfy the requirements of this subdivision, the applicant’s proposed program or project selection process shall avoid conflicts of interest in program or project selection and shall be easily accessible to the public.”

## **3. Prioritized assistance to homeless households over households at risk of homelessness is required**

Section 50490.4 (6c) states that

“an administrative entity that is allocated funding under the program for an eligible program or project funded shall prioritize assistance to homeless individuals and families over assistance to individuals and families at risk of homelessness.”

#### **4. Emergency housing interventions are limited to no more than 40 percent of funds**

Administrative entities cannot “use more than 40 percent of any funds . . . in a fiscal year for operating support for emergency housing interventions as described in paragraph (4) of subdivision (a), as noted in 50490.4 (6f). Paragraph (4) states

“Operating support for emergency housing interventions, including, but not limited to, the following:

(A) Navigation centers that provide temporary room and board and case managers who work to connect

homeless individuals and families to income, public benefits, health services, permanent housing, or other shelter.

(B) Street outreach services to connect unsheltered homeless individuals and families to temporary or permanent housing.

(C) Shelter diversion, including, but not limited to, homelessness prevention activities, and other necessary service integration activities to connect individuals and families to alternate housing arrangements, services, and financial assistance.”

#### **5. Operational Coordinated Entry System (CES) is required**

Administrative Entities must document that “the Continuum of Care service area has a functioning CES (Coordinated Entry System)” that meets “the applicable HUD (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development) requirements (Section 50490.3 (3A).”

As noted in Section 50490 (3f),

“Coordinated Entry System,” or “CES,” means a centralized or coordinated assessment system developed pursuant to Section 576.400(d) or Section 578.7(a)(8), as applicable, of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and related requirements, designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and referrals. In order to satisfy this subdivision, a centralized or coordinated assessment system shall cover the entire geographic area, be easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, be well advertised, and include a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.”

Section 50490.3 (3B) states that if the system in place does not meet HUD requirements, “a minimum of 20 percent of the allocation to the Continuum of Care service area” can “be used to implement or update its systems to comply with the applicable HUD requirements.”

#### **6. Operational Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is required**

Administrative Entities must document that “the Continuum of Care service area has a functioning HMIS (Homeless Management Information System)” that meets “the applicable HUD requirements (Section 50490.3 (3A).”

As noted in Section 50490 (3h),

‘HMIS’ means a Homeless Management Information System, as defined in [Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations](#). The term “HMIS” also includes the use of a comparable database by a victim services provider or legal services provider that is permitted by HUD under Part 576 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.”

Section 50490.3 (3B) states that if the system in place does not meet HUD requirements, “a minimum of 20 percent of the allocation to the Continuum of Care service area” can “be used to implement or update its systems to comply with the applicable HUD requirements.”

## **7. Commitment to Housing First is required**

Any eligible activities funded that provide permanent housing must “incorporate the core components of Housing First, as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 8255 of the Welfare and Institutions Code,” which states

‘Housing First’ means the evidence-based model that uses housing as a tool, rather than a reward, for recovery and that centers on providing or connecting homeless people to permanent housing as quickly as possible. Housing First providers offer services as needed and requested on a voluntary basis and that do not make housing contingent on participation in services.”

## **8. Numeric goals and performance measures must be described in application to HCD**

Administrative entities are required to describe numerical goals and performance measures in the application in collaboration “with the relevant Continuum of Care.” Goals and measures will “be used to evaluate success in implementing eligible activities described in the application (Section 50490.3 (5).”

This section also states that

“At minimum, the application shall evaluate the following project or system performance

measures based on HMIS data from the Continuum of Care service area, as set forth in the department’s notice of funding availability:

(A) The number of homeless persons served.

- (B) The number of unsheltered homeless persons served, and the average length of time spent as homeless before entry into the program or project.
- (C) The number of homeless persons exiting the program or project to permanent housing.
- (D) The number of persons that return to homelessness after exiting the program or project.”

**9. Action plan not required but encouraged**

Administrative entities can include in their application submission, “the most current plan addressing actions to be taken within the Continuum of Care service area to address homelessness.” If there is no current plan, administrative entities may request funds to develop a plan in the application submission.

**10. Funds may only be requested for eligible activities**

Funds can be used for one or more of the following eligible activities:

- (1) Rental assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services to ensure housing affordability to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. Rental assistance provided pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed 48 months for each assisted household, and rent payments shall not exceed two times the current HUD fair market rent for the local area, as determined pursuant to Part 888 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (2) Operating subsidies in the form of 15-year capitalized operating reserves for new and existing affordable permanent housing units for homeless individuals and families.
- (3) Flexible housing subsidy funds for local programs that establish or support the provision of rental subsidies in permanent housing to assist homeless individuals and families. Funds used for purposes of this paragraph may support rental assistance, bridge subsidies to property owners waiting for approval from another permanent rental subsidy source, vacancy payments, or project-based rent or operating reserves.
- (4) Operating support for emergency housing interventions, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (A) Navigation centers that provide temporary room and board and case managers who work to connect homeless individuals and families to income, public benefits, health services, permanent housing, or other shelter.
  - (B) Street outreach services to connect unsheltered homeless individuals and families to temporary or permanent housing.
  - (C) Shelter diversion, including, but not limited to, homelessness prevention activities, and other necessary service integration activities to connect individuals and families to alternate housing arrangements, services, and financial assistance.

(5) Systems support for activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless services and housing delivery system, including CES, data, and HMIS reporting, and homelessness planning activities.

(6) To develop or update a CES system pursuant to subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 50490.3, or to develop a plan addressing actions to be taken within the Continuum of Care service area to address homelessness pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 50490.3.

### **11. Project selection process must be documented**

As noted in 50490.3 (4), the application submitted by administrative entities need to describe or provide documentation of the project selection process that will be used to allocate funds to qualified subrecipients. The project selection process requires avoidance of conflict of interest. Administrative entities must also include a project selection process in collaboration with the Continuum of Care in an annual report to HCD.

### **12. Funding request to HCD must be based on an assigned allocation**

The amount of funds recently allocated was approximately \$57.5 million. These funds will be allocated, as noted in Section 50490.2 (a) 1–3B,

“using a formula that is based off of the formula utilized, as of June 30, 2018, for the allocation of grants pursuant to the California Emergency Solutions Grants Program (Chapter 19 (commencing with Section 50899.1)), and that includes the following formula components:

(1) The 2017 point-in-time count published by HUD that includes both sheltered and unsheltered homeless.

(2) The number of extremely low income households in rental housing that pay more than 50 percent of household income on rent, based on HUD’s most recent Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy dataset.

(3) (A) The number of persons below the federal poverty line divided by the total population within the Continuum of Care service area, based on data from the United States Census Bureau.

(B) The formula required by this subdivision shall afford double weight to the factor described in this paragraph.”

### **13. Match is not a requirement**

“Funds available under the program are not required to be matched (Section 50490.2 2.d).”

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## **Are California Counties Ready for the Newly Established Housing for a Healthy California Program?**

- Counties must tie rental subsidies to health care services-*
- Counties must meet established requirements to be eligible for funds-*
- Counties should be preparing to meet the requirements to become eligible-*

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[Assembly Bill 74](#) (AB 74) required the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to establish the Housing for a Healthy California Program (HHC Program) on or before January 1, 2019. Funding for the program was made available through [California Senate Bill 850](#) (SB 850).

SB 850 requires 50% of the funds collected under [Senate Bill 2 Building and Jobs Act](#) (SB 2) on and after January 1, 2018, and before December 31, 2018, to HCD for the HHC Program. Year 1 breakdown of funds from SB 2 includes \$57.5 million for the program.

The Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released during the spring, 2019.

Funds must be used to address the problem of high costs incurred by health system for homeless persons while living on the streets. Funds must be used to implement a solution that ties rental subsidies to health care service funds

included in the final [1115 Medicaid Waiver](#), which includes the [Whole Person Care pilot program](#) and the [Health Home Program](#).

## **Requirements**

In order to be eligible for program funding, a county must meet all of the following requirements outlined in AB 74 Section 53592:

"(a) Has identified a source of funding for providing intensive services promoting housing stability. Funding for these services may include, but are not limited to, one or more of the following:

(1) County general funds.

(2) Whole Person Care pilot program funds, to the extent those funds are available or the Whole Person Care program has been renewed.

(3) The Health Home Program.

(4) Other county-controlled funding to provide these services to eligible participants

(b) Has agreed to contribute funding for projects assisted through federal Housing Trust Fund grants. This assistance may include preferences or set-asides for federally funded, locally administered rental subsidies.

(c) Has designated a process for administering grant funds through agencies administering housing programs.

(d) Agrees to collect and report data, as described in Section 53593, to the department."

Section 53593 states that

"(a) The department (Department of Housing and Community Development) shall coordinate with the State Department of Health Care Services to match program participant data, consistent with state and federal privacy law, to Medi-Cal data to identify outcomes among participants as well as changes in health care costs and utilization associated with housing and services provided under the program to the extent that information is available, up to 12 months prior to each participant's move into permanent housing, as well as changes in costs after each participant's move into permanent housing.

(b) A county or developer awarded grant or loan funds shall, at annual and midyear intervals, report all of the following data to the department:

- (1) Data specified by the department necessary to measure the costs and outcomes of the program.
- (2) The number of participants and the type of interventions offered through grant funds.
- (3) The number of participants living in supportive housing or other permanent housing.
- (4) To the extent feasible and available, data on the impact of the program on participants' use of corrections systems and law enforcement resources."

### **Eligible Activities**

Section 53594 states that"

- (a) A county shall use grants awarded pursuant to this part for all of the following:
  - (1) Acquisition funding, new construction, or reconstruction and rehabilitation.
  - (2) Project based operating assistance.
  - (3) A county's administrative costs, as determined by the department, of at least 5 percent of the total grant awarded.
- (b) Project based operating assistance may include either or both of the following:
  - (1) Long-term rental assistance for periods of up to five years, subject to renewal grants.
  - (2) A capitalized operating reserve for at least 15 years to pay for operating costs of an apartment or apartments receiving capital funding to provide supportive housing to people experiencing homelessness.
- (c) A county awarded grant funds pursuant to this part shall comply with federal Housing Trust Fund regulations."

### **Affected Population**

Section 53595 states that

"The department shall establish rating and ranking criteria to promote housing for persons who meet all of the following requirements:

- (a) Is chronically homeless or is homeless and a high-cost health user upon initial eligibility.
- (b) Is a Medi-Cal beneficiary.
- (c) Is eligible for Supplemental Security Income.

(d) Is eligible to receive services under a program providing services promoting housing stability, including, but not limited to, the following:

(1) The Whole Person Care pilot program, to the extent the Whole Person Care program is available or has been renewed.

(2) The Health Home Program.

(3) A locally controlled services program funding or providing services in supportive housing.

(e) Is likely to improve his or her health conditions with supportive housing."

For more information see

[AB 74 Housing for a Healthy California Program Fact Sheet](#)

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**No Place Like Home Program Update**  
**July 2018**

An initial Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be issued by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) prior to November and will make awards by the end of the calendar year depending on voter approval of [AB 1827, Committee on Budget. No Place Like Home Act of 2018](#). The initial NOFA will provide \$200 million through a noncompetitive over-the-counter process.

The No Place Like Home Formula Estimates for the Noncompetitive Program allocation of \$200 million is [listed on a California Department of Housing and Community Development web page](#), which lists the amounts by county.

Last fall, the Legislature passed and the Governor signed a package of bills referred to as the [2017 Legislative Housing Package](#) that will provide hundreds of millions of dollars during the next several months for various activities to help prevent and end homelessness in California. It is anticipated that an additional \$2 billion for permanent supportive housing for persons living with serious mental illness will be distributed by the end of the year pending voter approval.

[AB 1827, Committee on Budget. No Place Like Home Act of 2018](#), which was approved by the Governor on June 27, 2018, submits the No Place Like Home Act of 2018 to the voters for the November 6, 2018 statewide general election.

Page 1 of AB 1827, as did SB 1206, notes that the No Place Like Home Program will provide “finance capital costs, including, but not limited to, acquisition, design, construction, rehabilitation, or preservation, and to capitalize operating reserves, of permanent supportive housing for persons living with a severe mental illness.”

As noted on page 53 in the [California State Budget 2018-19 budget](#),

“The Budget places the No Place Like Home program on the November 2018 ballot to accelerate the issuance of \$2 billion in bond funds. The bonds will help provide housing for individuals experiencing mental illness who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and will be repaid from the Mental Health Services Fund. The Department of Housing and Community Development will issue an initial Notice of Funding Availability prior to November and make awards before the end of the calendar year contingent on voter approval of the measure.”

Page 118 of the [2018-19 Budget](#) noted

“In recognition of California’s pronounced housing shortage, in 2016, the Governor signed into law the No Place Like Home Program, which funds the construction of permanent supportive housing targeted to the chronically homeless and those at risk of chronic homelessness with mental health services needs. The program is funded with up to \$2 billion in bonds secured by Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) revenues. The Budget places the program before the voters in the November 2018 election to accelerate the issuance of program funds.”

For the most comprehensive information about the No Place Like Home Program, visit the [No Place Like Home web page of the California Department of Housing and Community Development](#).

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