

# Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP): Eight Percent Homeless Youth Set-Aside (\$52 million)

Assembly Bill 102, the Housing Development and Financing trailer bill, which is part of the 2019-2020 State Budget package, has established the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAPP). This one-time investment of \$650 million, administered by the [Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council](#) (HCFC) within the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency, will provide jurisdictions with one-time grant funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address homelessness challenges informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing. Provided below is an explanation of the program parameters.

## Eligible Applicants

HHAPP applicants are limited to “jurisdictions”—a city, county, or Continuum of Care (CoC). To be eligible, an applicant shall provide:

- How the jurisdiction has coordinated with other jurisdictions to identify their share of the regional need to address homelessness, and how the requested funds will help meet the jurisdiction’s share of that need;
- Identification of all funds currently being used to provide housing and homeless services for homeless populations in the jurisdiction;
- An assessment of existing programs to address homelessness and an identification of gaps in housing and services for the homeless populations in the jurisdiction;
- Identification of how funds requested in the application will complement pre-existing funds, close gaps, and serve the local homeless populations;
- Measurable goals, including individuals served and percentage of individuals successfully placed in permanent housing; and,
- Evidence of connection the with the local CoC’s Coordinated Entry System.

Jurisdictions must also agree to participate in a statewide Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

## Application Process

HHAPP applications are due on or before February 15, 2020, and awards determinations will be made no later than April 1, 2020. If funding remains, a second-round of awards may be made.

## Available Funding

HHAPP is granting a total of \$650 million. Funding shall be made available based on a regional proportionate share of the total homeless population, based on the 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time Count. The four funding categories are as follows:

- \$190 million available to CoCs;
- \$275 million available to the 13 Big Cities; and
- \$175 million available to Counties.

## Allowable Uses

HHAPP awards are for one-time uses to address homelessness, including but not limited to: rental assistance, rapid rehousing, and operating subsidies to supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers.

Additional stipulations include:

- A maximum 5% use of funds to meet federal requirements for housing funding, such as developing a strategic homelessness plan or infrastructure to support coordinated entry and the HMIS;
- A maximum 7% use of funds to cover administrative expenses incurred by the city, county or CoC; and,
- A minimum spending limit requiring at least 8% use of funds to establish or expand services meeting the needs of homeless youth populations.

## Reporting Requirements & Expenditure Timeline

HCFC may monitor activities to ensure compliance and request repayment of funds for failure to comply with requirements. HHAPP recipients must submit annual progress reports and a final report, no later than January 1, 2026, regarding the expenditure of funds under the program.

Additionally:

- By May 31, 2023, cities and CoCs must contractually obligate at least 50% of their program funds; counties must contractually obligate 100% of their program funds.
- For counties, any funds not contractually obligated by May 31, 2023 shall be reverted to the CoC that serves the county.
- For cities and CoCs, any funds not expended by December 31, 2023 shall be returned to the HCFC.
- Any funds not expended by June 30, 2025, must be reverted to the General Fund.