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HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL

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Governance and Finance, Housing, and
Human Services

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Background on HCFC

- Chapter 847, Statutes of 2016 (SB 1380) established the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC).
- HCFC has 19 councilmembers: 12 state departments and agencies, 2 formerly homeless Californians, 2 local Continuum of Care representatives, and 3 state advocates or local stakeholder organization representatives.
- Chapter 48, Statutes of 2018 (SB 850) authorized HCFC to administer the \$500 million Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).
- Chapter 159, Statutes of 2019 (AB 101) authorized HCFC to administer the \$650 million Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP).

HCFC GOALS & PRIORITIES

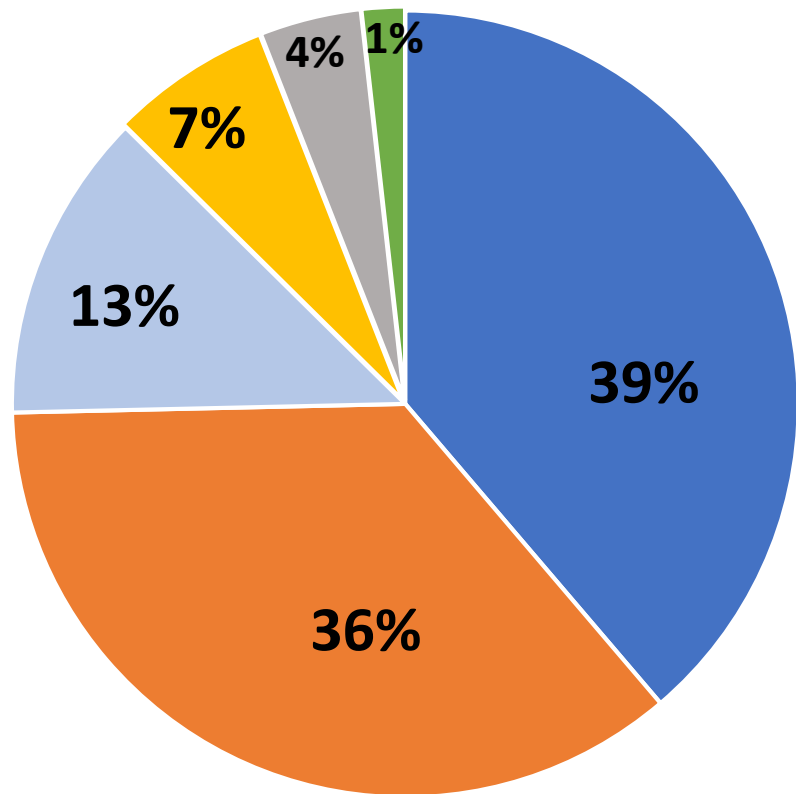
- Implement HHAP
- Continued oversight of HEAP
- Develop a statewide homeless data warehouse
- Develop a data-driven, evidence-based, action-oriented strategic plan for the state
- Continued oversight of Housing First mandate
- Continued implementation of the Homeless Youth Act, Chapter 841, Statutes of 2018 (SB 918, Wiener)
- Continued facilitation between state departments that have funding and programs to address homelessness

Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Program Overview	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 million one-time block grant • Provides localities with funding to address their immediate homelessness challenges
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 43 Continuums of Care • 11 Largest Cities, with populations of 330,000 or more (as of January 2018)
Key Elements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Required a crisis shelter declaration to be a direct recipient of HEAP funds • Required a demonstration of collaboration • Mandated that at least 5% of the allocation must be used to establish or expand programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness • Eligible applicants to determine how to expend funds • Funding must align with Housing First mandate • 50% obligated by January 1, 2020, 100% fully expended by June 30, 2021
Lessons Learned	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streamlined application and disbursement processes • Technical Assistance was critical (Office Hours, 1:1, workshops, roundtables) • HCFC staff are dedicated to supporting collaboration, partnership, and supporting the alignment of resources

STATEWIDE HEAP SPENDING PLANS

- Services
- Capital Improvements
- Rental Assistance/Subsidies
- Homeless Youth Set-Aside
- Administrative
- Other (mobile hygiene, etc.)



Data as of 10/1/19, collected from HEAP applications

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP)

<p>Program Overview</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$650 million one-time block grant established in 2019-20 Budget • Provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 44 Continuums of Care • 13 Largest Cities, with populations of 300,000 or more (as of January 2019) • 58 Counties
<p>Funding Allocations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$190 million – Continuums of Care • \$275 million – Large Cities • \$175 million – Counties • Allocations were calculated based on each applicant’s proportionate share of the state’s homeless population based on the homeless point-in time count (PIT).
<p>Key Elements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires demonstration of how they have 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 • Mandates that at least 8% of the allocation must be used to establish or expand programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness • Eligible uses explicitly outlined in statute and further defined in HHAP program guidance

HHAP ELIGIBLE USES

**Rental Assistance
and
Rapid Rehousing**

**Operating Subsidies
and Reserves**

Landlord Incentives

**Outreach and
Coordination**

**Systems Support to
create regional
partnerships**

**Delivery of
Permanent Housing
and Innovative
Housing solutions**

**Prevention and
shelter diversion**

**New navigation
centers and
emergency shelters**
(based on demonstrated need)

HHAP ELIGIBLE USES (CONTINUED)

- Grantees are required to use **at least 8 percent** of the program allocation for services that meet the specific needs for homeless youth populations.
- Grantees **may use up to 5 percent** of the program allocation:
 - Strategic homelessness plan
 - For infrastructure development to support coordinated entry systems and Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS).
- Grantees **may use up to 7 percent** of their program allocation for administrative costs to administer its program allocation.

HHAP Application Timeline

- Deadline for application submission was February 15, 2020.
- All HHAP awards to be made by April 1, 2020.
- HHAP program funds must be contractually obligated by May 31, 2023 (varies for CoCs, large cities and counties).
- HHAP program funds must be fully expended by June 30, 2025.