

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 5 Funding Basics



1. What is the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Funding Grant Program (HHAP)?

The HHAP round 5 grant program is authorized by section 17 of Assembly Bill 129 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2023); Health & Safety Code 50230) which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 10, 2023.

2. What is the purpose of HHAP-5 Funding?

The purpose of HHAP-5 is to successfully reduce homelessness by organizing and deploying a full array of homelessness programs and resources comprehensively and effectively, and to support existing federal, state, and local investments towards long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services.



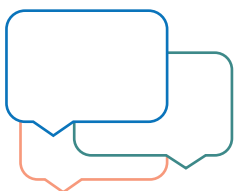
3. What are Round 5 requirements?

HHAP-5 requires applicants to create and implement a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (Action Plan). The Action Plan is expected to:

- Implement strategies that create and sustain partnerships and emphasize permanent housing solutions.
- Ensure the long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services.
- Demonstrate sufficient resources dedicated to long-term permanent housing solutions.
- Demonstrate a commitment to address racial disproportionality in homeless populations and achieve equitable provision of services and outcomes for Black, Native and Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islanders and other People of Color who are disproportionately impacted by homelessness.
- Engage people with lived experience of homelessness to have meaningful and purposeful opportunities to inform and shape all levels of planning and implementation.
- Fund projects that provide housing and services that are Housing First compliant and delivered in a low barrier, trauma informed, and culturally responsive manner.
- Assist people to remain in or move into safe, stable, permanent housing.

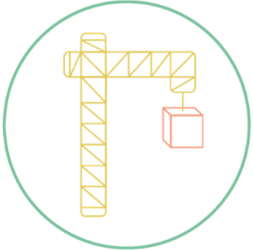





4. How can the community shape the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan?



Public feedback is required on the HHAP-5 eligible activities for all people experiencing homelessness, including youth. The input provided by the public will guide the design of the Action Plan by identifying the types of programs and resources to be funded. Your participation is needed by voting on your top five priorities to be invested in to sustain housing and reduce homelessness.

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Eligible Activities Categories	
	<p>Delivery of Permanent Housing and Innovative Housing Solutions. Includes acquisition, <i>development</i>, improvement or renovation, and maintenance of land or buildings.</p> <p><i>Permanent housing delivery includes innovative housing solution such as hotel and motel conversions.</i></p>
	<p>Rapid Rehousing. Includes rental subsidies, move-in expenses, and landlord incentives, such as security deposits, holding fees, funding for needed repairs, and recruitment and relationship management costs.</p> <p><i>Rapid rehousing provides time limited rental assistance and services. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self- sufficiency, and stay housed.</i></p>
	<p>Prevention and Shelter Diversion. Includes homelessness prevention through rental assistance, rapid rehousing, and other programs.</p> <p><i>Prevention and shelter diversion support eligible populations, including those “at risk of homelessness”, with access to safe alternatives to shelter and/or remain safely housed at their current residence.</i></p> <p><u>Changes from previous funding rounds:</u> Change of eligible population to include “at risk of homelessness.” Requires prioritization of households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income, who pay more than 50 percent of their income in housing costs, and who meet criteria for being at highest risk of homelessness through data-informed criteria.</p>
	<p>Operating Subsidies for Permanent Housing. Include operating costs for programs such as Homekey, residential care facilities, and property tax abatements.</p> <p><i>Operating subsidies for permanent housing support operations for new and existing affordable or supportive housing units. Subsidies can help reduce structural decline and defray costs of operating so residents can pay lower rents.</i></p>

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Interim Housing. Includes acquisition, improvement or renovation, and maintenance of land or buildings for interim housing, navigation centers, motel vouchers, service coordination, youth-focused services, and capital funding to build new non-congregate interim housing sites.

Interim housing provides safe temporary accommodations for people experiencing homelessness, and offers supportive services, security, and space to keep belongings.

Changes from previous funding rounds:

No HHAP-5 resources may be used to fund new interim housing solutions, until both of the following occurs: (1) the applicant has demonstrated that the region has dedicated sufficient resources from other sources to long-term permanent housing solutions and (2) the applicant has received written permission from Cal ICH. (HSC §50236(c).)

This limitation does not apply to new interim housing solutions for youth under the ten percent youth set aside.






Operating Subsidies for Interim Housing. Includes subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing – both congregate and non-congregate.

Operating subsidies for interim housing support operations in interim housing serving people experiencing homelessness.



Improvements to Existing Interim Housing. Includes facility maintenance, rehabilitation, conversions, additions, updates, and enhancements that lower barriers and increase privacy.

Improvements to existing interim housing support renovation of existing interim housing to improve the quality of life for people experiencing homelessness who are residing in the interim housing.

	<h2 style="text-align: center; color: purple;">Eligible Activities Categories</h2>
	<p>Street Outreach. Includes street engagement services, case management, mental health and other street-based health care services, housing navigation, harm reduction services, and hygiene services.</p> <p><i>Street outreach supports services provided to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and people living in encampments.</i></p>
	<p>Service Coordination. Include access to workforce, education, training, legal/advocacy services, individual counseling and service planning, coordination of medical and mental health appointment, obtaining benefits and medical insurance, referrals to community-based services, and other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.</p> <p><i>Service coordination supports wrap-around services not directly provided through another project.</i></p>
	<p>System Support. Include activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations.</p> <p><i>System support activities improve regional partnerships, homelessness services system infrastructure, including the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), accessibility, and outcomes.</i></p>

Definitions

"Homeless Youth" Means an unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years of age who is experiencing homelessness. "Homeless youth" includes unaccompanied youth who are pregnant or parenting.

"Homeless Management Information System" means the information system designated by a continuum of care to comply with federal reporting requirements. The term "Homeless Management Information System" also includes the use of a comparable database by a victim services provider or legal services provider that is permitted by the federal government.

"Interim Housing" means the full range of shorter-term, crisis options for temporary accommodations which may currently be referred to by a variety of terms: congregate or non-congregate emergency shelter; navigation centers; bridge housing; transitional housing; or other models or terms which do not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.