

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Round 6 Funding Basics



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

The HHAP round 6 grant program is authorized by section 13 of Assembly Bill 166 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2024); Health & Safety Code 50239) which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 04, 2024.

2. What is the purpose of HHAP-6 Funding?

The purpose of HHAP-6 is to 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.



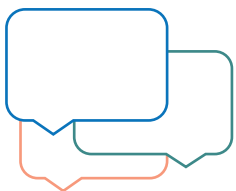
3. What are Round 6 requirements?

HHAP-6 requires applicants to create and implement a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (Action Plan). The Action Plan is expected to describe how regional partners will accomplish the following:

- 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.



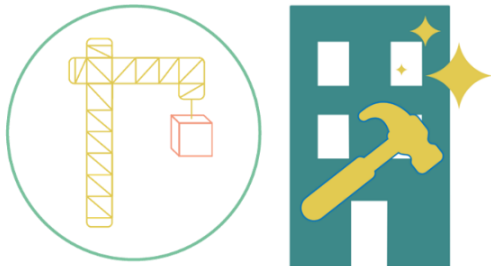
4. How can the community shape the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan?



Public feedback is required on the HHAP-6 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 community priorities for homelessness services and resources. Your participation is needed by voting on your top three priorities to help sustain housing and reduce homelessness.

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Eligible Activities Categories



Delivery of Permanent Housing, Innovative Housing Solutions and Operating Subsidies. Includes acquisition, development, improvement or renovation, and maintenance of land or buildings. Includes operating costs for programs such as Homekey, residential care facilities, and property tax abatements.

Permanent housing delivery includes innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions. 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.



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.

Rapid rehousing provides time limited rental assistance and services. The goals are to help people obtain housing quickly, increase self-sufficiency, and stay housed.



Prevention and Shelter Diversion. Includes homelessness prevention through rental assistance, rapid rehousing, and other programs.

*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.*

Changes from previous funding rounds:

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.

Eligible Activities Categories



Interim Housing Operating Subsidies and Improvements to Existing 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, capital funding to build new non-congregate interim housing sites, and subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing – both congregate and non-congregate.

Interim housing include navigation centers or other emergency shelters that provide low barrier safe temporary accommodations for people experiencing homelessness, and offers supportive services, security, and space to keep belongings.

Subsidies for interim housing support operations in interim housing serving people experiencing homelessness. Services include, but are not limited to intensive case management, housing navigation, connecting people to other treatment facilities, public benefits advocacy, and other supportive services to promote stability and referral into Permanent Housing.

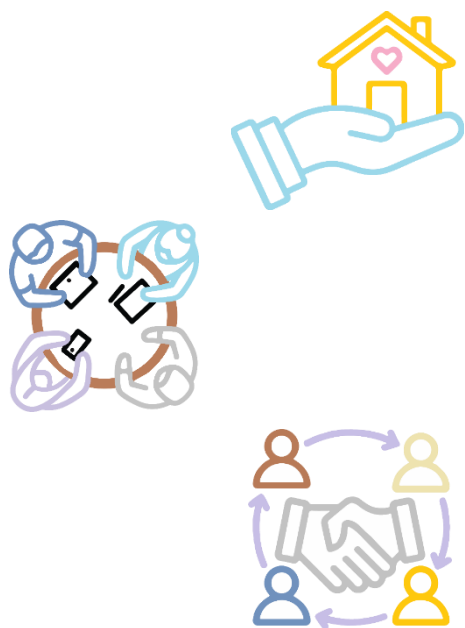
Improvements to existing interim housing support renovation of existing interim housing to improve the quality of life for those who are residing in interim housing. Examples include, but are not limited to: maintenance of facility, rehabilitation, conversion, additions, and/or enhancements to increase privacy.

Changes from previous funding rounds:

No HHAP 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.

Eligible Activities Categories



Services and Service Coordination. Non-housing services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness including people experiencing homelessness coming from encampment sites. Services are to be trauma-informed and practice harm reduction, including but not limited to:

- *Street outreach support services*
- *Evidence-based engagement services*
- *Case management services*
- *Assertive community treatment*
- *Housing navigation*
- *Coordination with street-based health care services*
- *Hygiene services*
- *Access to workforce, education, and training programs*

Other eligible services include costs and activities supporting people with lived experience necessary to create lived experience advisory boards, and youth advisory boards.

Definitions

"At Risk of Homelessness" means a person or family has a high chance of becoming homeless due to low income, lack of resources, or other factors

"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.

"Assertive Community Treatment" is a community-based mental health care program that helps people with serious mental illness including treatment, rehabilitation and support services.