

**San Bernardino County
Homelessness Action Plan:
A Multi-jurisdictional Approach**

Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Recommendation 11a. Increase the number of permanent supportive housing units in order to decrease the number of chronically homeless individuals and families**
- Permanent supportive housing (PSH) is a proven solution for chronic homelessness. PSH pairs a housing rental subsidy and home-based case management. The subsidy allows residents to pay no more than 30% of their adjusted monthly income towards rent and case managers ensure that residents receive appropriate on-site and off-site supportive services.

State Funding for Permanent Supportive Housing

- **Recommendation 11c. Ensure that eligible public and private entities apply for funds to increase permanent supportive housing from all state funding sources that prioritize permanent supportive housing**
- Several state funding sources are either now available or will soon be available for which permanent supportive housing is an eligible activity.

1. No Place Like Home Program

- Existing Legislation, known as the No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program, requires the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to **award \$2,000,000,000 among counties to 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 who are experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness or who are at risk of chronic homelessness, and who are in need of mental health services.

1. No Place Like Home Program

Competitive Funding

- HCD announce the availability of approximately \$400 million in **Round 1 Competitive Allocation** funds for the NPLH program. Applications were due in January 2019 and awards were recently announced that included funding for 805 permanent supportive housing units.
- A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the **next competitive round** of \$400 million from the NPLH program is scheduled to be released in September, 2019. Applications will be due January, 2020 and awards will be made by Spring, 2020.

1. No Place Like Home Program

- *Non-Competitive Funding*
- The legislation allowed HCD to distribute a non-competitive allocation of \$190 million to that required counties to submit a [Noncompetitive Allocation Acceptance Form](#) and an executed copy of the [Authorizing Resolution](#) to HCD by August 15, 2019. The deadline for counties that submitted their required documentation to submit project applications for their non-competitive allocation is February 15, 2021.
- **Amount allocated for non-competitive funding for San Bernardino County is \$2,537,144.**

2. Housing for a Healthy California Program

- Existing legislation created the Housing for a Healthy California Program in order to provide grants to counties for permanent supportive housing for individuals who are recipients of or eligible for health care provided through the California Department of Health Care Services, Medi-Cal program.

2. Housing for a Healthy California Program

- Applications were due August 13, 2019. Awards will be made by the end of 2019.
- San Bernardino County applied for \$2,529,090.
- A NOFA for an additional \$33 million is scheduled to be released in February, 2020 and applications will be due by May, 2020.

3. Multifamily Housing Program

- Funds are allocated as permanent financing for affordable multifamily rental and transitional new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, and conversion housing developments.
- HCD announced the availability of approximately \$250 million in funding in a NOFA, which was released in June, 2019. Applications were due in August, 2019 and award announcements are expected in December, 2019.
- HCD is scheduled to release another NOFA in January, 2020 and applications due in March, 2020. Awards are anticipated in June, 2020.

4. Supportive Housing Multifamily Housing Program

- The SHMHP program provides funds “for permanent financing only, and may be used for new construction or rehabilitation of a multifamily rental housing development, or conversion of a nonresidential structure to a multifamily rental housing development.
- HCD will not release another set aside for the SHMHP. However, applications including permanent supportive housing projects may be submitted during the next round of funding for the Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)

Next Steps

- **Recommendation 13a. Conduct a Series of Meetings with Potential Housing Developers**

Meetings should consist of a presentation that focuses on the need for development expertise and interest regarding mixed-income, mixed-population developments that include permanent supportive housing

- mixed-income includes very low-, low- and moderate-income households;
- mixed population includes persons with disabilities who were homeless.

Next Steps

- **Recommendation 13b. Appoint a Point Person to Organize and Facilitate the Series of Meetings with Potential Housing Developers**

Organizing the meetings include:

- inviting potential housing developers to attend meetings;
- designing a presentation that focuses on the need for development expertise regarding mixed-income, mixed-population developments that include permanent supportive housing.

Next Steps

Facilitating the meetings include:

- soliciting feedback and interest from potential housing developers;
- ensuring that representatives from appropriate County departments attend the meetings to help respond to feedback and interest from potential housing developers;
- ensuring follow-up with potential housing developers who express an interest in developing a mixed-income, mixed-population development that include permanent supportive housing.

One More Next Step: SB 2 Planning Grants

- **Recommendation 10. Help County, regions, and cities prepare, adopt, and implement plans and process improvements that streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production including permanent supportive housing.**
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- The Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH) should support applications submitted to the SB 2 Planning Grants Program, which “is intended for the preparation, adoption, and implementation of plans that streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production.”
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- Nearly \$7 million (\$6,895,000) has been allocated to the County and its 24 cities.

One More Next Step: SB 2 Planning Grants

- ICH should also work with the County and each of the cities that apply to ensure that permanent supportive housing is included in the plans that streamline housing approvals and accelerate housing production, including Housing Elements which is consistent with recently approved AB 2162, Planning and Zoning: Housing Development and Supportive Housing.

Table 1. SB 2 Planning Grant Program Awards

One More Next Step: SB 2 Planning Grants

Jurisdiction	Award maximum	Total Population	City Size
Adelanto	\$160,000	35,293	Small City
Apple Valley	\$310,000	73,984	Medium City
Barstow	\$160,000	24,411	Small City
Big Bear Lake	\$160,000	5,512	Small City
Chino	\$310,000	86,757	Medium City
Chino Hills	\$310,000	83,159	Medium City
Colton	\$160,000	53,724	Small City
Fontana	\$625,000	212,000	Large City
Grand Terrace	\$160,000	12,524	Small City
Hesperia	\$310,000	94,829	Medium City
Highland	\$160,000	54,761	Small City
Loma Linda	\$160,000	23,946	Small City
Montclair	\$160,000	39,326	Small City

One More Next Step: SB 2 Planning Grants

Needles	\$160,000	5,177	Small City
Ontario	\$310,000	177,589	Medium City
Rancho Cucamonga	\$310,000	176,671	Medium City
Redlands	\$310,000	71,196	Medium City
Rialto	\$310,000	107,041	Medium City
San Bernardino	\$625,000	221,130	Large City
Twentynine Palms	\$160,000	27,046	Small City
Upland	\$310,000	77,017	Medium City
Victorville	\$310,000	123,701	Medium City
Yucaipa	\$160,000	54,651	Small City
Yucca Valley	\$160,000	21,834	Small City
Sub-Total:	\$6,270,000		
San Bernardino County	\$625,000	311,659	Large County
Total:	\$6,895,000		

Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program

- Recent legislation also created the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program in order to help cities and counties implement plans to increase the affordable housing stock including permanent supportive housing.
- Release of a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) is expected in September for approximately \$165 million in non-competitive allocations.
- Eligible Applicants for the entitlement formula component are limited to the metropolitan cities and urban counties

Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program

Apple Valley	\$227,223.43
Chino	\$197,041.68
Chino Hills	\$140,086.25
Fontana	\$775,256.78
Hesperia	\$399,651.83
Ontario	\$726,973.94
Rancho Cucamonga	\$355,954.32
Rialto	\$472,354.67
San Bernardino City	\$1,281,682.15
Upland	\$219,539.43
Victorville	\$499,997.87
San Bernardino County	\$2,733,319.97
Total:	\$8,029,082.32

Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program

Eligible Activities:

- The predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of multifamily, residential live-work, rental housing that is affordable to extremely low-, very low-, low-, or moderate-income households, including necessary operating subsidies
- Assisting persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including, but not limited to, providing rapid rehousing, rental assistance, supportive/case management services that allow people to obtain and retain housing, operating and capital costs for navigation centers and emergency shelters, and the new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional housing.

Other State Funding

Recommendation 12. Ensure that eligible public and private entities apply for funds from all other state funding sources that prioritize activities to prevent and end homelessness

- Other state funding sources that prioritize activities to prevent and end homelessness include:

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

Grant funds will be provided to

- Continuums of Care;
 - Counties;
 - Cities with a total population of 300,000 persons or more
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- Continuum of Care: Estimated allocation \$3,292,454;
 - County: Estimated allocation \$3,032,524;

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

Eligible activities;

- (1) Rental assistance and rapid rehousing.
- (2) Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.
- (3) Incentives to landlords, including, but not limited to, security deposits and holding fees.
- (4) Outreach and coordination, which may include access to job programs, to assist vulnerable populations in accessing permanent housing and to promote housing stability in supportive housing.

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program

- (5) Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations including families and homeless youth.
- (6) Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions such as hotel and motel conversions.
- (7) Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing.
- (8) New navigation centers and emergency shelters based on demonstrated need.

Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (Timeline)

October 2019	Program Guidance Published
TBD	Application Map and Instructions released
TBD	Release of NOFA and Application (dependent upon the release of 2019 point-in-time count by US Housing and Urban Development)
February 15, 2020	HHAP Applications Due
April 1, 2020	All HHAP awards to be made
May 31, 2023	HHAP program funds must be contractually obligated **varies for counties, CoCs, and large cities
June 30, 2025	HHAP funds must be fully expended

HCD Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program

- Within the CoC Allocation, Administrative Entities (AEs) are selected by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to administer an allocation of funds provided through a formula for their service area. These AEs must be local governments of ESG Entitlement Areas and must commit to administering ESG funds in collaboration with their CoC throughout their CoC Service Area.

HCD Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program

ESG funds may be used for four primary activities: Street Outreach, Rapid Re-Housing Assistance, Emergency Shelter, and Homelessness Prevention.

2020 Timeline:

- February 2020: NOFA released for \$11 million
- April 2020: Applications due
- June 2020: Awards announced

2019 San Bernardino Continuum of Care Allocation: \$302,668