



HHAP-4 GUIDANCE

Thank you for your partnership in the development of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 4 (HHAP-4) applications. Supporting robust goals that propose to reduce the number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness and increase the number of people placed in permanent housing is a top priority for the state. We must also ensure that HHAP resources and solutions are advancing equity by reaching organizations, neighborhoods, and communities that have been marginalized and under-resourced.

Commitment

In the spirit of partnership, your HHAP-4 plan will be objectively conditioned upon committing to further your HHAP-3 outcome goals by pursuing the following:

1. Establish more ambitious outcomes for Goal 1B during the HHAP-4 consultation and review process.
2. Implement as many of the best practices listed below as possible.

Best Practices

- 1) Enter into regional Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with detailed commitments that focus on coordinating and integrating interim and permanent housing resources (both capital and rental subsidies), supportive services, and outreach and engagement strategies.
- 2) Streamline Coordinated Entry System processes to ensure that housing resources are being effectively matched to people based on need so that the right housing interventions are being targeted to the right people at the right time.
- 3) Utilize available land slated for supportive housing development for interim housing solutions during the entitlement process, where feasible.
- 4) Streamline multifamily affordable housing development, specifically housing Extremely Low and Very Low-Income housing, and further efforts to remove local barriers to development and accelerate the implementation of state laws that provide for streamlined approval of affordable housing.
- 5) Develop and strengthen relationships with local Public Housing Authorities (PHA) to increase voucher utilization and success rates, implement strategies to maximize emergency vouchers for households experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness; explore prioritization for special populations; work with landlords to increase participation; and pair PHA



resources, including vouchers, with services and housing units to create permanent supportive housing opportunities.

- 6) Leverage funding sources, including, but not limited to, CalAIM, Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program, Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, Homekey, Mental Health Services Act, Emergency Solutions Grants or other locally funded rental assistance opportunities.
- 7) Establish cross-system partnerships to enhance person-centered and effective homelessness response system outcomes. Examples include partnerships with local jails and/or sheriff departments, child welfare agencies, and/or institutions of higher education.

During the HHAP-4 consultation process, you will be asked to provide a written narrative that describes which of the best practices above will be implemented or are already being implemented. If a specified best practice is not within your authority, or you are otherwise limited in implementing a specific best practice, you will be asked to specify that limitation during the HHAP-4 consultation process.

Cal ICH requests that a program designee attest to the foregoing commitment and transmit a signed copy to Cal ICH at HHAP@bcsh.ca.gov as soon as possible, but no later than November 29, 2022.

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Authorized Signatory: _____