



CALIFORNIA HOMELESS COORDINATING AND FINANCING COUNCIL

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
Gavin Newsom, Governor | Alexis Podesta, Chair

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council Meeting October 8, 2019

Council Updates

1) Recruitment

- a. We have four new staff joining us and we are still in the process of hiring 3 more staff.
 - i. The HEAP Grant Manager is Rosalind Sago
 - ii. The HHAP Grant Manager is Amber Ostrander
 - iii. The HHAP Senior Grant Analyst is Connie Mallavia
 - iv. The Senior Homeless Youth Services Specialist is Cathy Kungu
 - v. The Homeless Youth Liaison is pending
 - vi. The HEAP and HHAP Grant Program Analyst positions are in the process of interviewing.

2) Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

- a. The first annual report is due January 1, 2020. The reporting period is from September 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019.
- b. HEAP grantees must also have 50% of their program funds contractually obligated by January 1, 2020. There will be a certification process completed to ensure all grantees comply with the program mandates.
- c. Our target date to begin site visits in the Spring of 2020.
- d. We have entered into contract with Sac State School of Social Work Professors, Dr. Susanna Curry and Dr. Arturo Baiocchi to conduct a preliminary impact evaluation of HEAP.
 - i. The goal for the formative evaluation is to report community strategies regarding use of HEAP funds; identify process outcomes and systems improvements in communities as a result of HEAP; highlight some of the unintended consequences or difficulties that communities are facing in the use of HEAP funds; and illustrate innovative practices by communities. The exploration of these initial questions will then inform and frame ongoing evaluations of HEAP during the next three years.
 - ii. The target date of publication is December 2019.
- e. We have started to visit HEAP funded projects with more to come. We will notify Council members and others who may want to partake in future events.
 - i. September 26, 2019-Grand Opening of VOICES-Solano
 - ii. VOICES provide a community center where transitioning foster youth have access to comprehensive housing, education, employment and wellness services. VOICES' unique approach blends powerful youth engagement with meaningful support services that young people need as they leave systems of care. Each center focuses on empowerment and action, mobilizing members through leadership opportunities that challenge communities to build better and more innovative systems to support youth, caregivers and professionals.

iii. VOICES program is serving youth in Sonoma, Napa, and now Solano.

3) Homeless Youth Mandate

- a. We continue to maintain our partnerships with Homeless Youth Advocates and Stakeholders to explore next steps moving forward.
- b. On September 18, we partnered with the John Burton Advocates for Youth to conduct a webinar on How THP-Plus Providers, Youth Shelters & Campuses Can Use New State Funding to Address Youth Homelessness
 - i. There were more than 200 callers that participated
 - ii. A presentation was provided by Debbie Pell from the Bill Wilson Center, who was a recipient of HEAP funds.

4) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP)

- a. HCFC staff have developed the Program Guidance and Application Map for HHAP, with a
- b. HCFC staff have participated in preliminary information workshops with eligible applicants.
- c. HCFC staff are in the process of scheduling statewide information sessions and provide technical assistance for HHAP.

HHAP TIMELINE	
October 2019	Program Guidance published
October 2019	Application Map and Instructions published
November-December 2019	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 program funds must be fully expended

5) Local Partnerships

- a. HCFC staff continue to participate in statewide convenings to establish and maintain partnerships and the federal, state, and local level.
- b. On September 4, HCFC was invited to participate in a convening with Leader Kevin McCarthy to discuss funding opportunities, best-practices, and solutions to addressing the homelessness crisis in Bakersfield and Kern County. Panelists included San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulkner, the Mayor Goh of Bakersfield, Assemblyman Vince Fong, Cathy Kungu from HCD, and several of our Federal Partners from USICH and HUD.
- c. Presentations with HCD on available funding and strengthening partnerships and regional coordination took place in Fullerton, Imperial County, and El Dorado County.

- d. In Sacramento, presentations were made at the Whole Person Care Quarterly Conference in on September 10, 2019, and HCFC participated in a workshop co-hosted by the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health (CCJBH) and HCD on September 18, 2019.

6) Upcoming events:

- a. October 2, 2019: San Luis Obispo CoC and Site Visits
- b. October 3, 2019: Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board Workshop
- c. October 4, 2019: Santa Barbara and Ventura CoC
- d. October 13, 2019: 19th Annual Foster Youth Education Fund Fashion Show
- e. October 15, 2019: Central California Homeless Roundtable-Fresno, CA
- f. October 24, 2019: Sonoma CoC Presentation and site visits