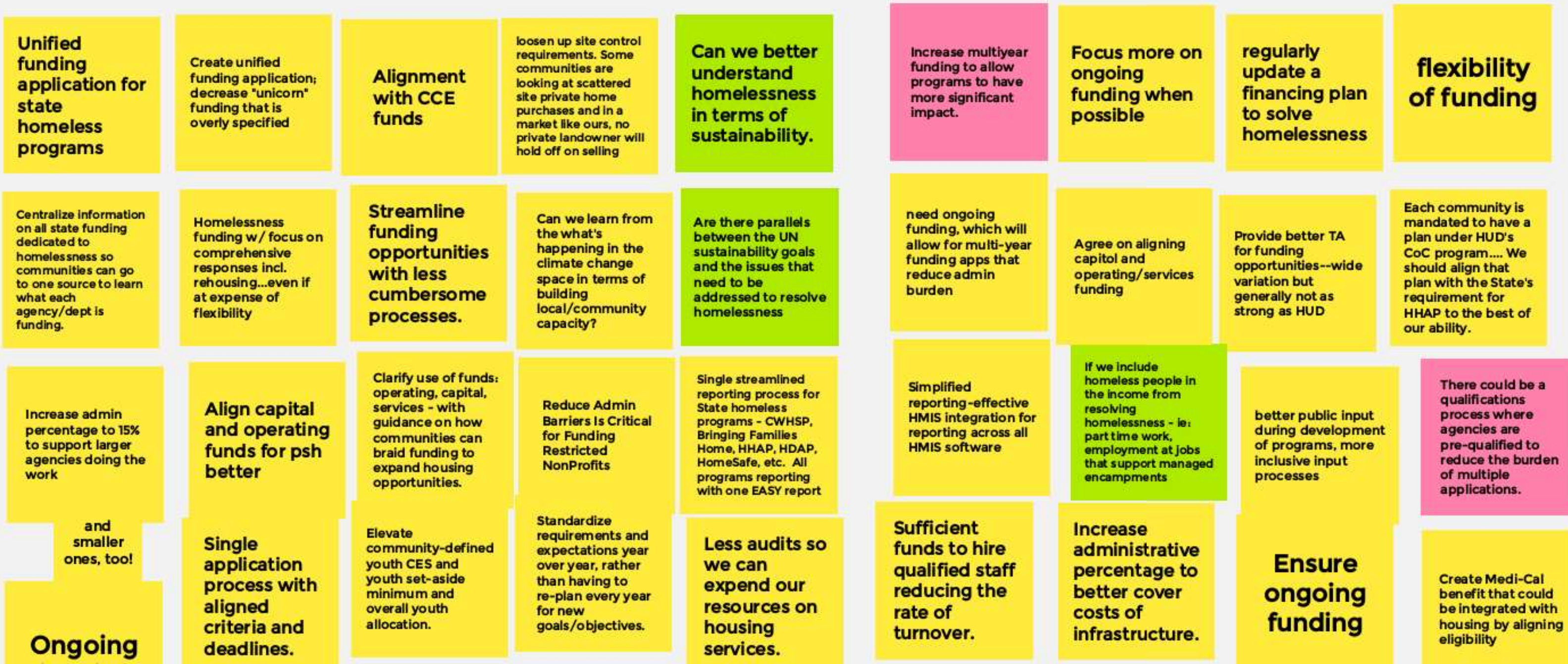# 1. Implementation of Funding and Programs

How could the State better align funding and/or coordinate across programs to improve their collective impact?

- How could the State streamline or improve access to funding?
- Other ways the State could strengthen impact of funding and programs?

Unified funding application for state homeless programs

Create unified funding application; decrease "unicorn" funding that is overly specified

Alignment with CCE funds

loosen up site control requirements. Some communities are looking at scattered site private home purchases and in a market like ours, no private landowner will hold off on selling

Can we better understand homelessness in terms of sustainability.

Increase multiyear funding to allow programs to have more significant impact.

Focus more on ongoing funding when possible

regularly update a financing plan to solve homelessness

flexibility of funding

Centralize information on all state funding dedicated to homelessness so communities can go to one source to learn what each agency/dept is funding.

Homelessness funding w/ focus on comprehensive responses incl. rehousing...even if at expense of flexibility

Streamline funding opportunities with less cumbersome processes.

Can we learn from the what's happening in the climate change space in terms of building local/community capacity?

Are there parallels between the UN sustainability goals and the issues that need to be addressed to resolve homelessness

need ongoing funding, which will allow for multi-year funding apps that reduce admin burden

Agree on aligning capitol and operating/services funding

Provide better TA for funding opportunities--wide variation but generally not as strong as HUD

Each community is mandated to have a plan under HUD's CoC program.... We should align that plan with the State's requirement for HHAP to the best of our ability.

Increase admin percentage to 15% to support larger agencies doing the work

Align capital and operating funds for psh better

Clarify use of funds: operating, capital, services - with guidance on how communities can braid funding to expand housing opportunities.

Reduce Admin Barriers Is Critical for Funding Restricted NonProfits

Single streamlined reporting process for State homeless programs - CWHSP, Bringing Families Home, HHAP, HDAP, HomeSafe, etc. All programs reporting with one EASY report

Simplified reporting-effective HMIS integration for reporting across all HMIS software

If we include homeless people in the income from resolving homelessness - ie: part time work, employment at jobs that support managed encampments

better public input during development of programs, more inclusive input processes

There could be a qualifications process where agencies are pre-qualified to reduce the burden of multiple applications.

and smaller ones, too!

Single application process with aligned criteria and deadlines.

Elevate community-defined youth CES and youth set-aside minimum and overall youth allocation.

Standardize requirements and expectations year over year, rather than having to re-plan every year for new goals/objectives.

Less audits so we can expend our resources on housing services.

Sufficient funds to hire qualified staff reducing the rate of turnover.

Increase administrative percentage to better cover costs of infrastructure.

Ensure ongoing funding

Create Medi-Cal benefit that could be integrated with housing by aligning eligibility

Ongoing

How can the State best assess its progress on the commitments it has made in the Action Plan?

- What other measures should we look to in order to assess progress in each of the five Action Areas?
- Are there measures the State should be using to assess overall performance?

ditto

A survey of "clients" to see how the program they are in is doing. Want to know "what is being done right" "what is helping my success at my next step" "where are gaps, or something that

The state could identify a statewide goal to reduce homelessness to help align local jurisdictions.

Work with various communities of color to better understand appropriate data collection methods to make sure we are capturing need & progress across service continuum.

Ensure we are able to disaggregate data for each action area by race, gender, age & intersectional identities i.e., race & gender.

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Better measures of things like "first time homelessness" (Currently measured as first entrance into HMIS in 2 years----which isn't a good measure)

Create common range/guidelines based on local community needs for homelessness goals such as what do we mean by making homelessness "brief" or "rare."

measure access to care for persons without housing, and with chronic/acute medical or behavioral health challenge exiting institutional setting (jail, hospital, etc.).

Transparency, Transparency, Transparency

Measuring components of success, connection, job or volunteering start, improved relationships - as well as structurally housed

For youth point-in-time count needs strengthening. Definitions aren't working for youth.

pg 2: client survey "where are gaps, what causes harm", and "suggestions", "what I would like to offer"

Movement from temporary housing into permanent housing

Focus on measuring success as it relates to health and mental health level of functioning of consumers.AGREE

Measure returns to homelessness after "exit" to housing

All the measures of system health (lengths of stay in shelter, housing exits, etc) are critical. They should not take a backseat to reductions in unsheltered.

Decreasing total time homeless as a measure--and looking at racial equity in this measure

Preference quantitative and qualitative data collection methods to ensure we capture voices and experiences of persons with lived experience.

Measure healthcare connection and access for persons experiencing homelessness.

Audit Exit data

Illustrate prevention approaches that lead to housing stability or eviction prevention.

Jurisdictions' per unit cost.

Diversity of service providers and contractors from the top - down.

Homelessness is more than the PIT. We need to assess CE waiting lists, # of people served, etc.

Align HHAP eligible uses with more commonly understood homeless systems program types

The value of prevention.

Performance and satisfactory measures for people from diverse communities, such as race and disability (mental health, intellectual and developmental, physical etc.)

AUDIT COORDINATED ENTRY! Many communities say they are Housing First but they aren't. You can tell if communities are creaming through CE Data.

Improve messaging to the boarder community to prevent folks falling into homelessness.

Successful Placement from Street Outreach

Re-evaluate harm reduction strategies so it best fits a person's housing choice needs or requirements.

The costs to implement "like" programs across jurisdictions.

Hold folks accountable for racial equity outcomes

Having clear statewide goals to reduce the number of unhoused would be helpful.

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Those impacted by COVID memorandum - pre & post

+1 agree!

Align performance measures across different programs--focused on housing, measuring the same physical/MH/BH outcomes

Ensure adequate and appropriate services are being delivered to meet the needs of PEH

Build the necessary housing to end homelessness

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Address SUD by investing in treatment beds for long term support.

State could identify metrics to contracting and payment and be transparent on

Tenant satisfaction surveys for

collect client data on discrimination and hatred, perceived microaggressions they experience or witness in the larger community. Then increase community relations, social skills