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\$500 Million in Emergency Homeless Funding Distributed to All Eligible Cities, Continuums of Care

SACRAMENTO – California’s Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council has distributed all \$500 million in Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funding to California’s 43 Continuums of Care (CoCs) and 11 large cities.

HEAP is a \$500 million block grant program that provides funding for CoCs and California’s 11 largest cities to help them give immediate assistance to people who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. The only requirements are that the money must be used to address homelessness, that each city or county declares a shelter crisis in order to receive the money and that five percent of all grants must be used for emergency assistance for homeless youth.

“I am delighted that every entity that was eligible for funding has received it,” said Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Alexis Podesta, who chairs the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council. “Local jurisdictions are on the front lines of addressing homelessness, and this money will allow them to address their homelessness challenges in the ways they deem best for their communities.”

HEAP was created by Senate Bill 850 (2018) and took effect July 1, 2018. It provided \$350 million to CoCs based on their homeless population. Another \$150 million was set aside for California’s largest cities, with the amount of funding determined by their homeless population.

A list of eligible entities and the amount of funding each received can be found on pages 8-10 of the [HEAP Guidance Document](#).