

HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM (HEAP) SUMMARY

Background

The Homeless Emergency Aid Program was established by State statute and will provide \$500 million in one-time funding to enable local governments to respond to homelessness. The program will be administered by the **California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH)**.

Purpose

HEAP is intended to provide localities with flexible block grant funds to address their immediate homelessness challenges.

Target Population

Specific guidance has not been provided regarding the target population. Generally, the program is intended to serve people who are living homeless.

Eligible Applicants

- Cities, county or joint powers authorities (JPA) who have declared an emergency shelter crisis will be the recipients of this funding, but must apply to the local Continuum of Care (CoC).
- Funding will be allocated directly to the local CoC. In Yolo County, this is the Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC). Once HPAC receives the allocation, the HPAC body must decide how to distribute the funds between eligible entities. HPAC may design its own selection process.
- See “Requirements” section below for information regarding a possible emergency shelter crisis waiver process for Yolo jurisdictions.

Leverage and/or Match Requirements

Guidance has not been provided regarding any leverage or match requirements.

Funds Available

HEAP includes three pots of funding:

- \$250 million will be distributed to Continuums of Care divided into nine “groupings” based on their 2017 Point-in-Time (PIT) count. **Yolo will receive \$1,000,000.**
- \$100 million will be distributed to each CoC based solely on their 2017 PIT count. **Yolo will receive \$341,828.**
- \$150 million will be distributed to large cities. **Yolo will not receive any of these funds.**

In total, Yolo communities are eligible to receive \$1,341,828.

Eligible Uses

- Emergency housing vouchers;
- Rapid rehousing;
- Emergency shelter construction; and
- Use of armories to provide temporary shelters, among other activities.

Requirements

- Cities and counties must declare a shelter crisis to receive funds. However, smaller cities and counties (with a 2017 PIT count of fewer than 1,000 individuals) may be eligible to waive this requirement on approval of BCSH.
- CoC must demonstrate collaboration with other city, county, or nonprofit partners.

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- Entities must use at least 5% of their total award to establish or expand services to homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness.
- Administrative costs are limited to 5%, and overhead costs or planning activities cannot be classified as administrative costs.

Timeframes

Round 1	
September 5, 2018	BCSH will release the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 1.
Beginning September, 2018	Applications begin to be reviewed and awarded on rolling basis by BCSH.
Late October, 2018	Distribution of Round 1 funds to CoC begins.
December 31, 2018	Round 1 Final Application Deadline
January 31, 2019	All Round 1 applications to be awarded by this date.
Round 2	
February 15, 2019	BCSH will release the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Round 2.
Beginning February, 2019	Applications begin to be reviewed and awarded on rolling basis by BCSH.
Late March, 2019	Distribution of Round 2 funds to CoC begins.
April 30, 2019	Round 2 Final Application Deadline
May 31, 2019	All Round 2 applications to be awarded by this date.
All Rounds	
January 1, 2020	50% of funding must be contractually obligated.
June 30, 2021	100% funds must be spent.

Reporting

Entities must report their contract expenditures, the number of person served, and any progress towards state or local goals to the Agency by January 2020.