



Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)

Notice of Funding for Homeless Services and Housing Round 2- California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH) on March 21, 2019. The full [NOFA](#) can be found on the [HCD website](#).

The CESH Program will provide grants to administrative entities to assist persons who are experiencing or are at risk of homelessness.

APPLICATION QUICK FACTS

Eligible agencies within the Davis/Woodland/ Yolo County Continuum of Care (CA-521) (also known as the Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)) are eligible to receive an estimated combined total of \$505,861. HPAC must designate an Administrative Entity to receive the funds, and the Administrative Entity will establish sub contracts with the agencies selected through the local competition process.

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES:

Allocated funds must be used for one or more of the eligible activities listed below:

1. **Rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services** to ensure housing affordability to individuals experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. Rental assistance provided pursuant to this paragraph shall not exceed 48 months for each assisted household and rent payments shall not exceed two times the current HUD fair market rent for the local area, as determined pursuant to 24 CFR part 888.
2. **Operating subsidies** in the form of 15-year capitalized operating reserves for new and existing affordable permanent housing units for homeless individuals and/or families.
3. **Flexible housing subsidy funds** for local programs that establish or support the provision of rental subsidies in permanent housing to assist homeless individuals and families. Funds used for purposes of this paragraph may support rental assistance, bridge subsidies to property owners waiting for approval from another permanent rental subsidy source, vacancy payments, or project-based rent or operating reserves.

Rental assistance provided from flexible housing subsidy funds shall not exceed 48 months for each assisted household, and rent payments shall not exceed two times the current HUD fair market rent for the local area, as determined pursuant to 24 CFR part 888. Operating subsidies from flexible housing subsidy funds shall be in the form of 15-year capitalized operating reserves for new or existing affordable permanent housing units for homeless individuals and/or families.

4. **Operating support for emergency housing interventions**, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - a. Navigation centers that provide temporary room and board and case managers who work to connect homeless individuals and families to income, public benefits, health services, permanent housing, or other shelter.
 - b. Street outreach services to connect unsheltered homeless individuals and families to temporary or permanent housing.



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- c. Shelter diversion, including, but not limited to, homelessness prevention activities such as those described in 24 CFR 576.103, and other necessary service integration activities such as those described in 24 CFR 576.105, to connect individuals and families to alternate housing arrangements, services, and financial assistance.
5. **Systems support** for activities necessary to maintain a comprehensive homeless services and housing delivery system, including Coordinated Entry System (CES) data, and Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) reporting, and homelessness planning activities.

YOLO CESH PROJECT RANKING

CoCs will be required to hold a local funding competition and use an objective ranking system to determine the project applications to be selected as sub recipients of CESH funds. Projects selected cannot equal more than the CoC's Round 2 CESH Allocation of \$505,861.

APPLICATION TIMELINE

- Applicants must express their intent to apply to the County Homeless Services Team at Emily.Meza@yolocounty.org by **Friday, April 5, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Applicants must submit a Project Proposal to the County Homeless Services Team at Emily.Meza@yolocounty.org by **April 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**
- Project applicants will be notified regarding the status of their proposal no later than **5:00pm on May 2, 2019.**

Additional details regarding the timeline and project selection process can be found in the ***Round 2- California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) Local Competition Timeline and Selection Process.***