

County of Siskiyou

Notice of Intent (NOI)

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Project Name:	HHAP-4
Amount of Grant:	\$265,490.68
Last Updated:	7/29/24

Project Description:

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) announced the availability of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4 grant funding. As an eligible applicant for HHAP-4 funds, the NorCal Continuum of Care (CoC) is seeking project applications through the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Process.

Summary:

HHSA is applying for \$265,490.68 in the Systems Support category. If awarded, this funding will supplement the cost of the systems support housing staff. This funding may also be used for training and equipment/supplies for the systems support housing stafff.

	Approvals
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Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program-Round 4 Notice of Funding Availability Application

Introduction

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) announced the availability of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 4 grant funding. HHAP-4 is a \$1 billion grant program authorized by AB 140 (Chapter 111, Statutes of 2021; Health & Safety Code (HSC) § 50216, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 19, 2021. HHAP-4 is established for the purpose of organizing and deploying the full array of homelessness programs and resources comprehensively and effectively, and to sustain existing federal, state, and local investments towards long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services. As an eligible applicant for HHAP-4 funds, the NorCal Continuum of Care (CoC) is seeking project applications through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Process.

Funding Available

The NorCal CoC region serves Del Norte, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, and Siskiyou Counties. This solicitation is for entities interested in offering program services under this funding opportunity within these Counties. Applicants may be public or nonprofit agencies that provide services to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness, and are active members of the NorCal CoC.

Counties	% of 2022 PIT	Total Allocation	50% of Allocation
Del Norte	25.15%	\$526,033.31	\$263,016.65
Lassen	5.55%	\$116,137.23	\$58,068.615
Modoc	0.65%	\$13,663.20	\$6,831.60
Plumas	7.13%	\$149,156.63	\$74,578.315
Shasta	43.44%	\$908,603.00	\$454,301.50
Sierra	0.60%	\$12,524.60	\$6,262.30
Siskiyou	17.47%	\$365,490.68	\$182,745.33
Total CoC	100%	\$2,091,608.66	\$1,045,804.33

Coordination of proposed projects within the local County jurisdiction is encouraged. There is no matching contribution requirement for activities. Providers / agencies selected to receive funding will be required to enter in a funding agreement with the City of Redding as the Administrative Entity for the NorCal CoC.

Explanation of Allocation: The total allocation is what the CoC is eligible to receive after the 7% admin and joint project are taken out. However only 50% will be initially dispersed by Cal ICH. Receiving the remaining 50% will be contingent on adequate spend down of the funds by May 31, 2025. The remaining 50% of the allocation must be expended by June 30, 2027.

The CoC must submit a funding plan for the <u>entire</u> allocation, but seeks to reiterate that only 50% of these funds will initially be available and should consider this timeline when completing funding plans.

Eligible Activities

- Delivery of Permanent Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- · Prevention and Shelter Diversion

- Operating Subsidies Permanent housing
- Operation Subsidies Interim Housing
- Interim Housing
- Improvement to Existing Interim Housing
- Street Outreach
- Systems Support
- Service Coordination

For further explanation of eligible use categories and examples, see Exhibit A.

Application Process and Instructions

The HHAP Round-4 application was filed by December 11, 2022 by the previous Lead Agency for the NorCal CoC, Shasta County Housing and Community Action Agency. Determinations for these applications will be reached through this Request for Funds Process. Additionally:

- Questions may be submitted via email to <u>norcalcoc@cityofredding.org</u>.
- All applicants must submit one (1) electronic copy of Exhibit C: Notice of Funding Availability Questionnaire via email to norcalcoc@cityofredding.org by the specified deadline.
- A reference of the Rating and Ranking criteria is outlined in Exhibit B

Timeline

Topic	Deadline
Release of Notice of Funding Availability	5/28/2024
Notice of Funding Availability (Exhibit C) due from applicants	7/29/2024
Award Announcement	8/9/2024

Resources/Additional Information

Enabling Statute: Bill Text - AB-140 Housing. (ca.gov)

Cal ICH HHAP Grant Program Homepage: https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/calich/hhap_program.html

NorCal CoC Webpage: NorCal Continuum Of Care (cityofredding.gov)

Exhibit A

HHAP Eligible Use Category	Explanation and Examples
Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions	Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support the provision of permanent housing Examples: Acquisition of land, building, etc. Improvement or renovation of land or building being used as permanent housing. Maintenance of land or building being used as permanent housing. Services for people in permanent housing programs, so long as the services are traumainformed and practice harm reduction, to include intensive case management services, assertive community treatment services, critical time intervention services, other tenancy support services, evidence-based employment services, coordinating mental health, substance use, and primary care treatment, or other evidence-based supportive services to increase housing retention.
Rapid Rehousing	 Eligible Uses should be categorized here when the costs support operating rapid rehousing type housing service. This means a tenant-based, time limited, permanent housing program, inclusive of wrap-around services. Examples: Rental subsidies, including to support placement of individuals in CARE Court. Landlord incentives, such as security deposits, holding fees, funding for needed repairs, and recruitment and relationship management costs. Move-in expenses. Services for people in rapid rehousing programs, so long as the services are trauma-informed and practice harm reduction, to include intensive case management services, assertive community treatment services, critical time intervention services, other tenancy support services, evidence-based employment services, coordinating mental health, substance use, and primary care treatment, or other evidence-based supportive services to increase housing retention.
Prevention and shelter diversion	 Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support eligible populations access safe alternatives to shelter and/or remain safely housed at their current residence. Examples: Homelessness prevention through rental assistance, rapid rehousing, and other programs. Problem-solving and diversion support programs that prevent people at risk of or recently experiencing homelessness from entering unsheltered or sheltered homelessness.
Operating Subsidies Permanent Housing	Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support operations in newand existing affordable or supportive housing units serving people experiencing homelessness. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves (funds held in reserve to cover large, unexpected operating expenses). Examples: Operating costs for programs such as Home key. Operating costs for new or existing residential care facilities, funded by the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program or the Community Care Expansion Program.

	 Property tax abatements for both affordable ownership and rental properties that have a similar effect, helping to defray the costs of operating the development so residents can pay lower rents. Subsidies support ongoing operation and availability of permanent housing and/or assisting in management of a building's facilities that can help stabilize or reduce structural decline and serve an important role in broader market stabilization efforts.
Operating Subsidies Interim Housing	Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support operations in interim housing serving people experiencing homelessness. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves (funds held in reserve to cover large, unexpected operating expenses). Examples: • Subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing (both congregate and non-congregate).
Interim Housing	 Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support the provision of interim housing. Examples: Acquisition of land, building, etc. Improvement or renovation of land or building being used as interim housing. Maintenance of land or building being used as interim housing. Navigation centers that are low barrier, as defined in Sections 65660 and 65662 of the Government Code. Motel or hotel vouchers. Services provided to people in interim housing, to include trauma-informed and evidence-based intensive case management services, housing navigation, connecting people to substance use or mental health treatment, public benefits advocacy, and other supportive services to promote stability and referral into permanent housing. Youth-focused services in interim housing. Capital funding to build new non-congregate interim housing sites, including for construction, rehabilitation, and capital improvements to convert existing buildings to interim housing.
Improvements to Existing Interim Housing	Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support renovation of existing interim housing to improve the quality of the life for people experiencing homelessness who are residing in the interim housing. Examples: Maintenance of an interim housing facility. Minor/major rehabilitation or renovation of an interim housing facility. Minor/major conversion, additions, updates, and/or enhancements that lower barriers and/or increase privacy.
Systems Support	Eligible Uses should be categorized here when the cost supports homelessness services system infrastructure, regional coordination, and/or improves accessibility and outcomes generally, as opposed to specific client(s). Examples: Incorporate regional data into housing needs. Assessments or developing a regional needs assessment. Collaborate on regional housing strategies. Pooling resources to support regional housing initiatives.

Street Outreach	Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support Outreach programs.		
	Examples:		
	Services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including, but not		
	limited to, persons experiencing homelessness living in encampment sites and being		
	engaged through the Encampment Resolution Grant program to help them transition		
	to permanent housing with services attached.		
	Evidence-based street engagement services.		
	Intensive case management services.		
	Assertive community treatment.		
	Housing navigation.		
	Harm reduction services.		
	Coordination with street-based health care services.		
	 Hygiene services for unsheltered individuals and people living in encampments. 		
Services	Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support wrap-around services not		
Coordination	directly provided through another project.		
	Examples:		
	 Access to workforce, education, and training programs. 		
	• To access legal/advocacy services.		
	Individual counseling and service planning.		
	Helping to coordinate medical and mental health appointments, obtaining benefits		
	and medical insurance.		
	Making referrals to community-based services.		
	 Other services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing. 		

Exhibit B Rating and Ranking/Approval Criteria

	Component	Explanation	Maximum Points
1	Experience	Applicant has experience in effectively utilizing federal, state, and local funds. Organization has experience in providing services or utilizing funding with the goal of preventing, reducing, or ending homelessness for their proposed population, and	10
2	Organizational Capacity	achieving measurable outcomes for their populations. Applicant has the capacity and readiness to deliver the	15
		Applicant has experience with housing program requirements, including but not limited to HMIS data entry, coordinated entry, and housing first principles.	
3	Program Design	Provide an overview of the proposed program activities. Including but not limited to: The target population; Understanding of program requirements The gaps the project will address and the intended outcomes; Planned partnerships; Description of evidence or historical data supporting the efficacy of the proposed program and Plan for implementation	20
4	Impact and Effectiveness	Project serves the goals and priorities outlined in the Local Homeless Action Plan and clearly articulates the intended outcomes of the project on the community and populations of interest. Include plan for measuring and evaluating the project to determine if it is achieving its goals. Describes a robust plan for measuring and reporting those outcomes through the duration of the project and how it will create a population level impact. The project describes planned partnerships or leveraging funds that will maximum the outcomes. Plan for measuring and evaluating the project to determine if it is achieving its goals.	20
5	Funding Plan	Provides detail how organization plans to use the full amount of HHAP funds requested (including youth setaside), what activities the funds will support, how it will complement existing funds. Plan for measuring and evaluating how funds were used to determine if project is achieving its goals	15

6	Equity	Actions that your organization will take to ensure racial and gender equity in service delivery, housing placements, and housing retention and changes to procurement or other means of affirming racial and ethnic groups that are overrepresented among residents experiencing homelessness have equitable access to housing and services. Additional actions that your organization will take to serve those with mental and behavioral health issues and criminal justice involvement.	10
7	System Improvements	Specific and quantifiable system improvements or strategies organization will take to improve the number of people experience homelessness upon exiting institutional settings (examples: jail/prison, behavioral health facilities, foster care). Connecting people experiencing homelessness to all eligible benefit programs. Additional system improvements, if applicable.	10
		Total Points	100