

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program- Round 5

Notice of Funding Availability Application

Introduction

The California Department of Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 5 (HHAP 5) grant funding. HHAP-5 is a \$1 billion grant program authorized by Section 17 of AB 129 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2023; Health & Safety Code (HSC) § 50230, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 10, 2023. HHAP-5 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. (HSC §§ 50232(a) and 50236(a).) As an eligible applicant for HHAP-5 funds, the NorCal Continuum of Care (CoC) is seeking project applications through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) Process. Applicants are strongly encouraged to prioritize the use of HHAP 5 funds to assist people to remain in or move into safe, stable, permanent housing. HHAP 5 funding should be housing-focused -- either funding permanent housing interventions directly or, if used for interim housing or street outreach, have clear pathways to connect people to permanent housing options.

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 2023 PIT	Total Allocation	50% of Allocation
Del Norte	27.53%	\$856,110.80	\$428,055.40
Lassen	5.32%	\$165,300.93	\$82,650.46
Modoc	1.07%	\$33,306.90	\$16,653.45
Plumas	5.32%	\$165,300.93	\$82,650.47
Shasta	40.18%	\$1,249,625.71	\$624,812.85
Sierra	0.48%	\$14,803.07	\$7,401.54
Siskiyou	20.11%	\$625,429.65	\$312,714.83
Total CoC	100%	\$3,109,878.00	\$1,554,939

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 approved joint project are taken out. However only 50% will be initially dispersed by HCD. In order to be eligible to receive the remainder 50 percent of the HHAP-5 base allocation, eligible applicants must (1) demonstrate sufficient spenddown of the initial HHAP-5 program allocation, (2) submit an updated Regionally Coordinated Action Plan pursuant to HSC section 50235(h), and (3) show progress in a minimum of three of the six California System Performance Measures (CA SPM).

The CoC must submit a funding plan for the entire 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
- Improvement to Existing Interim Housing
- Street Outreach
- Services Coordination
- Systems Support

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

Application Process and Instructions

The HHAP Round-5 application was filed by City of Redding as the Administrative Entity for the NorCal CoC. Determinations for these applications will be reached through this Request for Funds Process. Additionally:

- Questions may be submitted via email to norcalcoc@cityofredding.org.
- 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	5/21/2025
Proposal Presentation to Advisory Board (Shasta Advisory Board only)	tbd
Notice of Funding Availability (Exhibit C) due from applicants	7/15/2025
Award Announcement	7/17/2025-7/22/2025

Resources/Additional Information

HHAP Grant Program Homepage: [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\) Grant Program | California Department of Housing and Community Development](#)

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	<p>Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support the provision of permanent housing</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>Services for people in permanent housing 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.</p>
Rapid Rehousing	<p>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.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>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.</p>
Prevention and shelter diversion	<p>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.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>HHAP-5 Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of eligible population to include “at risk of homelessness.” • Requires prioritization of households with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income, who pay more than 50 percent of their income in housing costs, and who meet criteria for being at highest risk of homelessness through data-informed criteria.

Operating Subsidies Permanent Housing	<p>Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support operations in new and 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).</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>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).</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsidies that support ongoing operation and availability of existing interim housing (both congregate and non-congregate).
Interim Housing	<p>Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support the provision of interim housing. Newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing non-congregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need. Any new interim sheltering funded by round 3 funds must be low barrier, comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters. Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>HHAP-5 Changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No HHAP-5 resources may be used to fund new interim housing solutions, until both of the following occurs: (1) the applicant has demonstrated that the region has dedicated sufficient resources from other sources to long-term permanent housing solutions and (2) the applicant has received written permission from Cal ICH. (HSC §50236(c).)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This limitation does not apply to new interim housing solutions for youth under the ten • percent youth set aside.
Improvements to Existing Interim Housing	<p>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.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>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).</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<p>Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support Outreach programs.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 Coordination	<p>Eligible Uses should be categorized here when costs support wrap-around services not directly provided through another project.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	Funding Plan	Provides detail how organization plans to use the full amount of HHAP funds requested (including youth set-aside), what activities the funds will support, how it will complement existing funds. How the activities align with the CoC's priorities	15
2	Program Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • Describe the plan for implementation 	20
3	Experience	Applicant has experience in effectively utilizing federal, state, and local funds. Describe your organization's experience in providing services or utilizing funding with the goal of preventing, reducing, or ending homelessness for their proposed population, and achieving measurable outcomes for their populations.	10
4	Organizational Capacity	Applicant's organization has adequately demonstrated they have capacity and experience to successfully manage the funds, including consideration of their ability to manage existing grants; review of additional financials per 2 CFR Part 200.501 if provided.	15
5	Impact and Effectiveness	<p>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.</p> <p>Include plan for measuring and evaluating the project to determine if it is achieving its goals.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The project describes planned partnerships or leveraging funds that will maximum the outcomes.</p>	20
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	10

		<p>homelessness have equitable access to housing and services.</p> <p>Additional actions that your organization will take to serve those with mental and behavioral health issues and criminal justice involvement.</p>	
7	System Improvements	<p>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).</p> <p>Connecting people experiencing homelessness to all eligible benefit programs.</p> <p>Additional system improvements, if applicable.</p>	10
		Total Points	100

Exhibit C: Notice of Funding Availability Questionnaire
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Legal Name of Applicant Organization:			
Project Name:			
Contact Name:	Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Agency UEI Number	County:	Agency Tax ID Number:	Total amount of requested funds:

- 1. A) Funding Plans:** Budget Table. Complete the table below with the requested funding, and the desired eligible use categories. Note: A minimum of 10% of funds must be utilized toward youth set aside activities.

Eligible Use Category	Amount
Delivery of Permanent housing and Innovative Housing Solutions	
Delivery of Permanent housing and Innovative Housing Solutions - Youth	
Rapid Rehousing	
Rapid Rehousing - Youth	
Prevention and Shelter Diversion	
Prevention and Shelter Diversion - Youth	
Operating Subsidies- Permanent Housing	
Operating Subsidies- Permanent Housing - Youth	
Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing	
Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing - Youth	
Interim Housing	
Interim Housing - Youth	
Improvements to Existing Housing	
Improvements to Existing Housing - Youth	
Street Outreach	
Street Outreach - Youth	
Services Coordination	
Services Coordination – Youth	
System Support	
System Support - Youth	

- 1. B) Funding Plans:** Budget Narrative.
- a. Explain in detail how your organization plans to use the full amount of HHAP funds requested (including youth set-aside).
 - b. What activities the funds will support.
 - c. How it will complement existing funds.
 - d. How the activities align with the CoC’s priorities

- 2. Program Design:** Provide an overview of the proposed program activities. Including but not limited to:
- The target population;
 - The gaps the project will address;
 - Planned partnerships; and
 - Plan for implementation.
- 3. Experience:**
- Provide an overview of your organization and experience effectively utilizing federal, state or local funds.
 - Describe your organizations experience in providing services or utilizing funding with the goal of preventing, reducing, or ending homelessness.
- 4. Organizational Capacity:**
- Provide an explanation of your organizations capacity to deliver the project, including but not limited to:
 - An explanation of the staffing structure
 - Existing resources that will be leveraged
 - Understanding of housing program requirements.
 - Describe your organization’s capacity and experience to successfully manage the funds, including ability to manage existing grants; additional financials may be requested per the project funding per 2 CFR Part 200.501.
- 5. Impact and Effectiveness:** Describe the goals and priorities this project will serve, and how these align with the goals and priorities in HHAP-5.
- 6. Equity:** Described specific 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.
- 7. System Improvements:** Describe any specific and quantifiable systems improvements or strategies that your 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.
- 8. For Shasta Advisory Board applicants please see Exhibit D from the NorCal CoC Governance Charter Addendum.**

Select check boxes below to certify that if selected for funding, the agency is willing to comply with:

- ☐ Homeless Manage Information System (HMIS) data requirements
- ☐ Compliance with grant terms and conditions as indicated in the Notice of Funding Availability:
- ☐ Enter into a contract with the City of Redding as the Administrative Entity for the NorCal CoC
- ☐ Comply with required monitoring per state or federal law, including but not limited to Chapter 6 of the Health and Safety Code, which can be viewed here:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes_displayText.xhtml?lawCode=HSC&division=31.&title=&part=1.&chapter=6.&article=

Authorized Representative
Printed Name

Authorized Representative Signature

Date

Title

For Lead Agency Use Only:	Received by Deadline	Yes / No	Project Funded	Yes / No
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NorCal CoC Governance Charter

Shasta CoC Advisory Board Addendum for application standards and thresholds.

1. Be a voting member in good standing (refer to the NorCal CoC Advisory Board Membership Policy)
2. Service providers and counties receiving CoC funding must actively participate in the PIT/HIC count as per section D of the PIT and HIC; *In the alternative, applicant could partner with agency that does currently meet PIT participation requirements.*
3. Provide the following completed certifications with the funding application or NOFA;
 - a. Advisory Board certification of member status;
 - b. HMIS certification of project participation; and
 - c. Point in Time Participation certification.
 - d. *Coordinated Entry certification, if applicable.*
4. Applications can be submitted for projects that align with the eligible uses, however applications will score additional points if they can demonstrate how their project aligns with the adopted Shasta CoC Advisory Strategic Plan Goals to achieve functional zero homelessness for veterans located in Shasta County over 3 years.
 - a. Commitment to look for opportunities to direct existing funding, when possible, toward the achievement of this goal, and when strategic, braid funds together with the funding of other local entities.
5. All applicants will be required to provide a presentation of their project to the Shasta CoC Advisory Board. If a presentation is not presented, your application will not be eligible for funding consideration.
 - a. After the release of the NOFA and before the application deadline, the Shasta CoC Advisory Board will schedule time for each agency seeking project funding to provide a presentation of their proposed application. Presentations should include:
 - i. Total project budget, with itemization of how funds will be used
 - ii. Identify the eligible use category for this application
 - iii. Total funding requested in application
 - iv. Details of how project prioritizes strategic plan goal
 - v. Other sources of braided funding
 - vi. How many people this project anticipates to serve
 - b. In an effort to avoid over-subscription of available funding, the applicants will have the opportunity to collaborate and the option to make project budget modifications following the presentation process.
 - c. If an applicant submits an application requesting funds greater than previously presented to the CoC, their application will only be considered for the amount that was originally presented.
 - d. If the submitted applications exceed the available funding amount, the applications will move to a rating and ranking committee for final recommendations to be presented to the Shasta Advisory Board for final approval. The Rating and Ranking Committee will use the following criteria maximum point metrics.

Capacity	20
Design	15
Impact/effectiveness	20
Funding plan	20
Shasta Strategic plan/grant	
Specific Set Aside	5

6. Grant Sub-recipient threshold requirements

If a Grant Sub-recipient is not maintaining threshold requirements they will not be eligible to receive remaining funds until requirements are met, or will be required to repay the funds, as outlined in the contract. Funds will be redistributed based on state and Federal program guidelines to other eligible grantees.