NorCal Continuum of Care

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program- Round 6
Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) and Application 11/6/26

November 2026 Notice of Funding Availability and Application
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The NorCal Continuum of Care (CoC) as the recipient of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 6 (HHAP 6) funds is seeking project applications through this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) process.

1. Introduction

The California Department of Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of $760 million HHAP 6 grant program authorized by Section 13 of AB 166 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2024; Health & Safety Code (HSC) § 50239, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 2, 2024.

The intent of HHAP 6 is to reflect the state's priorities to prevent and expeditiously reduce unsheltered homelessness through homelessness prevention activities and sustain existing Interim Housing Solutions and Permanent Housing Solutions, including long-term sustainability of permanent affordable housing (HSC section 50243(a)). To accomplish these goals, HHAP 6 requires applicants to create and implement the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (HSC section 50240).

HCD also expects applicants to:

• Foster robust regional collaboration and strategic partnerships aimed at fortifying the homeless services and housing delivery system. This should be achieved through the formulation of data-driven and cross-system plans designed to allocate resources in alignment with the state's priorities for housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness. This means implementing strategies that create and sustain regional partnerships and emphasize Permanent Housing Solutions.

• Ensure the long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services by strategically pairing HHAP 6 funds with other local, state, and federal resources to effectively reduce the local impacts and ultimately end homelessness in the NorCal CoC region.

• Prioritize the use of HHAP funds to assist people to remain in or move into safe, stable, Permanent Housing. HHAP 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.

2. Available Funding

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, for-profit or nonprofit agencies that provide services to prevent, reduce, and end homelessness, and are participating members of the NorCal CoC.

The total HHAP 6 grant award for the NorCal CoC is $5,806,452.44. HCD allocated the HHAP-6 CoC funding in the amount of $2,929,764.17 as a total amount to the NorCal CoC. The amount of HHAP 6 allocations to be distributed to each County CoC Advisory was approved by the NorCal CoC Executive Board on June 18, 2025 based on the 2023 PIT Count percentages for each County. Del Norte, Lassen, Shasta and Siskiyou Counties receive HHAP 6 allocations directly from HCD. See Exhibit A for the approved distribution for each CoC

Advisory and County.
Coordination of proposed projects within the local County jurisdiction is encouraged. There is no matching contribution requirement for activities.

3. HHAP-6 Funding Plan - Eligible Use Categories, Key Actions and CA System Performance Measures

Development of the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (RCHAP)

California Housing and Community Development (HCD) released the HHAP 6 NOFA February 2025. The NorCal CoC established a series of meetings to gather input to develop the RCHAP. Each County and CoC Advisory specified the amount of funding for each Eligible Use Category to be included in the completed HHAP 6 RCHAP submitted to HCD August 2025. The approved County and CoC Advisory HHAP 6 allocations are included in Exhibit A incorporated in the NorCal CoC NOFA. No HHAP 6 Funds were allocated to the Eligible Use Categories New Interim Housing Solutions, Navigation Centers and Non-Housing Solutions (Services and Services Coordination for People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness.

The HHAP 6 RCHAP Section 3.b includes identification of Key Actions the regional partners developed to take to improve their CA System Performance Measures (SPM). Each regional partner identified the amount of funding, eligible use category and Key Action they are taking to improve the CA SPMs. Exhibit A includes for each County and CoC the Eligible Use Category, amount of funding, referenced Activity number (Actv) in the RCHAP and the designated Key Action. (KA). Exhibit B-2 is a copy of the RCHAP Section 3.b summary page. Exhibit B-3 is a table of the NorCal CoC HHAP 6 RCHAP main components found in Section 3.b. The table includes the proposed Eligible Use Category of funding identified to support each of the nine (9) Key Actions targeted to improve the identified CA SPMs.

Detailed Eligible Use Categories are located at Section III (page 6) of the HCD February 2025 HHAP-6 NOFA and incorporated in the NorCal CoC NOFA as Exhibit B-1. Beginning October 1, 2026 HCD consolidated the Eligible Use Categories across all HHAP rounds. The Consolidated Eligible Use Categories are incorporated in the attached HHAP 6 “Allocations and Eligible Use Categories" Exhibit A. Use the funding amounts in the Consolidated Eligible Use Category Allocations in the blue shaded columns. Link to HHAP 6 February 2025 NOFA is below.
https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/calich/hhap-6-nofa.pdf

Applicants are highly encouraged to refer to the comprehensive information on Eligible Use Categories and the Approved Action Plans for each CoC and County prior to completing applications. See NorCal CoC approved HHAP-6 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan.
https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/grants-and-funding/calich/hhap-r6-del-norte-lassen-modoc-plumas-shasta-sierra-and-siskiyou-region.pdf

4. Application Standards and Thresholds

The NorCal CoC Governance Charter application standards and thresholds include County and CoC Advisory specific criteria. The NorCal CoC Governance Charter can be found at the following link, including the Shasta CoC Advisory Addendum.
NorCal CoC Governance Charter Link

5. Distribution of HHAP 6 Allocations

T.E.A.C.H., Inc. administers the CoC allocations for all Counties and administers the County allocations for Modoc, Plumas and Sierra Counties. The CoC allocations are adjusted for the 7% administrative costs and 1% HMIS allocation. The County allocations for Modoc, Plumas and Sierra Counties are adjusted for the 7% administrative costs and 1% HMIS allocation.

Only 50% was initially disbursed by HCD to the NorCal CoC and 50% will be initially disbursed by T.E.A.C.H., Inc. to each applicant administered by T.E.A.C.H., Inc..In order to be eligible to receive the remainder 50 percent of the HHAP-6 base allocation, the NorCal CoC must meet the following three requirements to be eligible for the HHAP-6 remainder disbursement:

Requirement #1: Meet both fiscal requirements established by HSC 50242(i) to obligate 75% and expend 50% of the initial HHAP 6 allocation. This must occur no later than June 30, 2027.

Requirement #2: Updates on the HHAP-6 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan must demonstrate that the grantee complies with its commitments and statutory requirements, including:

1. Annual Report Submissions and HMIS/HDIS Reporting must demonstrate compliance with commitments and statutory requirements.
   a. Annual Report. Grantee has submitted a complete annual report that includes updates on obligation and expenditure activities, and progress on their metrics and key actions committed to with their HHAP funds.
   b. HMIS/HDIS Reporting. Grantee is properly reporting into HMIS/HDIS with no missing, inaccurate, or invalid data, and reporting indicates progress on their metrics and key actions committed to with their HHAP funds. If there are HMIS/HDIS reporting issues, HCD may still approve a disbursement the grantee confirms it will address the issues in the next quarterly data submission.
2. Updates on California System Performance Measures (CA SPMs) must demonstrate progress per HSC 50242(h)(1), by satisfying either A or B:

A. The applicable CoC region has demonstrated progress in at least one half of the region's SPMs from CY 24 baseline to the latest CA SPM data OR
B. If the grantee's CoC region did not demonstrate progress in at least one half of its CA SPMs, the grantee may be required to accept technical assistance from HCD.

Requirement #3: Requirements 2 and 3 also apply for HHAP 5 remainder disbursements. The only new requirement for the HHAP 6 remainder disbursement is that Large City and county HHAP 6 grantees must have a compliant housing element as defined in GC 65589.9 prior to receiving their remainder disbursement. Having a "compliant housing element" means having adopted a housing element that has been found to be in substantial compliance with the requirements by the department pursuant to GC 65585. This requirement does not apply to CoC grantees.

6. Application Process and Instructions

T.E.A.C.H., Inc. administers the HHAP 6 NOFA on behalf of the NorCal CoC.

CoC Advisories review and recommend Applications for CoC funded projects to be presented to the Executive Board. T.E.A.C.H., Inc. reviews the HHAP 6 CoC, Modoc, Plumas and Sierra County applications for presentation to the Executive Board for approval.

Each county must submit a summary of its CoC Advisory's review and scoring process, identifying

participants, scoring methods, project prioritization, and measures to ensure fairness and address conflicts of interest. The summary must accompany the applications submitted for Executive Board approval.

- Questions may be submitted via email to jnorthrup@teachinc.org
- All applicants must submit one (1) electronic copy of **Exhibit C Notice of Funding Availability Application** via email to jnorthrup@teachinc.org by the specified deadline.
- All applicants must be current on all required quarterly financial and data reports for any active HHAP-funded projects.

Providers and Agencies selected to receive funding will be required to enter into a funding agreement with T.E.A.C.H., Inc. as the Administrative Entity for the NorCal CoC.

In accordance with the state contract T.E.A.C.H., Inc. is required to expend all HHAP-6 funds by June 30, 2029. Subrecipients will have until December 31, 2029, to expend all HHAP-6 funding, as the T.E.A.C.H., Inc. funding agreements with subrecipients will terminate on December 31, 2029.

For Shasta Advisory CoC Applicants please see the NorCal CoC Governance Charter approved by the NorCal CoC Executive Board on July 16, 2026, including the Shasta County Addendum revised September 8, 2026 by the Shasta Advisory Board.

NorCal CoC HHAP 6 NOFA Documentation:

1. November 2026 NOFA Introduction, Application Process and Timeline (updated 11/6/26)
2. Exhibit A-1 through A-7 11-6-26 HHAP 6 Allocations and Eligible Use Categories
3. Exhibit B-1 11/6/26 HHAP 6 HCD Eligible Use Categories and usage examples
4. Exhibit B-2 RCHAP Section 3.b “System Performance Measures Improvement Plan”
5. Exhibit B-3 RCHAP Section 3.b, summary of Key Actions, CA SPMs and Eligible Use Categories
6. Exhibit C 11/6/26 NorCal NOFA Application
7. Exhibit D NorCal NOFA Scoring Tool

Timelines

Action	***Revised timeline***
Draft NOFA presented to Executive Board for Approval	October 15, 2026
Release of Initial NOFA	October 19, 2026
HHAP 6 Application Assistance Office Hours	October 27, 2026 10:00 am
Release of Updated NOFA	November 6, 2026
Proposal Presentation to Shasta Advisory Board (Shasta CoC requires presentation by each applicant to the Shasta Advisory for approval before applications can be submitted to T.E.A.C.H., Inc)	November 17, 2026 1:00 pm
Notice of Funding Availability Application (Exh. C) due	January 5, 2027 (12 noon)
Rating and Ranking Review of Shasta CoC Applications, deadline, if needed.	January 14, 2027 (12 noon)
NorCal CoC Executive Board Meeting approval of Awards	January 21, 2027

Resources/Additional Information:

TEACH Inc: Jamie Northrup Program Director- jnorthrup@teachinc.org

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

NorCal CoC Webpage: https://www.teachinc.org/norcal-continuum-of-care/