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# ZOOM CALL FOR YOUTH PROVIDERS:

HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP) & COVID-19 FUNDING UPDATES



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# INTRODUCTIONS

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## **INTRODUCTIONS – VIA ZOOM POLLING FEATURE**

1. In which California region(s) does your organization provide services?
2. Is your organization currently providing services with funding from this year's Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP), either from your Continuum of Care or city?
3. How many youth does your organization serve at a moment in time?



# AGENDA

- Introductions
- Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program: Overview
- Shifts Related to State of Emergency/Governor's Executive Order
  - Questions/Comments
- Emergency COVID-19 Funding: Overview
  - Questions/Comments
- Discussion: Timeline & Activities at the Local Level



# **HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP)**

OVERVIEW

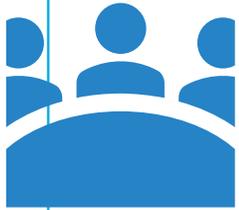


# HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE & PREVENTION PROGRAM (HHAP)

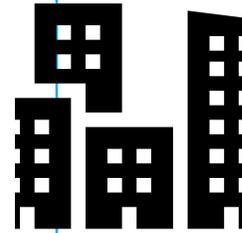
- HHAP was signed into law on July 3, 2019 by Governor Newsom.
  - AB 101, Section 10, Chapter 6, Section 50216-50221.
- \$650 million one-time block grant.
- Provides local jurisdictions with funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges.
- HHAP is a separate program from HEAP.
- Administered by the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council within the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency.



## HHAP ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS



The 44 Continuums  
of Care (CoCs)



The 13 large cities

- Populations of 300,000 or more as of 1/1/19

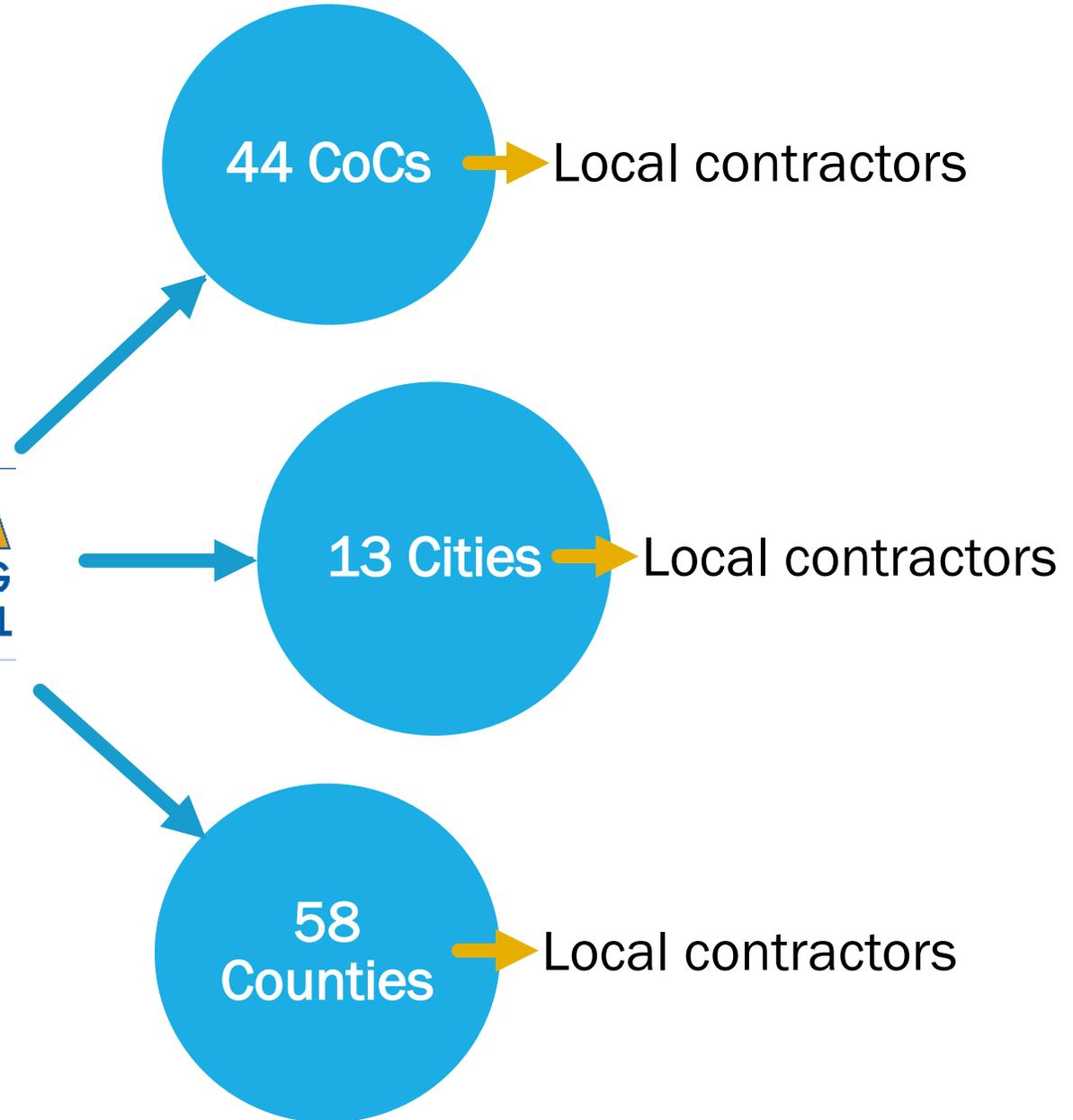


The 58 counties

# HOW FUNDING IS ADMINISTERED



**CALIFORNIA**  
HOMELESS COORDINATING  
AND FINANCING COUNCIL



## HHAP ALLOCATIONS

ELIGIBLE APPLICANT	FUNDED AMOUNT	FUNDING DETERMINATION
(a) CoC	\$190M	Based on each CoCs proportionate share of the state's total homeless population based on the homeless point-in time count (PIT). *no more than 40% and no less than \$500,000 shall be awarded to a CoC*
(b) 13 large cities	\$275M	Based on the city's proportionate share of the total homeless population of the region served by the CoC within which the city is located, based on the PIT Count. *no more than 45% shall be awarded to a city*
(c) Counties	\$175M	Based on the county's proportionate share of the total homeless population of the region served by the CoC within which the county is located, based on the PIT Count. *no more than 40% shall be awarded to a county*



## ALLOCATION AMOUNTS

- *Visit webpage:* <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhapp/>

## HHAP IMPORTANT DATES

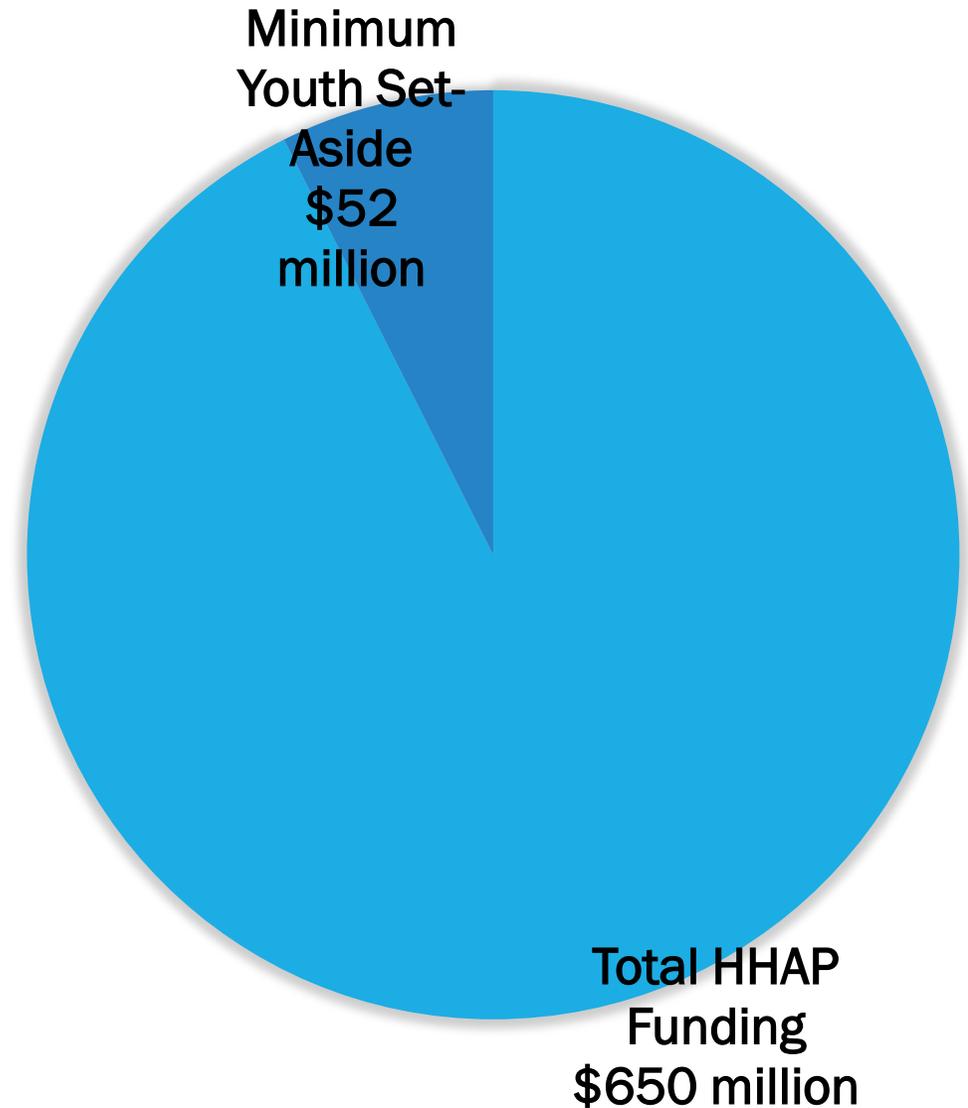
### HHAP TIMELINE

NOFA Release and On-line application portal open	December 6, 2019
Final date to submit applications to state	February 15, 2020
Final date for state to award funds to local jurisdictions	April 1, 2020
Local jurisdictions administer funding	Varies; starting spring 2020
No less than 50% of funds shall be obligated by local jurisdictions	May 31, 2021
Funds shall be fully liquidated	June 30, 2025

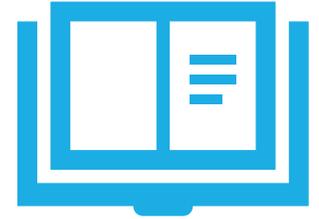
## HHAP YOUTH SET-ASIDE

“A program recipient shall use at least 8%, of the funds for services for homeless youth populations.”

- 8% is a floor not a ceiling



## HOMELESS YOUTH DEFINITION



- “Homeless youth” means an unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years of age, inclusive, who is experiencing homelessness, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.
  - “Homeless youth” includes unaccompanied youth who are pregnant or parenting.
  - McKinney-Vento Act definition: Lacking fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

## WAS THE YOUTH SET-ASIDE EFFECTIVE IN HEAP?



- In the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) (\$500 M) in the FY 2018-19, a minimum of 5% (\$25 M) was required to be dedicated to addressing youth homelessness.
- For more information, read our reports: <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/heap-youth-2019/> and <https://www.jbaforyouth.org/heap-report-2020/>

## HHAP ELIGIBLE USES

Rental  
Assistance &  
Rapid Rehousing

Operating  
Subsidies &  
Reserves

Landlord  
Incentives

Outreach &  
Coordination  
(including employment)

Systems Support  
to Create  
Regional  
Partnerships

Delivery of  
Permanent  
Housing

Innovative  
Solutions Like  
Motel/Hotel  
Conversion

Prevention &  
Shelter Diversion  
to Permanent  
Housing

And, New Navigation Centers & Emergency Shelters—*based on demonstrated need*



## OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A program recipient shall not use funding from the program to supplant existing local funds for homeless housing, assistance, or prevention.
- Up to 5% of an applicant's program allocation may be expended for the following uses that are intended to meet federal requirements for housing funding:
  - Strategic homelessness plan
  - Infrastructure development to support coordinated entry systems and HMIS
- The applicant shall not use more than 7% of a program allocation for administrative costs incurred by the city, county, or CoC to administer its program allocation.

# EXECUTIVE ORDER N-32-30: CHANGES TO HEAP & HHAP

Governor's Executive Order suspended HEAP and HHAP statute to provide more flexibility for use on COVID-19-related needs.

## ■ HEAP:

- EO allows for the funding to serve the same statutorily-defined target population and to expand HEAP funds to be spent on preparing for and addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on homeless individuals.
- 5% minimum youth set-aside still required.

## ■ HHAP:

- The EO does not change the eight eligible uses allowed for HHAP funding, but expands those eligible uses related to COVID-19.
- 8% minimum youth set-aside still required.



## **EXECUTIVE ORDER N-32-30 ON HHAP, CONT.**

- HHAP funds can now also be used for preparing and addressing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on homeless individuals, including through expanding shelter and housing services and capacity. That includes:
  - Measures to bring unsheltered Californians safely indoors,
  - Expand shelter capacity,
  - Maintain health and sanitation standards and institute medical interventions, and
  - Add new isolation and quarantine capacity to the shelter and housing inventory to slow the spread of the pandemic.

# HHAP RESOURCES

## Homeless Coordinating & Financing Council:

[https://www.bcsch.ca.gov/hcfc/hhap\\_program.html](https://www.bcsch.ca.gov/hcfc/hhap_program.html)

- Resources geared toward Administrative Entities, however some should be of interest to providers:
  - HHAP FAQs
  - Promising & Evidence-Based Practices
  - HHAP allocation table
  - HHAP PPT

## John Burton Advocates for Youth:

<https://www.jbaforyouth.org/hhapp/>

- Resources geared toward youth providers, i.e.:
  - CoC, county and large city rosters
  - Fact sheets & FAQ
  - HHAP webinar
  - Homeless Youth PIT Counts

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# HELP US KEEP THE HEAP YOUTH PROVIDER ROSTER UP TO DATE

- Purpose:
  - Help youth and supportive adults identify services
  - Point-of-contact for potential partners (i.e. child welfare, college campuses, other providers, neighboring CoCs/counties)
  - Opportunities to participate in advocacy process (i.e. help us secure a higher youth set-aside in the FY 21 budget!)
- <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1x2Cu4otuIC6MIUUu04p8dN9aTCuUv1Eu/view?usp=sharing>
  - Please send us any updates, corrections or additions before we post on webpage



# **EMERGENCY COVID-19 FUNDING**



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## EMERGENCY COVID-19 FUNDING

- \$100 million was distributed to 44 Continuums of Care, 58 counties and 13 large cities using the HHAP formula
  - *This is not HHAP funding*
- Purpose: invest in COVID-19 prevention and containment efforts for those experiencing homelessness.
- **No youth set-aside, “although grantees are permitted to use a portion of their funding exclusively on COVID-19 prevention and containment efforts for youth experiencing homelessness.”**

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**ELIGIBLE USES INCLUDE, BUT NOT LIMITED TO:**

Isolation  
Capacity

Emergency  
Shelter  
Operations

Shelter  
Capacity

Street  
Outreach

Transportation

Staffing

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# JOHN BURTON ADVOCATES FOR YOUTH IS OFFERING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- JBAY is offering technical assistance to youth providers interested in applying for HHAP funding from their CoC, city or county. May include assistance with:
  - Identifying administrative entity
  - Determining how your services fit into the priorities of the CoC, city or county
  - Advocating for increased local investment in youth homelessness
  - Navigating RFP process
  - Proposal development
- TA could also pertain to emergency COVID-19 funding
- E-mail Simone Tureck Lee at [simone@jbay.org](mailto:simone@jbay.org) to request