

# Housing and Homelessness Resources

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## Agenda

- FY 19-20 State Budget Update
- No Place Like Home Program (NPLH)
  - Program
  - Updated Guidelines
- How to Access Funding



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## Point-in-Time Counts

- California has the highest number of individuals experiencing homelessness in the country, 134,278 individuals in 2017.
- A Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of individuals experiencing homelessness is done during a single night in the last ten days of January.
- PIT Count is of “sheltered individuals” is required every year and “unsheltered” individuals at least once every two years.
- PIT Count determines significant amount of funding for local jurisdictions.
- 2019 PIT count largely anticipated to have significant increases over 2017, even with significant investments from local, state, and federal officials.



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## New Resources in FY 2019-20 State Budget

- State Budget must be passed by the Legislature by June 15<sup>th</sup> and the Governor has until June 30<sup>th</sup> to sign the Budget for the subsequent FY.
- Significant changes for Housing and Homelessness Funding:
  - Homeless Emergency Aid Funding (HEAP)
    - Funding increased from \$500 million to \$650 million in the May Revision
    - Governor’s May Revision allocated \$275 million directly to counties, \$100 million to Continuums of Care, and \$275 million to the Big 13 Cities
  - \*\*\*The State Budget is not finalized and these items are subject to change prior to June 15<sup>th</sup>



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## New Resources in FY 2019-20 State Budget

- **HEAP: (Funds to be expended by June 30, 2023)**
  - Expanded uses of funding: hotel/motel conversions, traditional and non traditional permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, or jobs programs
  - HEAP Funding largely expected to flow through the same process with Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council:
  - Application Requirements:
    - Identify intended uses of funding, population to be served and measurable goals
    - Submit joint regional plan with Cities, CoCs and Counties:
      - Identifying all resources currently being uses to provide housing and homelessness services
      - Provide data on demographics and characteristics of homeless populations in current programs
      - Assess existing efforts and identify gaps
      - Describe strategies for access and engagement



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## New Resources in FY 2019-20 State Budget

- **Whole Person Care Pilot Programs Housing Funding:**
  - The Governor allocated \$100 million GF for housing for 25 WPC Program Counties
    - CSAC, CBHDA, CAPH, CWDA, CHEAC, UCC, and RCC have advocated for flexible uses for funding and the target definition to match each locally determined target population in the WPC counties.
  - \$20 million for Non-WPC Counties to launch WPC efforts in their respective counties.
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## Proposition 2, No Place Like Home Act of 2018

- 2016: Governor Brown signed AB 1618 to enact the No Place Like Home (NPLH) program
  - Dedicated \$2 billion in bonds to develop permanent supportive housing for Californians in need of mental health services and also experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. MHSA funds were to be used to repay the bonds
- 2017-18: NPLH held in the courts, delaying implementation
- 2018: Brown Administration used budget process to place NPLH on the November 6 General Election Ballot for ratification
- October 2018: First Competitive Allocation NOFA released



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## NPLH Program

- NPLH is divided into Noncompetitive and Competitive Allocations
- The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued Notices of Funding Availability (NOFAs):
  - Noncompetitive- August 15, 2018- \$190 million available
  - Competitive- Fall 2019- Approximately \$400 million available



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# Noncompetitive Allocation

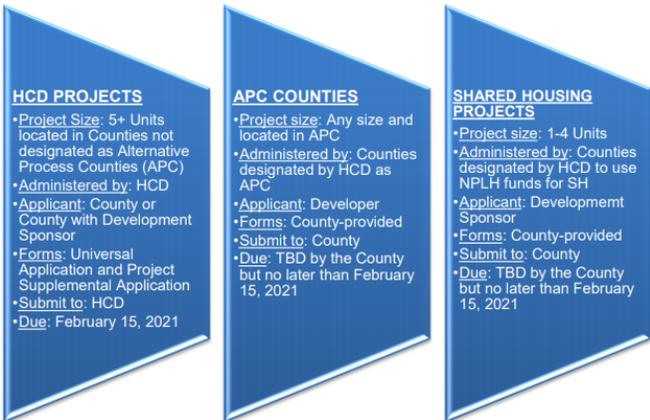
- All counties eligible for NPLH Noncompetitive Allocation
  - Allocation based upon County’s proportional share of Homeless population, using 2017 PIT count
  - Each county guaranteed minimum \$500,000
- Counties must accept Noncompetitive Allocation by August 15, 2019
  - Submit application of projects of five or more units prior to February 15, 2021
  - Expend funds by August 15, 2023



## Step I: Accept Noncompetitive Allocation

**ALL COUNTIES** Must accept Noncompetitive Allocation  
 Counties submit complete Noncompetitive Allocation Acceptance form to HCD no later than August 15, 2019.

## Step II: Submit Project Applications



## NPLH Competitive Allocation

- Multiple funding rounds until \$1.8 billion exhausted
- First Round NOFA released October 15, 2018
- Counties will compete for available funds with Counties of a similar size population
  - Small County Allocation - minimum of 8 percent
- Second Round NOFA expected Fall 2019



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## NPLH Competitive Allocation Amounts

- Alternate Process Counties (Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Santa Clara)
  - \$222,028,512
- Large Counties (population greater than 750,000)
  - \$93,525,977
- Medium Counties (population between 200,000 to 750,000)
  - \$52,445,511
- Small Counties (population less than 200,000)
  - \$32,000,000



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## NPLH Updated Guidelines

- HCD released updated draft guidelines on May 8, 2019 with a comment period until June 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **Significant Changes:**
  - Stacking of HCD Capital Funds is prohibited, with exceptions
  - Memorializing that HCD will borrow from undersubscribed buckets of counties to fund projects as they did in Round 1
  - NPLH Homelessness Plan submission deadline extended to February 15<sup>th</sup> 2021
  - Clarification that project must submit market study for units not designated for NPLH.

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## NPLH Updated Guidelines

- Clarification that a separate Supportive Services Plan must be submitted– modelling forms after Multifamily Housing Program
- All construction loans must be completed within 36 months and permanent loan closing 60 months from the Department's award letter to Project
- Modification of calculation of per-unit subsidy units for capital portion of the NPLH loan.

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## How to Access NPLH Funding

### • Noncompetitive:

- **August 15<sup>th</sup> 2019:**
  - To accept county allocation, county must submit an acceptance form and a BOS signed authorizing Resolution to HCD by this date
  - \*\*\* Unaccepted allocations will be rolled over into the subsequent Competitive round
- **August 27<sup>th</sup> 2019:**
  - If a county elects to have Shared Housing, the county must submit Shared Housing Designation Documents to HCD by this date
- **February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019:**
  - County Homelessness Plan, per updated guidelines, must be submitted to HCD
  - Submit Projects to HCD



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## How to Access NPLH Funding

### • Project Threshold Requirements:

- **Eligible Applicants:** Submitted by single county or by county jointly with development sponsor. Two or more counties may apply as joint applicants
- **Development Team Experience:**
  - **Counties over 200,000:**
    - Developed at least two affordable rental housing projects in last ten years, with at least one with a unit from target population
    - Lead services provider must have three or more years of experience serving target population
    - Property manager must have three or more years experience serving target population



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## How to Access NPLH Funding

- **Development Team Experience:**
  - **Counties under 200,000:**
    - Developed at least two affordable rental housing projects in last ten years, with at least one with a unit from target population
    - Lead services provider must have three or more years of experience serving individuals with special needs similar to target population
    - Property manager shall have three or more years experience serving individuals with special needs similar to target population
  - **County must submit project specific twenty year supportive services plan**
  - **Sites must be free and clear of adverse environmental conditions and have reasonable access to amenities (recreation, shopping, public transit, schools, medical services, etc.)**



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## How to Access NPLH Funding

- **Project Integration: Projects must demonstrate integration with the community. HCD will only fund 49% of units as NPLH units**
- **Tenant Selection: At least one person in NPLH Assisted Unit must meet Target Population. Referrals to NPLH Units must be made through Coordinated Entry System (CES). NPLH units must abide by Housing First Principles**
- **Project Applications due to HCD by February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019**



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## Questions?

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