

# HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM (HEAP)

## **What is HEAP?**

HEAP is a \$500 million dollar grant program that was established by statute and designed to provide direct assistance to Continuum's of Care (CoC's) throughout California. The HEAP program is administered at the state level by the State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency. The HEAP statute mandates that 50 percent of the awarded funds must be contractually obligated by January 1, 2020. Additionally, 100 percent of the funds must be expended by June 30, 2021.

## **What is a Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) and How Does it Work?**

A Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) is a local planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals. There are approximately 461 CoC's in the United States with 41 CoC's in California. Our local CoC is comprised to two counties-Monterey and San Benito Counties. At the local level, the Leadership Council (LC) serves as the CoC Board of Directors. The LC has designated the Coalition of Homeless Services (CHSP) as the CoC Coordinator for Monterey and San Benito Counties. Access this website [www.chspmontereycounty.org](http://www.chspmontereycounty.org) to learn more about the CoC and the Leadership Council.

## **How Much HEAP Funding will be Available in Monterey and San Benito Counties?**

Approximately \$11,879,987 of HEAP funding will be available for eligible homeless projects throughout Monterey and San Benito Counties. \$10,008,889 has been preliminarily designated for Monterey County projects and \$1,871,098 has been preliminarily designated for San Benito County projects.

## **Will HEAP Funds be renewed or is this a One Time Only Opportunity?**

HEAP funds are considered as a one-time only opportunity. Applicants should take this into consideration when developing programs/projects.

## **What Types of Homeless Projects are Eligible for HEAP Funding?**

The goal of the HEAP program is to help homeless persons get off the street as quickly as possible. As such, a variety of project types are eligible for HEAP funding. Eligible activities include, but are not limited to: expansion of homeless bed inventory through new emergency shelters, warming shelters, transitional or other housing; operating and/or supportive services for existing emergency or warming shelters; rental assistance, rapid rehousing, eviction prevention and/or move-in assistance; street outreach programs, health and safety education services and criminal justice diversion programs; housing navigation, landlord mitigation programs, targeted case management and other related activities

It is important to note that 10% of available HEAP funding must be used to implement homeless projects designed to serve unaccompanied youth ages 18-21.

## **Shelter Crisis Declarations**

The shelter crisis declaration pursuant to Chapter 7.8 (commencing with Section 8698) of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code is required for all cities and counties that wish to have HEAP funded projects in their jurisdiction or unincorporated area. Jurisdictions or unincorporated areas that do not declare a shelter crisis may be able to have certain HEAP funded services in their geographic areas such as street outreach or housing navigation services, but will not be eligible for capital (construction, rehab, acquisition).

### Approved Shelter Crisis Declarations by Jurisdiction

- Marina
- Monterey
- Salinas
- Hollister
- King City
- Monterey County
- San Juan Bautista
- Sand City
- San Benito County
- Seaside

### **Community Engagement Activities**

Significant efforts were made to solicit input from the community to help determine HEAP project prioritization. Community engagement reports can be found at [www.chspmontereycounty.org/coc-funding/heap](http://www.chspmontereycounty.org/coc-funding/heap).

### **Who Manages the HEAP Program at the Local Level?**

The Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) serves as the HEAP Administrative Entity (AE) and is responsible for coordinating HEAP related activities under the direction of the Leadership Council. Access the CHSP website at [www.chspmontereycounty.org](http://www.chspmontereycounty.org).

### **Has the Request for Proposal (RFP) and HEAP Application Been Released Yet?**

No. The CoC is in the final stages of approving the local HEAP RFP. RFP release is projected to occur within the next six weeks. The RFP and project application will be posted at [www.chspmontereycounty.org/coc-funding/heap](http://www.chspmontereycounty.org/coc-funding/heap) following release. Check the website often if you are an interested applicant.

### **Where Can I Get More Information on the Leadership Council?**

Leadership Council meeting minutes and supporting materials can be found at [www.chspmontereycounty.org/leadership-council](http://www.chspmontereycounty.org/leadership-council).

### **What if I Need Additional Information?**

Contact Katherine Thoeni at [chspmontry@aol.com](mailto:chspmontry@aol.com) for additional information. As Administrative Entity, CHSP cannot assist applicants in preparing proposals.