



Homelessness Funding and System Update

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Agenda

1. Funding Overview and Updates
 - How funding shapes investments
2. System Improvement
3. Post-Pandemic Focus
 - Approaches to Unsheltered Homelessness

Funding Overview

Funding streams are often unpredictable & prescriptive, involving multiple agencies, departments, & systems

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| One-time | vs. | On-going |
| Competitive | vs. | Entitlement |
| Unincorporated County | vs. | Countywide |
| Prescriptive | vs. | Flexible |
| Population Focused | vs. | Mainstream (general pop) |

Understanding roles, using common metrics and better coordination among funders can increase impact of investments in the homeless system

Funding Overview

Federal Entitlement

Ongoing HUD funding for unincorporated, administered by SHRA
ESG is only “homeless” exclusive that County receives
CoC funding flows through SSF, primarily supports existing PSH

State Formula

Recent one-time, noncompetitive programs
Allocations to Large Cities, Counties and CoC, (HEAP excluded County)
Allocation formulas favor Large Cities

Federal & State Competitive

Intermittent competitive funding, typically for 2-5 year cycles
Prescribed eligible applicant, activities and target populations
Typically requires County match of service component

County Mainstream

Not specifically for homeless populations (except CalWORKS HSP)
Given overlap with population, County has developed specialized access for homeless populations

General Fund & Other Local

General fund most flexible and often used to leverage external funds
Other local funds support development of housing, including PSH

Typical Funding Allocations*

| Service Intervention | Jurisdictional <i>(cities and incorporated)</i> | Countywide Funding <i>(limited populations)</i> |
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| Street Outreach | ✓ | Persons served by County mental health |
| Emergency Shelter | ✓ | No countywide source |
| Rapid Re-Housing | ✓ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persons served by Co. mental health • CalWORKs families • Adult Protective Services • Child Protective Services families |
| PSH Development | ✓ | Persons served by County mental health |
| Case Management Services Only | No funding to jurisdictions or unincorporated county | Persons served by County mental health (typically in PSH developments) |

*GF can be used at the jurisdictional level for any intervention; this table shows where targeted/restricted funds that typically serve homeless populations are managed.

Funding Overview: Upcoming

Federal American Rescue Plan (ARP)

- Continuation of Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
- New opportunities to impact homelessness
 - Emergency Housing Vouchers
 - For recently housed or at risk households
 - County allocation not yet known
 - Homelessness Assistance & Supportive Services Program
 - Rent assistance, housing development, non-congregate shelter, & services
 - County allocation = \$12 million, through HOME allocation formula

Proposed 2021-22 State Budget

- Includes HomeKey funding

How should ARP and HomeKey funding be used to impact homelessness?

System Improvement Challenges

How do we improve coordination?

- Balancing investments in shelter & housing approaches
- Clarity of jurisdictional and system partner roles

How do we improve impact of investments?

- Measuring impacts across different data systems
- Using common metrics to inform program & system improvement

Are we offering services that work?

- Access is complex and confusing
- Services offered may not match consumer needs

System Improvement Efforts

- Built for Zero – Community Solutions
 - Nationally recognized technical assistance approach
 - Using data to drive population reductions
- Collaborating tables
 - Homeless Policy Council: aligning policies, programs, & investments
 - Continuum of Care: data, Coordinated Entry
 - Funder’s Collaborative
- System standards work underway
 - Shelter, outreach, case management, re-housing

Impacts of COVID-19 Homeless Response

1,300 people sheltered through February, 2021

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| 51% Age 55+ | 57% Homeless 1+ years | 66% unsheltered at entry | 41% people of color |
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68 household housed + 26 identified housing & waiting to move in
80 households targeted for new housing program opening soon

Almost 7,000 tests
administered –
0.8% positivity

Almost **1,000**
people vaccinated
in shelters and
encampments

40 sanitation
stations throughout
County

Unsheltered Homelessness

3,9000 people were living unsheltered in Sacramento County on the night of the 2019 Point-in-Time count:

- 18% were in the unincorporated County
- 55% were persons of color
- 59% had been continuously homeless more than a year
- 26% report a disabling condition (mental or physical)

45% of the unsheltered population report lack of affordable housing as key issues impacting their ability to exit homelessness

Unsheltered Homelessness: Upcoming

Encampment Team

- Proactive, targeted in encampments in unincorporated County
- On-going engagement to help end homelessness
- Multi-disciplinary team response
- Collaboration with law enforcement and others
- Pilot underway, aim to scale up in FY21/22

Encampment Management

- Sanitation stations
- Trash removal
- Health & safety

Targeted Street Outreach

- Unincorporated
- Geographic based
- Shelter access

Safety Net Crisis Response

- Countywide
- Most vulnerable
- Response based