

**SERVICE TYPE:** Housing Navigation and Rehousing Services

**PROGRAM:** Flexible Housing Pool (FHP): Referrals from FHP Jail Diversion Pilot

**POPULATION IMPACT**

ALL ✓ FAMILIES TAY ADULT VETERAN CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULT

**LEAD AGENCY**

County Department of Human Assistance (DHA)  
County Office of Public Defender (Public Defender)

**COLLABORATING DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES**

County Probation  
District Attorney  
Criminal Court of Sacramento, Superior Court

**FUNDING**

The Flexible Housing Pool is funded with one-time State HEAP funding of \$8.1 million that provides supportive and re-housing services to approximately 600 households experiencing homelessness, including 80 persons referred from the Jail Diversion Pilot. See FHP Fact Sheet for more information.

**DESCRIPTION**

Through the Department of Human Assistance and contracted providers, FHP engages participants in flexible and individualized case management services and helps participants secure and maintain stable permanent housing. Clients are often placed in interim housing until the housing placement occurs (See FHP fact sheet).

One of the FHP referral sources is through a new Jail Diversion Pilot. In the Jail Diversion Pilot, approximately 80 individuals experiencing homelessness facing misdemeanor charges will be offered FHP services through a court-ordered diversion program.

Sacramento County is implementing new programs and approaches to services and housing for persons experiencing homelessness who are involved in the justice system. These programs are intended to reduce the revolving door of jail, homelessness and mental health crisis.

**ELIGIBILITY**

Individuals experiencing literal homelessness and facing misdemeanor criminal charges are eligible to participate in the pilot program.

**ACCESS**

The Office of the Public Defender will identify participants for jail diversion and referral to FHP for Court-ordered diversion. Key steps include:

- The Public Defender identifies eligible candidates and explains what it means to participate in FHP services under this pilot. Candidates may be currently in custody or out of custody.
- Upon agreement with the District Attorney and the Court, the case is continued to allow the FHP provider to connect with the participant and develop an “out of custody” written plan, secure interim housing and begin services.
  - For in-custody participants, case managers will meet clients at jail release.
- Coordinated through the Public Defender, DHA and the FHP provider will make regular reports on progress on the written plan. With continued progress, the case will be eligible for dismissal within a year.