California Interagency Council on Homelessness

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LOCAL HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN AND APPLICATION TEMPLATE

HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE AND PREVENTION PROGRAM ROUND 4 (HHAP-4)

September 30, 2022

Purpose of this Template

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) is providing this Local Homelessness Action Plan and Application Template as optional for use by jurisdictions seeking the disbursement of remaining funding under Round 4 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP-4). This Template is intended to support the development and submission of information required for approval by Cal ICH as required in AB 140 (Health & Safety Code § 50218.6, et seq.), collectively referred to as a Local Homelessness Action Plan.

This Template is also intended to support the streamlined presentation of information required to be agendized at a local governing board meeting and available for public comment as stated in Health and Safety Code Section 50220.8(b)(4). Statute does not require local governing boards to take action on or formally adopt the agendized content, however, local governments may choose to do so. If the information in the section is a requirement to be agendized at a regular meeting by the governing body, including receiving public comment, that section is labeled "**AGENDIZE**".

- **PART I: LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS OF NEEDS, DEMOGRAPHICS, AND FUNDING**

  This section provides a format for providing the following required information:

  (i) A **local landscape analysis** that assesses the current number of people experiencing homelessness and existing programs and funding which address homelessness.

  (ii) **Identification of the number of individuals and families served**, including demographic information and intervention types provided, and demographic subpopulations that are underserved relative to their proportion of individuals experiencing homelessness.

  (iii) **Identification of funds, currently being used, and budgeted to be used, to provide housing and homelessness-related services** to persons experiencing homelessness or at imminent risk of homelessness, how this funding serves subpopulations, and types of interventions funded.

- **PART II: OUTCOME GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS**

  This section of the Template provides applicants with a format for providing Outcome Goals, and strategies for achieving those goals, across the following performance measures:
  - Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness.
  - Reducing the number of persons who become newly homeless each year.
  - Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing.
  - Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless.
  - Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness within two years after exiting homelessness to permanent housing.
  - Increasing successful placements from street outreach.
  - Trackable data goals related to the Outcome Goals as they apply to underserved populations and populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

- **PART III: APPLICATION NARRATIVE RESPONSES**

  This section includes the required narrative responses for the HHAP-4 application. These narrative responses are to provide additional information on regional coordination, capacity building, and equity related efforts in alignment with local action plan goals and strategies.

- **PART IV: HHAP 4 FUNDING PLAN AND STRATEGIC INTENT NARRATIVE**

  This section provides a format for describing the specific allowable activities to be supported with HHAP-4 funds and for describing the strategic intent for investing HHAP-4 resources into those activities and the alignment of those investments with other funding investments.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

List the eligible applicant(s) submitting this application for HHAP-4 funding below and check the corresponding box to indicate whether the applicant(s) is/are applying individually or jointly.

Eligible Applicant(s) and Individual or Joint Designation

This application represents ☐ an **individual** ☒ a **joint** application for HHAP-4 funding on behalf of the following eligible applicant jurisdiction(s):

Eligible Applicant Name
Humboldt County CoC
Humboldt County
Choose an item.
Choose an item.
Choose an item.
Choose an item.
Choose an item.

Funds awarded based on this application will be administered by the following **Administrative Entity**:

Administrative Entity Information	
Administrative Entity:	County of Humboldt
Contact Person:	Robert Ward
Title:	Housing and Asssistance Coordinator
Contact Phone Number:	(707) 298-3499
Contact Email Address:	rward@co.humboldt.ca.us

Agreement to Participate in HDIS and HMIS [50220.8(b)(3)(C)]

By submitting this application, we agree to participate in a statewide Homeless Data Integration System, and to enter individuals served by this funding into the local Homeless Management Information System, in accordance with local protocols.

PART I: LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS OF NEEDS, DEMOGRAPHICS, AND FUNDING (AGENDIZE)

A. Landscape Analysis of Needs and Demographics [50220.8(b)(1)(A)]

Please use TABLE 1 in the HHAP-4 Data Tables Template to provide key data regarding people experiencing homelessness in your jurisdiction. An example can be seen below.

The information provided in Table 1 should reflect the most current Point In Time Count data available or your most current and accurate way of estimating the number and demographics of people experiencing homelessness on the day that you are preparing the data, which could rely on utilizing: data from the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS); point-in-time count (PIT) data; Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data; longitudinal systems analysis (LSA); HUD's Stella tools; as well as any recently conducted local needs assessments, analyses, or other data sources.

TABLE 1 (EXAMPLE ONLY)
No changes from HHAP-3

	People Experiencing Homelessness	Source and Timeframe of Data
Population and Living Situations		
TOTAL # OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS	721	HUD 2020 PIT Count
# of People Who are **Sheltered** (ES, TH, SH)	202	HUD 2020 PIT Count
# of People Who are **Unsheltered**	519	HUD 2020 PIT Count

B. Landscape Analysis of People Being Served [50220.8(b)(1)(B)]

Please use TABLE 2 in the HHAP-4 Data Tables Template to report the number of individuals and families served. The data provided within Table 2 should represent **your most current and accurate way of estimating the annual number and demographics** of people participating within or being served by the different intervention types, including subpopulations that are underserved relative to their proportion of individuals experiencing homelessness in the jurisdiction. It is important to note that intervention types are not mutually exclusive, and individuals and households may be counted in multiple categories.

Grantees are encouraged to utilize existing documentation, including but not limited to: data from the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS); point-in-time count (PIT) data; Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC) data; longitudinal systems analysis (LSA); HUD's Stella tools; as well as data from the CoC's local HMIS and any recently conducted needs assessments, analyses, or other data sources. An example can be seen below.

Table 2 uses the following abbreviations:

- PSH – Permanent Supportive Housing
- RRH – Rapid Rehousing
- TH – Transitional Housing
- IH / ES – Interim Housing or Emergency Shelter
- DIV – Diversion Services and Assistance
- HP – Homelessness Prevention Services and Assistance
- O/R – Outreach and Engagement Services

TABLE 2 (EXAMPLE ONLY):
No changes from HHAP-3

	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	Rapid Rehousing (RRH)	Transitional Housing (TH)	Interim Housing or Emergency Shelter (IH / ES)	Diversion Services and Assistance (DIV)	Homelessness Prevention Services & Assistance (HP)	Outreach and Engagement Services (O/R)	Other: [Identify]	Source(s) and Timeframe of Data
Household Composition									
# of Households **without Children**	216	1230	654	6746			6123		FY 2020-21 LSA
# of Households with **At Least 1 Adult & 1 Child**	55	61	125	324			485		FY 2020-21 LSA
# of Households with **Only Children**	19								FY 2020-21 LSA

C. Landscape Analysis of State, Federal, and Local Funding [50220.8(b)(1)(C)]

Please use TABLE 3 in the HHAP-4 Data Tables Template to identify and document all budgeted funds for homelessness-related services and housing opportunities. Please include state, federal and local funds for current and future fiscal years that are dedicated to homeless specific resources (e.g., CoC, ESG, HHAP). Also please include homelessness dedicated vouchers, including Housing Choice Vouchers (HCVs), Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs), Family Unification Program (FUP) or HUD-VA Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH) vouchers. For those fund sources supporting voucher-based programs, indicate your best estimate of the dollar value of those vouchers in your community rather than the number of vouchers. Please include resources related to affordable housing financing dedicated to homeless units, including Homekey, NPLH and any other homeless specific capital resources. Please exclude resources related to funds applied for but not awarded, and vouchers, capital awards, and any other resources not specifically dedicated to people experiencing homelessness in your community.

This information should not focus on funding only being expended directly alongside HHAP funding, but should document the full range of funding being used within your jurisdiction's efforts to prevent and end homelessness while identifying the housing and services programming that is supported with those funds.

The "Total Amount" should include the total funds invested into homelessness interventions from that source of funding in each of the designated fiscal year(s). For the current Fiscal Year only, please also select all intervention types that apply and provide a brief program description, indicating services provided and subpopulations served.

Applicants should add as many rows as necessary to identify and document the full range of funding being used within your jurisdiction's efforts to prevent and end homelessness. An example can be referenced below.

Table 3: Landscape Analysis of State, Federal, and Local Funding (EXAMPLE ONLY)
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Funding Program *(choose from drop down options)*	Fiscal Year *(select all that apply)*	Total Amount Invested into Homelessness Interventions	# of Vouchers *(if applicable)*	Funding Source*	Intervention Types Supported with Funding *(select all that apply)*		Brief Description of Programming and Services Provided		Populations Served *(please "X" the appropriate population[s])*			
	FY 2021-2022	$ 20,000.00	n/a		Outreach and Engagement			X	TARGETED POPULATIONS *(please 'x' all that apply)*			
Other (enter funding source under dotted line)	FY 2022-2023	$ 20,000.00	n/a	Private Funder(s)			Funds support 0.25 FTE of an Outreach and Housing Navigation position.	ALL PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS	People Exp **Chronic Homelessness**	Veterans	Parenting Youth
		$ -							People Exp **Severe Mental Illness**	People Exp **HIV/ AIDS**	Children of Parenting Youth
Local business grant		$ -							People Exp **Substance Abuse**	Unaccompanied Youth	Other (*please enter here*)

PART II: OUTCOME GOALS AND STRATEGIES FOR ACHIEVING THOSE GOALS (AGENDIZE)

HHAP-4 applicant jurisdictions are required to establish Outcome Goals for the progress that they will make in preventing and reducing homelessness over the three-year period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, informed by the findings from the local landscape analysis information completed above and the jurisdiction's base system performance measures from the 2021 calendar year data in the Homeless Data Integration System.

Please note that these Outcomes Goals are not intended to be related to HHAP-4-funded activities alone, but rather are intended to represent jurisdictional or system-wide goals for making progress on preventing and ending homelessness through the implementation of the full range of federal, state, and local funding sources and through many other kinds of strategies and activities.

HHAP-4 applicant jurisdictions must set goals for each of the following Outcome Goals:

- Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness.
- Reducing the number of persons who become newly homeless each year.
- Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing.
- Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless.
- Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness within two years after exiting homelessness to permanent housing.
- Increasing successful placements from street outreach.

Further, applicant jurisdictions are required to establish Homeless Management Information System trackable data goals related to each of the Outcome Goals as they apply to underserved populations and populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

Cal ICH will provide applicant jurisdictions with baseline data on each of these measures. Grantees, in partnership with Cal ICH, will develop outcome goals established from the baseline data provided. Information on how these outcomes are being measured will be provided with the baseline data. Cal ICH will also provide grantees with quarterly HDIS data in order to monitor progress on outcome goals.

A. Outcome Goals [50220.8(b)(2)(A)]

Please use TABLE 4 in the HHAP-4 Data Tables Template to develop outcome goals. An example has been provided below.

Note: For the **Goal Statement** applicants should **only change the information in brackets, do not change any other wording in the goal statement except the information in brackets.** Please use the **Goal Narrative** section to explain key factors that helped determine the Outcome Goals being set, especially if the goals being set are not aligned with the directional intent of the Outcome Goals, e.g., if the goal is to reduce the *rate of growth* in the number of people who become homeless for the first time rather than the actual number of people who become homeless for the first time.

Table 4: Outcome Goals (EXAMPLE ONLY)
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Outcome Goal #2: Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time.			
Goal Statement: By the end of the performance period, HDIS data for the **[name of CoC]** will show **[#]** total people become homeless for the first time annually, representing **[#] [fewer or more]** people and a **[%] [reduction or increase]** from the baseline.			
Goal Narrative: [explain reasoning for setting this goal, especially if the goals being set are not aligned with the directional intent of the Outcome Goals]			
Baseline Data: **Annual Estimate of # of people who become homeless for the first time**	**Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025**		
	Change in # of People	**Change as % of Baseline**	**Target Annual Estimate of # of people who become homeless for the time**
2,250 people annually* **Actual baseline to be provided by Cal ICH from HDIS: can use local data as placeholder in the meantime*	450 fewer people annually	20% reduction	**1800 people annually**
Describe Your Related Goals for **Underserved Populations and Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Homelessness**			
Describe any underserved and/ or disproportionately impacted population(s) that your community will especially focus on related to this Outcome Goal and how this focus has been informed by data in your landscape assessment:		**Describe the trackable data goal(s) related to this Outcome Goal:**	
Analysis of local data shows that while Black people represent 10% of the population in our CoC's geographic area, Black people represent approximately 42% of individuals who become homeless for the first time each year and approximately 44% of families with children who become homeless for the first time each year have a Black head of household.		Reduce the number of Black individuals and families with children with Black heads of household who become homeless for the first time annually by 30%, exceeding our overall 20% reduction in the number of people who become homeless for the first time annually.	

B. Strategies for Achieving Outcome Goals

In this section, applicants must describe actionable strategies they will implement to meet the Outcome Goals identified above. Because individual strategies to address homelessness usually contribute to meeting more than one desired outcome, applicants are asked to identify the strategy and then to indicate all the outcome goals for which the strategy will help drive progress and to indicate if it will help drive progress on goals for underserved populations and populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

Please use TABLE 5 in the HHAP-4 Data Tables Template to document the strategies that will be implemented. An example has been provided below.

Applicants are expected to identify and describe local strategies that include but extend beyond the current and planned use of HHAP funding to be inclusive of, but not limited to, strategies for:

- Strategic uses of other sources of funding;

- Increasing investments into, or otherwise scaling up, specific interventions or program types;

- Strengthening the quality or performance of housing and/or services programs;

- Improving access to supportive services and/or physical health and behavioral health services;

- Expanding and strengthening cross-system partnerships and/or collaborative planning;

- Improving data quality, data systems, and/or data analyses to better inform decision-making;

- Building the capacity of homelessness response system to utilize resources, implement best practices, and/or achieve outcomes;

- Strengthening systemic efforts and processes, such as coordinated entry and assessment processes, landlord engagement efforts, housing navigation strategies, and other systemic improvements;

- Expanding and strengthening partnerships with people with lived expertise;

- Reaching underserved and historically marginalized communities and populations; and

- Other equity-focused strategies.

In describing these strategies, **applicants are strongly encouraged to use and/or adapt content from**:

- Current local strategic plans or actions plans for preventing and ending homelessness;

- Prior HHAP applications and reporting;

- Recent applications under HUD's Continuum of Care program; and/or

- Other relevant local policy documents or plans.

Table 5: Strategies to Achieve Outcome Goals (EXAMPLE ONLY)
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Strategy	Performance Measure to Be Impacted (Check all that apply)
Increasing investments into, or otherwise scaling up, specific interventions or program types	☑ 1. Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness.
Description Expand the supply of permanent supportive housing by utilizing funding from ABC Program to purchase and renovate 2 hotels to be operated as permanent supportive housing.	☑ 2. Reducing the number of persons who become homeless for the first time. ☑ 3. Increasing the number of people exiting homelessness into permanent housing.
Timeframe Be December 2023	☑ 4. Reducing the length of time persons remain homeless.
Entities with Lead Responsibilities XYZ Houng Agency County of XYZ	☐ 5. Reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness after exiting homelessness to permanent housing. ☐ 6. Increasing successful placements from street outreach.
Measurable Targets 85 additional permanent supportive housing units occupied by December 2023	☐ Focused on equity goals related to underserved populations and populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness.

PART III. NARRATIVE RESPONSES

In preparing these narrative responses, applicants are strongly encouraged to use and/or adapt content from: their current local strategic plans or actions plans for preventing and ending homelessness; prior HHAP applications and reporting; their most recent applications under HUD's Continuum of Care program; and/or other relevant local policy documents or plans.

1. **[50220.8(b)(3)(D)]** **My jurisdiction (e.g., City, County, CoC) collaborated with other overlapping jurisdictions to develop the strategies and goals related to HHAP-4.**
   ☒ Yes   ☐No   ☐ Other (please explain Click or tap here to enter text.)

2. **[50220.8(b)(3)(D)]** **My jurisdiction (e.g., City, County, CoC) consulted with each of the following entities to determine how HHAP-4 funds would be used:**

Public agencies *(governmental entities)*	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Private sector partners *(philanthropy, local businesses, CBOs etc)*	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Service providers *(direct service providers, outreach, shelter providers, etc)*	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Local governing boards	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
People with lived experience	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Other (please specify) Click or tap here to enter text.	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.

   a. **Please describe your <u>most notable</u> coordination and collaborative processes with these entities:**

   We conducted 17 one-on-one conversations with representatives from behavioral health, criminal justice and law enforcement entities, public health, social services, health providers, non-profit organizations, homeless advocates, organizations that serve individuals with disabilities, and representatives from the local education system. We also spoke with representatives from the City of Arcata and the City of Eureka.

3. **[50220.8(b)(3)(B) and 50220.8(b)(3)(E)]** **My jurisdiction (e.g., City, County, CoC) is partnering or plans to use HHAP funding to increase partnership with:**

People with lived experience	☒ Yes, formal partnering ☒ CURRENT ☐ PLANNED	☐ Yes, informal partnering ☐ CURRENT ☐ PLANNED	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.

	Column 1	Column 2		
	☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership	☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership		

Social services *(CalFresh, Medi-cal, CalWORKs, SSI, VA Benefits, etc)*	☒ Yes, formal partnering
	  ☒ CURRENT
	  ☐ PLANNED
	☒ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
		☐ Yes, informal partnering
		  ☐ CURRENT
		  ☐ PLANNED
		☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
			☐ No	☐ Other (please explain)
				Click or tap here to enter text.

Justice entities	☒ Yes, formal partnering
	  ☒ CURRENT
	  ☐ PLANNED
	☒ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
		☐ Yes, informal partnering
		  ☐ CURRENT
		  ☐ PLANNED
		☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
			☐ No	☐ Other (please explain)
				Click or tap here to enter text.

Workforce system	☒ Yes, formal partnering
	  ☒ CURRENT
	  ☐ PLANNED
	☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
		☐ Yes, informal partnering
		  ☐ CURRENT
		  ☐ PLANNED
		☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
			☐ No	☐ Other (please explain)
				Click or tap here to enter text.

Services for older adults	☒ Yes, formal partnering
	  ☒ CURRENT
	  ☐ PLANNED
	☒ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
		☐ Yes, informal partnering
		  ☐ CURRENT
		  ☐ PLANNED
		☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
			☐ No	☐ Other (please explain)
				Click or tap here to enter text.

Services for people with disabilities	☒ Yes, formal partnering
	  ☒ CURRENT
	  ☐ PLANNED
	☒ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
		☐ Yes, informal partnering
		  ☐ CURRENT
		  ☐ PLANNED
		☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
			☐ No	☐ Other (please explain)
				Click or tap here to enter text.

Child welfare system	☒ Yes, formal partnering
	  ☒ CURRENT
	  ☐ PLANNED
	☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
		☐ Yes, informal partnering
		  ☐ CURRENT
		  ☐ PLANNED
		☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
			☐ No	☐ Other (please explain)
				Click or tap here to enter text.

Education system	☒ Yes, formal partnering
	  ☒ CURRENT
	  ☐ PLANNED
	☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
		☐ Yes, informal partnering
		  ☐ CURRENT
		  ☐ PLANNED
		☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership
			☒ No	☐ Other (please explain)
				Click or tap here to enter text.

Local Homeless Coordinated Entry System	☒ Yes, formal partnering ☒ CURRENT ☐ PLANNED ☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership	☐ Yes, informal partnering ☐ CURRENT ☐ PLANNED ☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Other (specify _____)	☐ Yes, formal partnering ☐ CURRENT ☐ PLANNED ☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership	☐ Yes, informal partnering ☐ CURRENT ☐ PLANNED ☐ HHAP Funds Support This Partnership	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.

a. **Please describe your <u>most notable</u> partnerships with these groups (e.g. MOUs, shared funding, data sharing agreements, service coordination, etc.)**

HHAP funds are being used to support rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention services for elder and dependent adults suffering from abuse and/or neglect, in partnership with Adult Protective Services and the HomeSafe program

4. **[50220.8(b)(3)(B) and 50220.8(b)(3)(E)] My jurisdiction (e.g., City, County, CoC) is strengthening its partnership, strategies, and resources across:**

Managed care plans and resources (such as the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program [HHIP])	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Data Sharing Agreement Established	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Physical and behavioral health care systems and resources	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Data Sharing Agreement Established	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Public health system and resources	☒ Yes	☐ No	☐ Data Sharing Agreement Established	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.

a. **Please describe your <u>most notable</u> coordination, planning, and/or sharing of data/information that is occurring within these partnerships.**

The CoC's collaborative applicant is developing an MOU with Partnership HealthPlan of California, our managed care plan, to administer over $10 million in HHIP.

5. **[50220.8(b)(3)(F)] Please select what actions your jurisdiction will take to ensure racial/ethnic/gender groups that are overrepresented among residents experiencing homelessness have equitable access to housing and services.** *Note: These*

actions should be aligned with the equity-focused Outcome Goals and related strategies described in previous Parts, but should not need to be limited to those strategies.

☒ Disaggregating administrative data for use in decision making processes
☐ Modifying procurement processes
☒ Ensuring those with lived experience have a role in program design, strategy development, and oversight
☒ Developing workgroups and hosting training related to advancing equity
☐ Other, please describe:

    a. **Please describe the <u>most notable</u> specific actions the jurisdiction will take regarding equity for racial/ethnic/gender groups.**

We intend to disaggregate administrative data to more clearly identify which groups are overrepresented.

6. **[50220.8(b)(3)(G)] My jurisdiction (e.g., City, County, CoC) has specific strategies to prevent exits to homelessness from <u>institutional settings </u>in partnership with the following mainstream systems:**

Physical and behavioral health care systems and managed care plan organizations	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Public health system	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Criminal legal system and system for supporting re-entry from incarceration	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Child welfare system	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Affordable housing funders and providers	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Income support programs	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.

Education system	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Workforce and employment systems	☒ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.
Other (please specify) Click or tap here to enter text.	☐ Yes, formal partnering	☐ Yes, informal partnering	☐ Yes, leveraging funding	☐ No	☐ Other (please explain) Click or tap here to enter text.

a) **Please describe the <u>most notable</u> specific actions the jurisdiction will take to prevent exits to homelessness from institutional settings.**

We will continue to partner with Redwood Community Action Agency to provide a spectrum of housing interventions to former foster youth, including interim and permanent housing options.

7. **[50220.8(b)(3)(H)] Specific and quantifiable <u>systems improvements</u> that the applicant will take to improve the delivery of housing and services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, including, but not limited to, the following:**

(I) Capacity building and workforce development for service providers within the jurisdiction, including removing barriers to contracting with culturally specific service providers and building the capacity of providers to administer culturally specific services.

Capacity building and workforce development for service providers in Humboldt County is an important area of focus given widespread workforce shortages for many of the service providers that comprise the homeless response system in Humboldt County. A first step is making sure that the County receives and passes along any training and/or capacity building resources or opportunities that are made available by state and national partners working to reduce homelessness, and to continue to encourage information sharing between partners at all collaborative meetings.

Existing collaborative efforts with the local Tribal Housing Authorities will be shared with the HHHC and expanded upon. The RFP released by the county to distribute funds will be shared with the following eight local Tribes: Blue Lake Rancheria, Wiyot Tribe, Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria, Karuk Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Yurok Tribe, Big Lagoon Rancheria, and the Trinidad Rancheria.

(II) Strengthening the data quality of the recipient's Homeless Management Information System.

The County and the HHHC will continue to work collaboratively to determine how to strengthen the quality and quantity of HMIS data. The County, in its capacity as HMIS Lead, will continue to ensure that providers have access to all the support and tools they need to ensure a high level of data quality within the HMIS.

The HHHC will monitor data quality, in conjunction with the HMIS Lead, and a number of encouragements and enforcements will ensure providers understand the importance of data quality within HMIS. To strengthen the data quality of HMIS, the following steps will be taken:

● The HHHC Board will make data quality a meeting agenda item at regular intervals and will acknowledge providers that meet a high level of data quality in the meeting minutes which will be posted on the CoC's website.

● The CoC will acknowledge the work of providers meeting a high level of data quality every quarter during the CoC General Membership Meeting, via the CoC e-newsletter, or other public forums that acknowledge the work done to improve data quality in HMIS.

● The CoC will use data quality in HMIS during the annual rank and review process for CoC dollars. In order to be eligible for CoC dollars, projects will need to maintain a baseline threshold data quality requirement and will be awarded additional points for going above and beyond the baseline. Guidance on specifics of this process will be released each year with the local CoC NOFA competition process.

● The CoC will work with state and local funders to also use data quality metrics when making funding allocation decisions to providers/projects. The CoC will encourage state and local funders to use the same process the CoC uses during the annual rank and review process for CoC dollars.

● The CoC will work with providers who do not currently use HMIS and talk through the reasons why they do not use HMIS. Depending on the reasons, the CoC will work with the providers to make HMIS a realistic option.

(III) Increasing capacity for pooling and aligning housing and services funding from existing, mainstream, and new funding. Humboldt County worked collaboratively with the HHHC and the California Center for Rural Policy at Cal Poly Humboldt to inventory the variety of funding sources utilized by partners; this information can be found in the landscape analysis section of the data tables template. There is already existing capacity due to longstanding relationships for the pooling and alignment of funding. The Homekey projects awarded to Humboldt County are a good example of new funding sources where partners worked collaboratively to apply. Currently there is interest in further exploration of the alignment of services and funding streams.

(IV) Improving homeless point-in-time counts.
Every other year, the HHHC conducts their point-in-time count of people living in places not meant for human habitation, emergency shelters and transitional housing. This data is important as it informs policy and planning decisions related to the county and the HHHC. However, limitations to this data exist as certain populations such as youth don't always meet the federal definition of homeless.

Humboldt County is a geographically large, very rural county, and this fact has always posed challenges for the homeless point-in-time counts. The county's geography includes vast sections of undeveloped land that are not reachable by roads or supported by any infrastructure, making it very challenging to count people who are "living in the hills" or "living in the forest." However, there is a great deal of community-wide interest in the results of the point-in-time count data.

For both Humboldt County and for the state as a whole, the reliance on this point-in-time count data as the primary source of information about the unsheltered population is of concern. Efforts to improve the homeless point-in-time counts should be supported at the jurisdictional level, but also at the state and national levels as well. Humboldt County is supportive of any efforts across the region, state, and nation to improve these counts, and will participate in any opportunities and efforts to improve the quality of this data.

In terms of county-specific efforts, the following steps will be taken:

1) Continue to refine and improve local count methodology based on best practices and innovative efforts in other rural counties across the state and nation.

2) Utilize the point-in-time count as an opportunity to engage partners that are not regular participants in the HHHC.

3) Explore more collaboration on the point-in-time count with the Eureka Police Department, who regularly survey and gather data from individuals experiencing homelessness independent of the point-in-time count.

4) Improve efforts to utilize the expertise of the CoC to identify the location of and work towards robust counts of people living in large and visible encampments around the county.

5) Clearly document methodology of the count, such as numbers of volunteers, where their efforts are focused, weather, and other factors, so that this information can be tracked over time and provide context for the actual count numbers.

For the purposes of improving data collection, the County will continue to gather information, summarize the information, and work closely with the HHHC to develop quantifiable goals to improve the quality of homeless point-in-time counts.

    (V) Improving coordinated entry systems to strengthen or streamline processes, to eliminate racial bias, to create a youth-specific coordinated entry system or youth-specific coordinated entry access points, or to improve the coordinated entry assessment tool to ensure that it contemplates the specific needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

Several interviewees identified a need for a youth specific coordinated entry system. The County is aware of the conflicting requirements for youth to be prioritized in the coordinated entry system and are gathering input to develop strategies to address the need. The County has key partnerships with youth-related and youth-lead collaboratives such as the Humboldt Houseless Youth Support Collaboration (HHYSC) and the Humboldt County Transition-Age Youth Collaboration (HCTAYC). Both of these partnerships will be utilized to implement strategies that address the specific needs of youth experiencing homelessness.

8. **Response to this question is for informational purposes only** – What **information, guidance, technical assistance, training, and/or alignment of resources and programs** should Cal ICH and other State Agencies prioritize to support jurisdictions in progressing towards their Outcome Goals, Goals for Underserved Populations and Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Homelessness, and/or would otherwise help strengthen local partnerships, coordination, planning, and progress toward preventing and ending homelessness?

Information, Guidance, and Technical Assistance

☐ Facilitation of planning processes and collaborative approaches among cross-agency and community-level partners

☐ Technical assistance related to goal setting (generally)

☐ Technical assistance related to goal setting in underserved/disproportionately impacted populations

☐ Technical assistance related to achieving outcome goals

☐ Technical assistance on implementing performance-based contracting

☐ Trainings on topics of equity

Alignment of Resources and Programs

In the space below, please describe what Cal ICH and other State Agencies should prioritize related to alignment of resources and programs, strengthening partnerships and collaborations, or any other ways that State can support communities' progress:

No comment at this time

PART IV. HHAP-4 FUNDING PLANS AND STRATEGIC INTENT

In TABLE 6 of the HHAP-4 Data Tables, applicants will describe the activities they intend to support with HHAP-4 funds by providing a Funding Plan list and in **Table 7** will provide Demonstrated Need information when or Interim Housing will be supported with HHAP-4 funds. In each of these tables, applicants will include detailed information about all activities to be funded with their **entire HHAP-4 allocation** (initial and remainder disbursements combined).

1. **[50220.8(b)(3)(A)] Funding Plan Strategic Intent** - *Enter your responses to this question in __Table 6__ of the HHAP-4 Data Tables, adding rows as necessary.*

   For each of the Eligible Use Categories intended to be supported with HHAP-4 resources, please briefly describe:

   ▪ The activities to be supported with those resources, including the youth set-aside resources;

   ▪ How investing HHAP-4 resources into those activities represents a strategic use of HHAP-4 resources and will address needs and gaps within the jurisdiction's homelessness response system; and

   ▪ How decisions to invest HHAP-4 resources into those activities was informed by planned uses of other state, local, and/or federal funding sources within the jurisdiction (as documented in the Landscape Analysis within Part I).

   NOTE: IF you are funding an __Interim Housing__ activity with HHAP-4 funds (including *existing* interim housing), you must provide demonstrated need in **Table 7**.

Table 6: Funding Plan Strategic Intent (EXAMPLE ONLY)
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Eligibe Use Category Intended to be Supported with HHAP-4	Approxmiate Percent of HHAP-4 Allocation to be Used on This Category (%)	% of this Eligible Use to be dedicated as part of the Youth Set Aside?	Activities to be Supported with HHAP-4	How is this a strategic use of HHAP-4 resources that will addres needs and gaps within the homelessness response system?	How were these decisions to invest HHAP-4 into these activities informed by the planned uses of other state, local, and/or federal funding sources (as documented in the Landscape Analysis in Part I)?
1. Rapid rehousing	30%	3%	Fund 30 RRH slots		
3. Street outreach	10%	0%	Fund .25 FTE of a new outreach worker		
8. Interim sheltering (new and existing)	60%	7%	Add 30 permanent beds to existing shelter.		
Total:	100%	10%			

Table 7: Demonstrated Need (EXAMPLE ONLY)

No changes from HHAP-3

Demonstrated Need	
# of available shelter beds	200
# of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the homeless point-in-time count	1000
Shelter vacancy rate (%) in the summer months	13%
Shelter vacancy rate (%) in the winter months	7%
% of exits from emergency shelters to permanent housing solutions	60%
Describe plan to connect residents to permanent housing.	
The Emergency Shelter has partnered with the local NPLH project opening in October 2022 to move participants into permanent supportive housing as quickly as possible. In addition, the County and CoC have jointly funded a landlord engagement program that is building connections and making it easier to utilize a rapid rehousing model by moving emergency shelter residents into permanent housing.	

2. **[50220.8(b)(3)(A)] Please describe how the planned investments of HHAP-4 resources and implementation of the activities to be supported will:**

   ▪ Help drive progress toward achievement of the Outcome Goals and Goals for Underserved Populations and Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Homelessness (as identified in Part II above).

   People appear to be accessing services at rates that are relatively proportional to their prevalence in the population experiencing homelessness. By expanding the capacity of interim and permanent housing programs, as long as we continue to serve groups at proportional rates, groups that are disproportionately impacted will benefit disproportionately from the capacity expansion.

   ▪ Help address racial inequities and other inequities in the jurisdiction's homelessness response system.

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- Be aligned with health and behavioral health care strategies and resources, including resources of local Medi-Cal managed care plans.

The spending plan for HHIP largely mirrors our HHAP spending plans. These plans may change as we proceed with requests for proposals. The proposal review team will consider the extent to which proposals are aligned with health and behavioral health care strategies and resources, including resources of local Medi-Cal Managed care plans.

- Support increased exits to permanent housing among people experiencing homelessness.

Our homelessness response system needs to scale up in order to support more exits to permanent housing. Strengthening and expanding each component of our response system- outreach and coordination, interim housing and permanent housing- will lead to increased exits to permanent housing, whether through expanding PSH capacity, RRH capacity, or though diversion, problem solving and assistance accessing mainstream benefits.