

Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program

Listening Session

California Department of Housing
and Community Development





Welcome!

We want your help!

HHC is a Federally funded program that will be allocated an unprecedented amount of funding to create and preserve affordable housing. Our target is extremely low-income, homeless and chronically homeless high-cost health users. Our focus today is to discuss some of the highlights of the program and program operations. Today we'd also like to hear from you and receive your comments and ideas on how we can enhance the program to meet the moment. Let's tackle California's housing crisis together!



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Purpose of Today's Listening Session....

- Enhance Stakeholder Relationships
- Discuss the Program and Current Reality
- Share Administrative Improvements
- Hear Program Improvement Ideas
 - Yours and Ours

Goal: *Build as much as we can, as fast as we can!*



Housing for a Healthy California Program Overview

What is HHC?

Purpose of the Program:

- Provide funding for permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness or chronic homelessness and a high-cost health user.

Intended Outcomes:

- The program will benefit those individuals experiencing significant barriers to housing stability and help to decrease their utilization of emergency services associated with high-cost health care.



Housing for a Healthy California Program Overview

Program Funding:

California Federal Housing Trust Fund Allocation.

- AB 74 directs the Department to utilize Federal National Housing Trust Fund allocation for HHC.
 - Two Year Commitment Deadline
 - Five Year Expenditure Deadline
- California loses the federal resource if deadlines are missed
 - California, Department, Program and the Project loses



Housing for a Healthy California Program Overview

Housing for a Healthy California Program 2021 NOFA

- The HHC Program's 2021 NOFA will be released in Q3 2021 and will contain two years of federal HTF allocation as shown below:

Federal Fiscal Year Allocation	Amount	2-Year Commitment Deadline	5-Year Expenditure Deadline
2020	\$45M	Q3 2022	Q3 2025
2021	\$117M	Q3 2023	Q3 2026
Total	\$162M		



Eligible Applicants

- Owners
- Developers
- Native American Entities
- Organization:
 - Agency, or other entity (including public housing agency or a for profit entity or a non-profit entity)



Eligible Uses and Forms of Assistance

Permanent Loans for:

- Acquisition
- New Construction
- Rehabilitation

Grants for:

- Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserve (COSR)



Program Reality

Non-Negotiable Deadlines

- 2-year Commitment Deadline
- 5-year Expenditure Deadline

Average HCD Project Timeline

- 4.5 years from project award to permanent financing

Administrative Experience

- Consistently up against **non-negotiable** deadlines
 - Department, Projects and Program
- Aggressive construction start dates to be competitive
- De-obligation of awarded funds
- Failure to utilize entire annual allocation



Administrative Improvements

- Increase Cross-Departmental Coordination
- Hire Additional Staff
- Improve the Timeliness of NOFA Release
- Align Per Unit Subsidy Limits with Affordable Unit
- Simplify the Application Process
- Accept Applications on a Continuous Basis
- Offer Application Pre-Consultation



Open Forum



Contact us

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