

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP)

Round 5

Request for Proposal

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FUNDS AVAILABLE

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is accepting applications for the [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\) Grant Program](#), Round 5. Applicants are strongly advised to review all program materials available on the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention [website](#).

FUNDING SOURCE	AMOUNT AVAILABLE	SEE SECTION
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant	TBD ¹	I

¹ At the time of publication allocations have not be released from Cal ICH

APPLICATION Timeline

September 29, 2023	California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Committee Released HHAP 5 Application
November 30, 2023	Local RFP Released
December 12, 2023 (2:00-3:00)	HHAP 5 RFP Applicant Webinar
December 13, 2023-December 20, 2023	1:1 Technical Assistance Available (to be scheduled by applicant)
January 26, 2024	APPLICATION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE FOR RATING & RANKING Send via email to lfisher@kthomelessalliance.org by the submittal deadline.
TBD	RATING & RANKING
February 8, 2024	AWARD/RECOMMENDATIONS FINALIZED BY ALLIANCE BOARD
February 16, 2024	AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT The results of Rating & Ranking will be disseminated via listserv and posted on the Alliance website.
March 27, 2024	FINAL APPLICATION DUE TO Cal ICH (SUBMITTED BY ALLIANCE)

INTRODUCTION

Overview

The Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (the Alliance) is pleased to announce the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 5](#) (HHAP 5). HHAP 5 is a \$1 billion block grant program issued by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH). The exact amount of funds allocated to the Kings/Tulare Continuum of Care (KTCoC) will be determined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). KTCoC anticipates a HHAP 5 allocation similar to the HHAP 4 allocation. Therefore, the projected allocation of HHAP 5 funds to KTCoC is \$1,641,664.87. KTCoC will announce the final allocation when it is made available from Cal ICH.

General Requirements

All grant recipients will be required to comply with the following:

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

CES is a process developed to ensure that all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

HMIS is a bi-county data management tool designed to facilitate data collection on programs serving homeless individuals and families in order to improve human service delivery throughout region. Participation in HMIS is required of all agencies receiving funding through this program for direct service projects.

Housing First

[Housing First](#) is a homeless assistance approach that prioritizes providing permanent housing to people experiencing homelessness with no prerequisites or conditions beyond those of a typical renter such as sobriety, participation in services, etc.

Racial Equity

KTHA acknowledges that racial and ethnic minoritized groups are over-represented and under-served in the local homeless response system. A racially equitable homeless response system ensures the systematic, fair, and unbiased access to services. To prioritize racial and ethnic equity, applicants who are awarded HHAP 5 funding must demonstrate how their program will address racial inequities in their program design, and participate in three one-hour training courses and monthly Racial Equity Office Hours aimed at advocating and sustaining equitable principles.

Project Scoring

The Alliance will assign a unique rank to each project submitted for HHAP 5 funding. Each project will be comprehensively reviewed using the scoring criteria and selection priorities below, to determine the extent to which each project fulfills the requirements of funding sources and contributes to improving system performance. Projects that do not meet threshold or are determined to be underperforming, obsolete, or ineffective will be not be funded.

A. Threshold Review

A preliminary, quantitative review of each application submitted will be completed by KTCOC. This review will:

- Confirm that application was submitted on time
- Confirm that all required attachments were submitted
- Confirm that the application meets the following threshold factors:
 - Project policies are compliant and aligned with Housing First
 - Project participates in Coordinated Entry and HMIS (or has a plan to if a new project)

All complete, timely, and eligible applications will be scored by the HHAP 5 Rating and Ranking Committee, using the scoring criteria located in the Appendix.

Applications received within 24 hours of the due date/time will receive a 5-point score reduction. Late submissions received between 24-48 hours of the due date/time will receive a 10-point score reduction. Late submissions received later than 48 hours after the due date/time will receive 0-points for the local competition. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure documents are delivered and received on time.

Total scores for each project are determined by adding up points in each section and then adding any bonus points, if applicable.

Once the committee completes the rating and ranking, the committee may consider the Alliance's priorities, whether the initial scoring is likely to result in any critical service gaps, whether grantees have a history of failing to maximize grant funding for homeless and housing programs, and may make adjustments to budgets and produce the final ranking of projects to be included in the collaborative application. The recommendation of the Rating & Ranking Committee will go to the Alliance's Board of Directors for review and final approval.

Applicants will be notified in writing no later than February 16, 2024 of whether they will be recommended for funding through HHAP 5. This information will also be posted on the Alliance website at <http://www.kthomelessalliance.org> no later than 5:00 pm on November 16, 2024.

Rating and Ranking Committee

The Alliance recruits qualified, non-conflicted Rating & Ranking Committee members who are knowledgeable about homelessness and housing in the area and who are broadly representative of the relevant sectors, subpopulations, and geographic areas. The Rating & Ranking Committee will be composed of representatives from a cross-section of groups which might include: Faith-based and non-profit providers of homeless services and housing; housing developers; city representatives; Kings and Tulare County employees; mental health; substance abuse; veteran's services; and consumers.

Complete guidelines regarding the policies and selection process of Rating and Ranking members can be found in the Alliance's Policy and Procedure Manual located on the Alliance's website at www.kthomelessalliance.org.

Using all Available Funds

If there are a lack of eligible project applications compared to the amount of funding available, additional project applications will be sought from the community. KTCOC will send out a public announcement of undersubscribed funds through its listserv, posting on the website, and sending out via social media portals.

SECTION I: HHAP 5

Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention, Round 5

Introduction

The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH), through the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Grant Program, has made funding available to provide grants to assist persons who are currently experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness. HHAP-5 is a \$1 billion grant program authorized by Section 17 of AB 129 (Chapter 40, Statutes of 2023; Health & Safety Code (HSC) § 50230, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 10, 2023.

Program Requirements

Eligible uses of HHAP, Round 5 funding include:

- Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions
- Rapid rehousing
- Prevention and shelter diversion
- Operating subsidies for permanent housing
- Operating subsidies for interim housing
- Interim housing
- Improvements to existing interim housing
- Street outreach
- Services coordination
- Systems support

At least 10% of the total CoC allocation (exact amount to be determined based on KTCOC's allocation) must be allocated for homeless youth services. Homeless youth are defined as unaccompanied youth who are between 12 and 24 years old and experiencing homelessness.

Please review the [HHAP 5 NOFA](#) for a complete description of eligible uses.

Direct service activities must be carried out in accordance with the federal regulations outlined below and the local Coordinated Entry System written standards, [Every Door Open](#).

Component Type	Regulation
Navigation Centers	24 CFR 576.102
Housing Location/ Stabilization Services	24 CFR 576.105

Component Type	Regulation
Rental Assistance	24 CFR 576.106
Housing Search and Placement	24 CFR 576.105(1)

Homelessness Prevention	24 CFR 576.103
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Amount Available

HHAP 5 funding is available to be awarded to recipients within the Kings/Tulare bi-county region. The exact amount of funds allocated to the Kings/Tulare Continuum of Care (KTCoC) will be determined by Cal ICH. The Alliance anticipates a similar allocation to what was awarded in HHAP 4, therefore the projected allocation for KTCoC is \$1,641,664.87. The Alliance will announce the final allocation when it is made available from Cal ICH.

All funds must be fully expended by June 30, 2028. Funds will be distributed on a cost reimbursement basis.

Funding Priorities

The Alliance facilitated a local planning process to incorporate input from cities, counties, service providers, health care professionals, law enforcement, faith-based organizations, and stakeholders to establish the following local priorities:

1. Existing and under development PSH projects
2. Removing barriers to housing / flex funds
3. Bridge and Rapid Rehousing projects
4. New joint Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing-Rapid Rehousing projects
5. Operational expenses
6. Existing Rapid Rehousing projects
7. Rental Assistance
8. Acquisition or other capital expenses
9. Other new projects

In addition to meeting one of the identified funding priorities in the list above, all projects seeking funding must:

Maximize the use of mainstream benefits, including:

- Coordinate with existing mainstream resources to enroll participants in eligible programs and connect them to community-based services;
- Actively enroll participants in healthcare and/or assist participants in understanding and accessing expanded services available through the Affordable Care Act changes; and
- Secure funding for services through mainstream resource programs and other partnerships.

Work to remove barriers to local resources by:

- Prioritizing those most in need of services through the use of the VI-SPDAT and Housing Priority List;
- Actively participating in Every Door Open, the Kings/Tulare coordinated assessment system; and
- Working to reduce the number of people exiting for unknown reasons or negative reasons.

Additionally, HHAP 5 funding puts an added emphasis on sustaining existing federal, state, and local investments towards long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services. To support this effort, **our local competition will only be accepting applications from funded projects; brand new projects will not be considered to receive HHAP 5 funding through this Request for Proposals.**

Application Instructions

A total of two (2) PDFs and one (1) Excel file should be sent via email to lfisher@kthomelessalliance.org by the submission deadline. You will receive an email receipt for your submission. If a receipt is not received within two (2) business days of submission, you must follow up to ensure you receive a submission receipt. The requirements for each document are as follows:

Submit **one PDF** of the following items **per project**, with a table of contents and each item separated by a title page:

- HHAP 5 Application
- Project Policies and Procedures
- Budget Narrative (required template located in HHAP 5 Budget Workbook)

Submit **one Excel workbook** of the following **per project**:

- HHAP 5 Budget Workbook

Submit **one PDF** of the following items **per agency**, with a table of contents and each item separated by a title page:

- Most recent Audit or, if agency under government threshold, most recent 990
- Agency budget
- Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, if not on file with the Alliance
- 501c3 Determination Letter, if not on file with the Alliance
- Organization chart
- Board of director's roster
- Executed Alliance Partnership Agreement

In the body of the email, please include the name and phone number for the contact person that will be available for Rating & Ranking questions. This person should be knowledgeable about your agency and project application(s).

EXHIBIT A: PERFORMANCE MEASURES

System Performance Measures*

Goal	Purpose	Systems	Program Outcome Targets	Outcomes Calculation
Housing Stability	Indicates program/system level success in ending homelessness as measured by those who retain permanent housing or attain other permanent housing.	PSH	87% of persons will remain in the permanent housing program as of the end of the operating year or exit to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized).	The number of Stayers in the program PLUS the number of Leavers who exited to a permanent housing destination DIVIDED by the total number of Stayers and Leavers.
		RRH TH	65% of persons will exit to permanent housing (subsidized or unsubsidized) during the operating year.	Permanent housing placement is calculated by determining the number of Leavers who exited to a permanent housing destination DIVIDED by the total number of Leavers
Increased Income	Indicates that program is assisting households to obtain sufficient income to attain housing. A higher rate is considered positive.	PSH	56% of persons age 18 and older will maintain or increase their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit.	The number of adults whose amount of cash income from any source remained the same or increased based on the person's income at intake and then at exit, or if they remained housed, at their most recent assessment DIVIDED by the total number of adult Leavers PLUS adult Stayers.
		RRH TH	56% of persons age 18 and older will increase their total income (from all sources) as of the end of the operating year or program exit.	The number of adults whose amount of case income from any source increased based on the person's income at intake and then at exit, or if they remained housed, at their most recent assessment

				DIVIDED by the total number of adult Leavers PLUS adult stayers.
Earned Income	Indicates that program is assisting households to stabilize housing by becoming employed or maintaining employment. A higher rate is considered positive	PSH	24% of persons age 18 through 61 will maintain or increase their earned income as of the end of the operating year or at program exit.	The number of persons age 18 through 61 whose amount of earned income remained the same or increased based on the person's earned income at intake and then at exit, or if they remained housed, at their most recent assessment DIVIDED by the total number of Leavers PLUS Stayers (ages 18-61).
		RRH TH	24% of persons age 18 through 61 will increase their earned income as of the end of the operating year or at program exit.	The number of persons age 18 through 61 whose amount of earned income increased based on the person's earned income at intake and then at exit, or if they remained housed, at their most recent assessment DIVIDED by the total number of Leavers PLUS Stayers (ages 18-61)
Bed Utilization	Indicates efficient use of community resources. High occupancy rate indicates system efficiency at turning over units and providing programs that are well-designed.	ES TH RRH PSH	60% - ES 80% - TH 80% - RRH 95% - PSH	Total number of bed nights DIVIDED by total number of nights in the month.

Average Length of Stay	A reasonably short length of stay indicates efficiency related to turnover of beds which is essential to meet system demand for emergency shelter.	ES	Currently tracked but not monitored.	Exit Date (or report end date) MINUS Entry Date DIVIDED by number of clients served during the report period.
Average Length of Participation	Indicates that the system is assisting households to achieve independence without long-term reliance on the system	RRH HP	Currently tracked but not monitored.	Exit Date (or report end date) MINUS Entry Date DIVIDED by number of clients served during the report period
Households Served	Indicates volume of households served by the system and provides a better understanding of household size as it relates to unit occupancy.	ES TH PSH	Currently tracked but not monitored.	The number of households served by the program (or system) during the report period.
Newly Homeless	Indicates the volume of newly homeless persons served by emergency shelters.	ES	Currently tracked but not monitored.	The number of newly homeless ² clients DIVIDED by the total number of clients served during the report period.
Recidivism	Indicates system's success in ending homelessness as measured by the number of households who attain housing and do not return or enter shelter subsequent to successful housing outcome.	ES TH RRH HP	Currently tracked but not monitored.	The total # of recidivist clients ³ DIVIDED by the total number of clients served during the report period.

² Newly homeless is defined as the number of persons that entered the emergency shelter during the report period that have not been served by other programs in the HMIS as of 7/01/2013.

³ A recidivist client is defined as one that exits a system with a successful outcome (specific to that system) and re-enters the system within one year after exit from the system.

Legend

ES	Emergency Shelter	PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
HP	Homeless Prevention	RRH	Rapid Rehousing
		TH	Transitional Housing

* Program Target Outcomes are based on the most recent System Performance Measures (2019) voted on by KTCoc membership. 2022 System Performance Measures will be voted on in the April Executive Membership Meeting and, if different than above, an amended RFP will be released.

EXHIBIT B: RACIAL EQUITY TOOLKIT

While homelessness affects nearly every community, racial minorities comprise a disproportionate share of the total homeless population. A growing consensus in the field recognizes that system dynamics help determine the nature and makeup of homeless communities. In recognition of the role that homeless programs can play in promoting or inhibiting racial equity, applicants to HHAP 5 are encouraged to utilize the toolkits below to assess the impact a project will have on racial equity.

[CoC Analysis Tool: Race and Ethnicity](#)

[Racial Equity Toolkit: An Opportunity to Operationalize Equity](#)

EXHIBIT C: SCORING MATRIX

HHAP 5 SCORING MATRIX					
Scoring Factor		Scoring Criteria		Max	Actual
Applicant Experience	1.	Length of experience implementing the proposed project activities or activity similar to proposed project.		10	
	2.	Agency has successfully handled at least one other state/federal or major grant of this size and complexity.		5	
	Subtotal			15	
Program Design	3.	Quality of the proposed project in delivering activities to participants. Items such as housing first, reasonableness of program staffing, budget relative to program design, services offered, connection to mainstream resources and collaboration with community partners will be considered.		10	
	4.	Project has a commitment to address racial disparities, specifically the disproportionate impacts that homelessness has on communities of color, particularly Black, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islander, Native, and Indigenous communities.		20	
	5.	Extent to which the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Demonstrates coordination with other agencies and providers to enhance service delivery and avoid duplication ○ Agency demonstrates history of collaboration ○ Links participants to mainstream resources and critical services not provided by the project 		5	
	Subtotal			35	
Impact & Effectiveness	6.	Extent to which the project has a plan in place to support proposed Program Target Outcomes.		20	
	Subtotal			20	
Contribution to System Performance	7.	Extent to which the applicant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilizes Housing First ○ Establishes/meets performance measures for housing and income that are measurable, objective, and meet or exceed CoC benchmarks ○ Has a strong plan to quickly place households in permanent housing 		10	
	8.	Applicant identifies what types of severe needs and vulnerabilities its clients are likely to have. Applicant demonstrates how the project will meet the needs and vulnerabilities of its clients.		10	
	9.	Extent to which the project provides a sound plan to ensure that clients will be assisted to both OBTAIN and REMAIN in permanent housing.		10	
	10.	Extent to which the project ensures that clients will be assisted to both increase their INCOMES and to maximize their SELF-SUFFICIENCY.		10	
	11.	Extent to which project connects clients to mainstream benefits.		10	

		Subtotal	50	
Project & Client Accessibility	13.	Extent to which the applicant conducts outreach in all areas of the community, such as emergency shelters, places not meant for human habitation, etc., to locate potentially eligible homeless people.	10	
	14.	Adheres to Fair Housing regulations for having in place or agreeing to implement specific outreach to identify and engage homeless individuals and families, including meaningful outreach to persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency, and measures to market those least likely to access services.	10	
	15.	Project does not present barriers to entry (e.g. sobriety, income, criminal background, number of children, LGBTQ status, etc.).	15	
		Subtotal	35	
Project Feasibility	16.	Applicant clearly describes a viable plan for rapid implementation of the program. Has site control, if acquisition/rehab/new construction or master leasing.	20	
	17.	Project is cost-effective and is similar in cost to like-kind projects.	10	
		Subtotal	30	
Community	18.	Applicant's participates in Alliance governance through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular attendance at Alliance Meetings ○ Participates in monthly case management round table 	5	
	19.	The level to which homeless or formerly homeless persons are engaged and involved in project design and policy making at the Agency and/or project level.	15	
		Subtotal	20	
HMIS	21.	Project has a history of high data quality, timeliness, and completeness. Agency is compliant with site monitoring and has no outstanding findings.	10	
		Subtotal	10	
Total Points Available			215	

Project Name: _____

Name of Rating & Ranking
Committee Member: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____