

August 13, 2025

VC CoC Governance Board

SUBJECT: Approval of grant funding recommendations for State of California Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 6 application; and Authorization to submit the HHAP-6 Application and Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by August 29, 2025.

BACKGROUND: The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in February 2025 for the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 6. The State will provide \$760 million statewide to qualifying regions, including large cities, counties, and Continuums of Care. The HHAP-6 grant program is authorized under Section 13 of Assembly Bill 166, Chapter 48, Statutes of 2024, Health and Safety Code Section 50239, signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 2, 2024.

The purpose of HHAP-6 is to advance the State's goals of preventing and rapidly reducing unsheltered homelessness, supporting interim housing, and promoting sustainable permanent housing. The County of Ventura acts as the Administrative Entity for the Ventura County Continuum of Care (VC CoC). Ventura County has been allocated a total of \$5,564,394.36 in HHAP-6 funds, which is a combined allocation of \$2,690,690.57 for the County of Ventura and \$2,873,703.79 for VC CoC. The total includes up to 7% for administrative costs, a minimum of 10% for unaccompanied youth, and up to 1% for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) expenses.

The HHAP-6 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Ventura and the VC CoC will be presented to the County of Ventura Board of Supervisors on August 26, 2025 for approval. The MOU formalizes the County's commitment to regional collaboration and local responsibility to address homelessness, in alignment with the shared goal of improving outcomes to reduce unsheltered homelessness, support interim housing, and promote sustainable permanent housing. The MOU allows the County to remain eligible for critical State HHAP-6 funding.

The order of State priorities includes the following categories: 1) Permanent Housing Solutions, 2) Homelessness Prevention Activities, 3) Interim Housing Solutions, 4) Non-Housing Solutions, and 5) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The State has required each region to complete the following to be eligible for the HHAP-6 funding:

- 1) Engage with public stakeholder groups for input to incorporate into the Action Plan. This includes people with lived experience of homelessness, youth with lived experience, local department leaders and staff, homeless and housing service providers, health care services, street medicine providers, victim service providers, youth providers, and veteran service

providers. All of these groups were engaged by VC CoC staff and provided feedback from April 2025 through July 2025.

- 2) Create and implement a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan that lays out a strategic approach to address homelessness in the region, emphasizing collaborative efforts among participating applicants. The Action Plan includes 1-Outreach and Site Coordination, 2-Siting and Use of Available Land, 3-Development of Shelter, Interim, and Permanent Housing Options, 4-Coordination of and Connection to Service Delivery, 5-Policies for Addressing Encampments (including a list of all encampments with a specific plan to address each zone), 6-Housing Element Compliance, 7-Housing Element Implementation, 8-Prohousing Designation, 9-Housing Law Violations, 10-Surplus Land, and 11-Annual Progress Report.
- 3) Provide key actions to improve the region's California System Performance Measures Improvement Plan through available funding sources and include milestones as well as areas for equity improvement.
- 4) Describe all activities to be funded by HHAP-6 with clear, specific terms under each eligible use category and identify which system performance key action(s) the activity supports.
- 5) Include a list of all Interim Housing shelters and beds in the region with the total operating costs and funding sources to sustain the projects during the grant term.
- 6) Certify that the region has budgeted at least 10 percent of the HHAP-6 allocation for homeless youth, as defined in Health and Safety Code 50216.
- 7) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required for the regional application to show commitment from each eligible applicant (County and CoC).

The table below shows the summary of allocations across all six rounds of HHAP funded programs in Ventura County. The County Executive Office serves as the Administrative Entity for the HHAP grants. VC CoC staff are currently managing 28 HHAP subrecipient contracts through 15 different service providers, including Casa Pacifica, City of Camarillo, City of Ventura, County Whole Person Care, Help of Ojai, Human Services Agency, Interface, Many Mansions, Mesa Transitional Housing, National Health Foundation, Salvation Army, Turning Point Foundation, United Way of Ventura County, Ventura County Behavioral Health, and Ventura Housing Authority.

Table 1: Homeless, Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Allocations

Funding Round (Agreement Year)	Continuum of Care (CoC) Allocation	County Allocation	Joint Award through CoC Application and Review Process	Project Types Funded	Program Outcomes
HHAP-1 (2020)	\$1,966,091	\$1,821,442	\$3,787,533	Street Outreach Emergency Shelter Rapid Rehousing	546 Housed 330 Sheltered 1390 Served
HHAP-2 (2021)	\$ 930,283	\$ 832,659	\$1,762,942	Supportive Services Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter Street Outreach	452 Housed 189 Sheltered 1234 Served

HHAP-3 (2022)	\$2,497,978	\$2,331,446	\$4,829,424	Permanent Housing Emergency Shelter Operational Subsidies	277 Housed 335 Sheltered 1260 Served
HHAP-4 (2023)	\$2,988,229	\$2,803,605	\$5,791,834	Homeless Prevention Rapid Rehousing Operational Subsidies Emergency Shelter	249 Prevented Homelessness 574 Housed 145 Sheltered 1314 Served
HHAP-5 (2025)	\$3,510,134	\$3,367,663	\$6,877,797	Homeless Prevention Supportive Housing Rapid Rehousing Emergency Shelter	<i>Contracts Started July 2025</i>
HHAP-6 (2026)	\$2,873,704	\$2,690,690	\$5,564,394	<i>To Be Determined through CoC RFP</i>	<i>Contracts Anticipated January 2026</i>
Totals	\$14,766,419	\$13,847,505	\$28,613,924		

The HHAP Round 6 funding recommendations listed in table 2 are based on the data analysis, system performance metrics, stakeholder engagement feedback, and areas of need demonstrated through the analysis of current investments in the State's priority categories. There remains a significant need to invest in the expansion of supportive housing, homelessness prevention, and supportive services. From 2023-2024, VC CoC continues to make progress toward the CA system Performance Metrics.

- #1b reducing # of homeless persons from 1633 to 1431 (-12%)
- #2 reducing # of persons first time homeless from 1,429 to 1,463 (+2%)
- #3 increasing # exiting to Permanent Housing from 645 to 772 (20%)
- #4 reducing Length of time homeless from 207 to 204 (-2%)
- #5 reducing returns to homelessness from 9.8% to 8.24% (-1.57%)
- #6 increase successful placements from Street Outreach from 45 to 38 (-16%)

Table 2: HHAP Round 6 Funding Recommendations

Minimums	Activity	Proposed Budget	Eligible Activity Type	System Performance Metric Impact
Permanent Housing (50%)	PH – Capital (16%)	865,000.00	Capital for Permanent Housing. Includes building conversions or existing interim into permanent housing.	1a, 3, 4 and 5
	PH – Rapid Rehousing / Rental Assistance / Operational Subsidies (31%)	1,746,000.00	Rental subsidies or longer-term subsidy programs.	1b, 4, 5, and 6

	PH – Services (15%)	852,954.92	Supportive services for people in Permanent Housing to increase housing retention with case management services.	2, 4, and 5
Homelessness Prevention	PH – HP (20%)	1,119,000.00	Homelessness Prevention Activities that can prevent homelessness for those at or below 30% area median income. Diversion support programs are eligible.	2
Youth Set Aside (10%)	Youth - Interim Housing / Services Coordination (8%)	450,000.00	Interim Housing Solutions. Vouchers for motels are eligible.	1b, 4 or 6
	Youth - Services Coordination / Street Outreach (2%)	106,439.44	Services and Services Coordination. Includes costs to support regional and systems planning.	2, 4 and 5
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)	55,000.00	HMIS (Up to 1 percent)	ALL
Admin	Admin (7%)	370,000.00	Administrative Costs (up to 7 percent)	ALL
	Total	5,564,394.36		

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