

FACT SHEET



Housing and Disability Advocacy Program

The Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), established by Assembly Bill (AB) 1603 (Chapter 25, Statutes of 2016), assists homeless, disabled individuals apply for disability benefit programs, while also providing housing supports. The HDAP requires that participating counties offer outreach, case management, benefits advocacy, and housing support to all program participants.

Program Overview

- HDAP serves individuals who are disabled or likely disabled, and who are experiencing homelessness, giving highest priority to chronically homeless and those who rely most heavily on state and county funded services.
- Counties must assess their local need and work in collaboration with their homeless Continuum of Care and coordinated entry system to ensure populations with the highest needs are given the highest priority for HDAP services.
- The 2017-18 California State Budget Act appropriated \$45 million in state funds on a one-time basis for the program. The program requires a dollar-for-dollar county match bringing the total program budget to \$90 million, which is available over a three-year period, from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. The 2019-2020 proposed budget includes an additional \$25 million on an ongoing basis for the program.
 - The CDSS allocated funds for the HDAP in two rounds. The first round of allocations (November 2017-January 2018) were based on need, according to a methodology developed by the CDSS.
 - Funds remaining after round one were allocated to counties on a competitive basis in April of 2018.

Early Learnings, Program Accomplishments and Key Statistics

- Since program implementation in January 2018, through November 2018:
 - 2,161 total referrals received
 - 1,153 participants approved for and engaged in HDAP services
 - 385 disability benefit applications submitted
 - 110 approvals for disability benefits
 - 215 participants permanently housed
- HDAP is resulting in cross-collaboration between social services agencies, disability benefit advocates, and housing providers for a more holistic approach to service delivery.

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- Counties with robust and innovative outreach and engagement strategies have reported increased success in maintaining contact with clients, which is critical to providing disability benefit advocacy services and housing supports.

Technical Assistance and Support

- The CDSS Housing and Homelessness shares best practices and provides training on evidence-based housing interventions by way of in-person trainings and program specific learning forums, webinars, statewide conference calls with county partners and local housing providers, one-on-one county technical assistance calls and in-person visits to county offices for all counties operating an HDAP. These include:
 - A monthly conference call with participation from all 39 HDAP counties.
 - Webinars designed to support counties including topics on securing housing and successful budgeting strategies. Future webinars will provide information on the SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access and Recovery) disability advocacy model, Housing First, and Fair Housing and Tenant Rights.
 - The CDSS hosted 3 separate 2 day in-person HDAP specific Learning Forums for all 39 counties. The Learning Forums provided training from housing and disability advocacy experts on topics such as: facilitating collaboration among the social services agency and the homelessness systems; evidence-based practices, including utilizing a Housing First approach; outreach, assessment and prioritization; collaborating with the local Homelessness Continuum of Care, Coordinated Entry system, and Public Housing Authorities; disability advocacy best practices, including technical assistance pertaining to the use of the SOAR model; and much more.

Below is a complete list of the 39 counties that received HDAP funding and the total amount allocated to each county.

| County | Funding Allocated | County | Funding Allocated |
|---------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| Alameda | \$1,962,954 | Placer | \$197,002 |
| Butte | \$433,038 | Riverside | \$1,360,132 |
| Colusa | \$75,000 | Sacramento | \$1,313,294 |
| Contra Costa | \$746,546 | San Benito | \$142,052 |
| Fresno | \$755,864 | San Bernardino | \$1,041,630 |
| Glenn | \$75,000 | San Diego | \$3,086,402 |
| Humboldt | \$296,003 | San Francisco | \$2,454,777 |
| Inyo | \$75,000 | San Luis Obispo | \$414,294 |
| Kern | \$600,000 | San Mateo | \$538,684 |
| Lassen | \$75,000 | Santa Clara | \$2,424,285 |
| Los Angeles | \$17,573,207 | Santa Cruz | \$741,277 |
| Marin | \$385,924 | Shasta | \$300,000 |
| Mendocino | \$215,771 | Sonoma | \$1,108,218 |
| Merced | \$261,788 | Stanislaus | \$440,662 |
| Modoc | \$75,000 | Tulare | \$291,046 |
| Mono | \$75,000 | Tuolumne | \$75,000 |
| Monterey | \$568,670 | Ventura | \$495,608 |
| Napa | \$186,488 | Yolo | \$190,483 |
| Nevada | \$151,062 | Yuba | \$111,188 |
| Orange | \$2,147,651 | | |

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