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CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)

The CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) was established by Senate Bill 855 (Chapter 29, Statutes of 2014) to assist homeless CalWORKs families in quickly obtaining permanent housing while providing wrap-around supports to foster housing retention.

Program Overview

- HSP assists families in the CalWORKs program experiencing homelessness and is designed to help families quickly secure permanent housing to help achieve self-sufficiency and increase overall child well-being.
- HSP follows a Housing First model and uses evidence-based housing interventions, including Rapid Rehousing, and is designed to assist families, without preconditions, to secure permanent housing as quickly as possible. Services and assistance are provided as needed, on a voluntary basis; housing is not contingent upon participation in services.
- HSP offers financial assistance and several wrap-around supportive services, including, but not limited to: rental assistance, security deposits, utility payments, moving costs, hotel and motel vouchers, landlord recruitment, case management, housing outreach and navigation, legal services, and credit repair.
- Counties operating HSPs are required to work in collaboration with local homeless Continuums of Care to meet the needs of the local community.
- HSP funds are allocated competitively, on the basis of need, the degree to which counties meet performance benchmarks, and the ability of counties to innovate via Continuous Quality Improvement efforts.

Program Accomplishments and Key Statistics

- Since program inception, HSP has:
 - Permanently housed over 14,500 homeless families
 - Received over 46,000 requests for assistance from eligible families
 - Grown significantly. \$20 million was allocated to 20 counties in FY 2014-15. The program is funded at \$71.2 million in FY 2018-19 across 52 participating counties and the Governor's budget proposes an increase to \$95 million annually in FY 2019-20.
- Given the recent growth and tremendous need, CDSS' Housing and Homelessness Bureau continues to work with counties to expand programs in order to reach all families in need of these critical housing supports.

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- CDSS continues to very strongly encourage and incentivize counties to continuously improve the quality of their HSP.

Technical Assistance and Support

The CDSS Housing and Homelessness Bureau 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 HSP. These include:

- The 2018-19 HSP request for program proposals included a program self-assessment and performance benchmarks developed by the CDSS using nationally recognized rapid rehousing best practices as well as HSP program data from prior years.
- CDSS has hosted 10 in-person HSP specific Learning Forums for all funded counties. These provide training on HSP best practices and continuous quality improvement and the content is provided by national and local housing experts. Topics have included: Rapid Rehousing core components, Housing First, outreach, assessment and prioritization, landlord recruitment, program budgeting and strategic use of funding, collaborating with the local homelessness systems, and much more.
- Webinars are provided on topics including Rapid Re-Housing best practices, Housing First, shared housing strategies, and successful budgeting strategies.

Below is a list of HSP counties along with each county's FY 2018-19 allocation, which were distributed competitively.

Alameda	\$1,877,071	Madera	\$413,019	San Luis Obispo	\$2,618,079
Amador	\$170,000	Marin	\$882,824	San Mateo	\$2,117,338
Butte	\$2,000,000	Mariposa	\$118,657	Santa Barbara	\$738,281
Calaveras	\$143,642	Mendocino	\$343,000	Santa Clara	\$4,129,125
Colusa	\$75,000	Merced	\$2,170,427	Santa Cruz	\$1,958,500
Contra Costa	\$2,415,719	Monterey	\$1,000,000	Shasta	\$929,840
Del Norte	\$197,131	Napa	\$243,860	Siskiyou	\$332,523
El Dorado	\$889,891	Nevada	\$414,768	Solano	\$2,456,802
Fresno	\$957,615	Orange	\$1,000,000	Sonoma	\$1,219,825
Glenn & Trinity	\$645,596	Placer	\$578,759	Stanislaus	\$1,338,675
Humboldt	\$744,107	Plumas	\$100,000	Sutter	\$788,500
Imperial	\$850,000	Riverside	\$2,547,000	Tehama	\$143,738
Kern	\$930,828	Sacramento	\$2,843,416	Tulare	\$382,088
Kings	\$633,973	San Benito	\$159,065	Tuolumne	\$230,000
Lake	\$290,000	San Bernardino	\$4,140,000	Ventura	\$1,080,000
Lassen	\$188,425	San Diego	\$3,817,500	Yolo	\$1,800,000
Los Angeles	\$6,990,590	San Francisco	\$4,879,304	Yuba	\$1,131,802