# Continuum of Care SB 850 Workshop

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# Please hold questions and comments until the end of the presentation.

Thank you.

#### **State Grants**

2018/19 California State Budget (Senate Bill 850)

- > \$553 million in new funding
- One-time Block Grants
- Three funding formulas and three grant applications

Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

- City of Sacramento \$5.6 million
- Continuum of Care \$12.7 million

California Emergency Solutions and Housing Program (CESH)

Continuum of Care \$1.6 million

#### **Shelter Crisis Declaration**

Required to be adopted by local jurisdiction(s) to:

- Receive Funds
- Capitol Expenditures
- Project Based Expenditures
- \* Skin in the game

#### **HEAP Eligible Uses**

- Services: Street outreach, health and safety education, criminal justice diversion programs, prevention services, navigation services, and operating support for short-term or comprehensive homeless services.
- ► Rental assistance or subsidies: Rental Assistance, Flexible Housing Subsidy Funds for Local Programs, Operating Support for Short Term, Emergency Housing Interventions, Housing vouchers, rapid re-housing programs, and eviction prevention strategies.
- ► Capital improvements: Emergency shelter, transitional housing, drop-in centers, permanent supportive housing, small/tiny houses, and improvements to current structures that serve homeless individuals and families.

# HEAP June 30, 2021

100% of funds must be expended by June 30, 2021. Unexpended funds must be returned. 50% of funds must be contractually obligated by Jan. 1, 2020.

## **CESH Eligible Uses**

- System support for Coordinated Entry System, Homeless Management Information System, and homeless planning activity.
- Develop or update Coordinated Entry System or Homeless Management Information Systems
- Develop a plan addressing actions to be taken within the CoC service area if no such plan exists.
- Rental assistance and other housing supports
- ▶ 15 year capitalized operating reserves
- ▶ Operating support for Navigation centers, street outreach, shelter diversion

# CESH System Change

Requires funding be used in line with Housing First principles and development of Coordinated Entry System. Goals and performance tracked in Homeless Management Information System. Provides funding for planning and coordination.

# Other Funding (HCD)

- Long Term Interventions
  - Veteran Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program \$550 million (\$300M left)
  - Multifamily Housing Program Supportive Housing \$58 million
  - ▶ No Place Like Home \$2 billion
  - ► Housing for Healthy California Program \$57 million
- Short Term Interventions
  - ▶ 2009 Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program \$44 million
  - ► California Emergency Solutions Grant Program \$35 million
  - Emergency Solutions Grant Program 2018 \$11 million

# Purpose

Review and discuss SB 850 (HEAP/CESH) grant proposal concepts prior to Sept. 12 Advisory Board meeting and Sept. 25 Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and City Council meetings.

At that time, we will ask each body to approve our application and proposal.

# One Program Three Approvals Multiple Partners

- Continuum of Care
- County Board of Supervisors
- Sacramento City Council

<sup>\*</sup>Pending governing body approvals, Other cities may join by the time of award.

# Messy Process

The state requires a collaborative process with stakeholder input and alignment between the Continuum of Care and local jurisdictions on a very short timeframe. They have verbally acknowledged that it is a messy process but one they feel is important to facilitate collaboration.

# We cannot be all things to all people.

There are a lot of ideas of how to use the money but we are most likely to be successful if we focus it in a few key areas that expand sheltering, increase pathways out of homelessness and make key improvements to our continuum of care system.

### Input Process

- Aug. 8: CoC Meeting, Initial CoC briefing and Input Session
- ► Aug. 10: Youth Provider Input Session
- Aug. 23: Public Input Session (details at SacramentoStepsForward.org)
- ► Aug. 29: CoC Informal input session on HEAP & CESH
- ► Sept. 6: CoC Workshop HEAP & CESH
- Sept. 12: CoC Consideration and Approval
- Sept. 25: Sacramento County Board of Supervisors Approval
- ► Sept. 25: Sacramento City Council Approval

<sup>\*</sup>Does not include individual stakeholder conversations

# Program Feedback

Shelter (more)

Shelter staff

Gap funding for housing projects

First Step Communities Campus

Sanctioned tent city

Expand scattered site housing model

Move in assistance

Rental subsidies

Landlord incentives & mitigation fund

Post-housing case management

Crisis fund

Fund a higher level of care for PSH

Legal support

Re-Entry from Institutions

Support with life documents

Fund care givers

Subsidize Sutterview Car-Share program

Needle Collection Stations & Harm Reduction Services and Naloxone.

**CoC Strategy** 

Outreach/Navigator Management & Training

Bathrooms, Showers, Water Fountains

Respite Care Beds

# Population Served Feedback

- Unsheltered
- Criminal Justice population
- Single Women without Children
- Seniors
- Transitional Age Youth
- Single men
- Families

# Thank you

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What are we solving for?

# 2,052 unsheltered people

According to the 2017 Point-in-Time count there are 2,052 people who are experiencing homelessness and living unsheltered on any given night.

# 7,370 newly homeless

In 2017, 7,370 people were served by the homeless service providers for the first time or returned to services after a period of time away.

# 3,897 newly housed

In 2017, 2,061 people were housed in homeless service programs and 1,836 were housed outside of homeless service programs.

# Concept

Version 2

## Program Focus

- Expand shelter capacity
- Create a flexible housing pool
- Expand and align case management
- Eliminate and/or mitigate legal barriers to housing
- ► Improve long term success through system change

# **Expand Shelter**

- Extend operations at current City Triage Shelter
- Site and operate additional City Triage Shelters
- Expand beds within existing shelters.
- Open additional county-operated scattered site shelters
- Work with Youth providers on emergency support programs

# Flexible Housing Program

- ► Flexible Housing Pool: Limited term flexible rent subsidies providing one-time support, move-in assistance, rental subsidies, crisis fund and owner support
- Modeled within County of Sacramento's Flexible Supportive Re-Housing Program, to be administered by Department of Human Assistance
  - Flexible re-housing funds and owner/property and limited-term support services,
  - ► Entry through shelter programs and outreach programs who meet client-centered standards for services (which will be developed)
- Limited-term, individualized support services
  - ▶ At selected shelters to increase housing rate and make more beds available
  - ► For outreach/in-reach services, including Adult Protective Services, Jail Diversion, youth programs

# Mitigate Legal barriers to Housing and Employment

- Criminal Justice Diversion Program
  - Provides opportunity to connect homeless people accused of crimes to services by working with the court to avoid the employment and housing barriers created by convictions.
  - Prop 47 did not include funding for such services. AB 109 funding is directed to probation and is restricted to felons.
- Expungement Clinic
  - Overcoming shelter and employment barriers caused by criminal convictions
  - Expunge records when possible
  - ► Reduce current felony convictions to misdemeanors
  - ▶ 60-80 expungement requests a month

# Sustain Success Through System Change

- ► Coordinated Entry System to meet local community expectations and improve prioritization process based on national best practices.
- Expand CES to include Emergency Shelters, local initiatives, and programs not currently participating in the program due to its inflexibility.
- ▶ Develop and sustain standardized case management and street case management standards through longer term training, education, oversight, and support.
- Support efforts to redesign shelter system to support consumer friendly access.
- Improve system performance through ongoing coordination and evaluation.

# Youth Specific Funding

- ► HEAP requires a youth specific funding set-aside of \$918,754
  - ► City of Sacramento \$ 282,284
  - ► Continuum of Care \$636,470
- Currently working with Wind Youth Services, Waking the Village, and Lutheran Social Services on specific programs and funding allocations.

# \*\*\*PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES\*\*\*

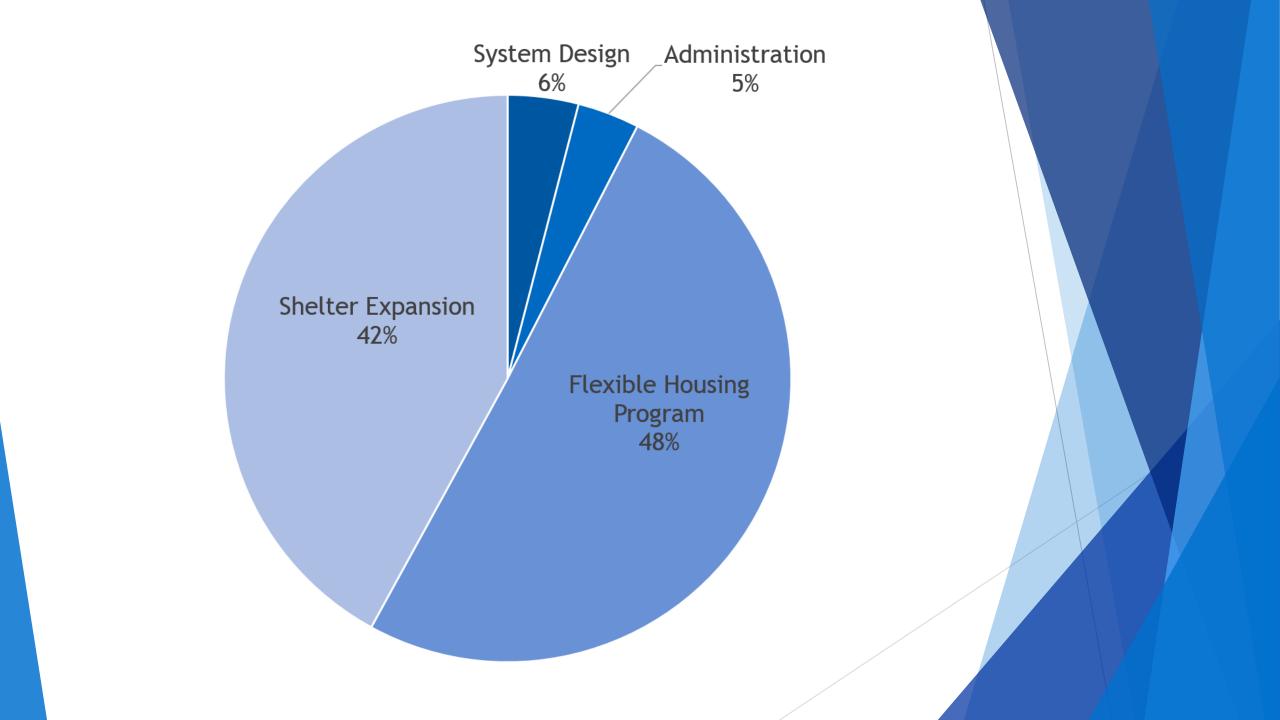
# Funding -- \$19.7 million

- Flexible Housing Program
  - > \$9.4 million
  - ▶ 48% of total funding

- Shelter Expansion
  - ▶ \$8.2 million
  - ▶ 42% of total funding

- System Change and Redesign
  - ▶ \$1.1 million
  - ▶ 6% of total funding

- Administration
  - ▶ \$1 million
  - ▶ 5% of total funding
  - Proportionally divided between program administrators.



No votes are required today.

# Next Steps

- Continuum of Care Advisory Board (Sept. 12)
  - Designate Sacramento Steps Forward as Administrative Entity
  - ► Approve Grant Application and Partnership Proposal
- Sacramento County Board of Supervisors (Oct. 16)
  - Approve Partnership Proposal
- Sacramento City Council (Sept. 25)
  - ► Approve Partnership Proposal

# Next Steps Cont.

- Sacramento Steps Forward, as the Administrative Entity, will submit the application and begin the award process.
- ► The Continuum of Care may designate a working group to further develop the concepts presented in the application and in this presentation.
- ► Goal is January 1 program start date with phased implementation to flush out program operations while working to meet immediate needs.
- ▶ Round 2 of HEAP funding is expected to be available in February 2019.

# **Questions and Comments**

Continuum of Care Advisory Board

General Public and Stakeholders