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1 [Apply for Grant Application - California Department of Housing and Community Development
2 - Housing for a Healthy California Article II Grant Funds - Not to Exceed \$14,300,000]

3 **Resolution authorizing the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, on**
4 **behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to apply for and execute a grant**
5 **application, as defined herein, under the California Department of Housing and**
6 **Community Development Housing for a Healthy California Article II Grant, for an**
7 **amount not to exceed \$14,300,000.**

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9 WHEREAS, The State of California, the Department of Housing and Community
10 Development ("Department") has issued a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) dated May
11 13, 2019, ("NOFA") for its Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Article II Grants; and

12 WHEREAS, The Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development ("MOHCD")
13 on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco desires to submit a project application for
14 the HHC Program and will submit a 2019 HHC Article II Application ("Application") as
15 described in the HHC Article II NOFA and HHC Article II Guidelines released by the
16 Department for the HHC Program; and

17 WHEREAS, The Department is authorized to provide approximately \$60 million from
18 the Building Homes and Jobs Act Fund to Counties for Permanent Supportive Housing for
19 individuals who are chronically homeless, or homeless and a high-cost health user, authorized
20 by Part 14.2 (commencing with Section 53590) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code;
21 now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, MOHCD is hereby authorized and directed to apply for and submit to the
23 Department, the Application released May 13, 2019, in the amount not to exceed
24 \$14,300,000; and, be it
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1 FURTHER RESOLVED, In connection with the HHC Article II Grant, if the Application
2 is approved by the Department, MOHCD is authorized to enter into, execute, and deliver a
3 State of California Standard Agreement (Standard Agreement) for an amount not to exceed
4 \$14,300,000, and any and all other documents required or deemed necessary or appropriate
5 to evidence and secure the HHC Article II Grant, the County's obligations related thereto, and
6 all amendments thereto (collectively, the "HHC Article II Grant Documents"); and, be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors acknowledges that if the
8 Application is successful, the City, through MOHCD, shall seek Board of Supervisors approval
9 of the Standard Agreement, and MOHCD shall be subject to the terms and conditions as
10 specified in the Standard Agreement, the HHC Article II Guidelines published by the
11 Department and the HHC statute (Health and Safety Code, Sections 53590 et. seq.); funds
12 are to be used for allowable project expenditures as specifically identified in the Standard
13 Agreement, the HHC statute (Health and Safety Code, Sections 53590 et. seq.) and
14 applicable HHC Guidelines; the Application in full is incorporated as part of the Standard
15 Agreement; any and all activities funded, information provided, and timeliness represented in
16 the application will be enforceable through the executed Standard Agreement; the City and
17 County hereby agrees to use the funds for eligible uses in the manner presented in the
18 Application as approved by the Department and in accordance with the HHC Article II NOFA,
19 the HHC Article II Guidelines, and the 2019 HHC Article II Application; and, be it

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of MOHCD
21 (or his designee) to enter into, execute and deliver any and all documents in the name of the
22 City and County of San Francisco as required by the Department for receipt of the HHC
23 Article II Grant; and, be it

24 FURTHER RESOLVED, That all actions authorized and directed by this Resolution and
25 heretofore taken are ratified, approved and confirmed by this Board of Supervisors.

1 RECOMMENDED:

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4 Daniel Adams, Acting Director,

5 Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development
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Housing for a Healthy California (Chapter 777, Statutes of 2017) Final Guidelines Amended



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The matters set forth herein are regulatory mandates, and are adopted in accordance with the authorities set forth below:

Quasi-legislative regulations ... have the dignity of statutes ... [and]... delegation of legislative authority includes the power to elaborate the meaning of key statutory terms...

Ramirez v. Yosemite Water Co., 20 Cal. 4th 785, 800 (1999)

Any regulations or guidelines that are adopted, amended, or repealed to implement this part shall not be subject to Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

Health and Safety Code Section 53598, subdivision (b).

INTRODUCTION

The Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program provides funding that allows the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) to provide Supportive housing opportunities through grants to Counties for capital and operating assistance, or operating reserve grants and capital loans to developers on a competitive basis. The guidelines for the Program are organized into two Articles as follows:

Article I. National Housing Trust Fund Allocation. This section includes Program definitions and requirements pursuant to the federal National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) allocations. The Department will allocate these NHTF funds competitively to developers for operating reserve grants and capital loans.

Article II. Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund Allocation. This section includes Program definitions and requirements pursuant to SB 2 Building Homes and Jobs Act. The Department will utilize a portion of monies collected in calendar year 2018 and deposited into the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund for the HHC program. The Department will allocate these funds competitively to counties for acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, administrative costs, capitalized operating subsidy reserves (COSR), and rental subsidies and rental assistance for existing and new Supportive housing opportunities to assist the HHC program's Target Population.

A Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) will be released for each Article as funds are available.

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Article I. National Housing Trust Fund Allocation

Section 100. Purpose and Scope

- (a) In September of 2017, AB 74 was signed into law. This legislation authorizes the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) to develop the Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program to create Supportive housing for individuals who are recipients of or eligible for health care provided through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal program. The goal of the HHC program is to reduce the financial burden on local and state resources due to the overutilization of emergency departments, inpatient care, nursing home stays and use of corrections systems and law enforcement resources as the point of health care provision for people who are Chronically homeless or Homeless and a High-cost health user. The Department shall coordinate with the DHCS, consistent with state and federal privacy laws, to match program participant data to Medi-Cal data to identify outcomes among participants as well as changes in health care costs and utilization associated with housing and services provided under HHC.
- (b) AB 74 directs the Department to utilize federal National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) allocations for years 2018 - 2021 for the HHC program. Starting in August 2018, and for the next three years, the Department must submit a federal NHTF allocation plan that aligns with federal NHTF and AB 74 requirements. The Department will allocate these NHTF funds competitively to developers for operating reserve grants and capital loans.

In addition to applicable state and federal laws and regulations, these guidelines (hereinafter "Guidelines") implement, interpret, and make specific the HHC authorized by Part 14.2 (commencing with Section 53590) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(2).

Section 101. Definitions

All terms not defined below shall, unless their context suggests otherwise, be interpreted in accordance with the meaning of terms described in Part 14.2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 53590).

- (a) "Applicant" means an organization, agency, or other entity (including a public housing agency, a for-profit entity, or a nonprofit entity) that is an owner or developer as defined by 24 CFR 93.2.
- (b) "Area Median Income" or "AMI" means the most recent applicable county median family income published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

- (c) "Assisted Unit" means a housing unit that is subject to the NHTF rent and/or occupancy restrictions as a result of the financial assistance provided under the program.
- (d) "Case Manager" means a social worker or other qualified individual who works with a tenant to offer individualized service planning that is flexible and creative to help the tenant gain housing stability. It includes working in collaboration with the tenant to plan, assess, coordinate, and reassess the tenant's needs, as well as providing referrals and advocacy, and connecting to community support to meet tenants' supportive service needs. Services include, but are not limited to: tenancy support services, coordination of medical and behavioral health, and substance use disorder treatment, employment services, life skills training, peer support, and crisis management interventions. Resident service coordinators are not Case Managers.
- (e) "Chronically homeless" has the same meaning as in Part 91.5 and 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, except that people who were Chronically homeless before entering an institution would continue to be defined as Chronically homeless before discharge, regardless of length of stay, as those parts read on January 1, 2018.
- (f) "Continuum of Care" has the same meaning as 24 CFR Section 578.3.
- (g) "Coordinated Entry System" or "CES" means a centralized or coordinated process developed pursuant to 24 CFR Section 578.7(a)(8) designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and referrals. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the geographic area, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.
- (h) "Department" means the California Department of Housing and Community Development.
- (i) Development Sponsor or "Sponsor", as defined in Section 50675.2 of the Health and Safety Code and subdivision (c) of Section 50669 of the Health and Safety Code, means any individual, joint venture, partnership, limited partnership, trust, corporation, cooperative, local public entity, duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria, or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, certified by the Department as qualified to own, manage, and rehabilitate a rental housing development. A Development Sponsor may be organized for profit, limited profit or be nonprofit, and includes a limited partnership in which the Development Sponsor or an affiliate of the Development Sponsor is a general partner.
- (j) "Distributions" has the same meaning as under 25 CCR Section 8301.
- (k) "Extremely Low Income" or "ELI" has the same meaning as in 24 CFR 93.2.
- (l) "Federal Housing Trust Fund" has the same meaning as the National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) established pursuant to the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-289) and implementing federal regulations.

- (m) "Fiscal Integrity" means, for any project for any given period of time during the term specified in the Program's regulatory agreement, that the total Operating Income for such project for such period of time, plus funds released pursuant to the Program documents from the project's operating reserve account(s) during such period of time is sufficient to: (1) pay all current Operating Expenses for such project for such period of time; (2) pay all current mandatory debt service (excluding deferred interest) coming due with respect to such project for such period of time; (3) fully fund all reserve accounts established pursuant to the Program documents for such project for such period of time; and (4) pay other costs permitted by the Program documents for such project for such period of time. The ability to pay any or all the permitted annual distributions for a project shall not be considered in determining the Fiscal Integrity of a project.
- (n) "HHC" means the Housing for a Healthy California Program administered by the Department.
- (o) "High-cost health users" mean people who have had either at least three emergency department visits or one hospital inpatient stay over the last year.
- (p) "Homeless" has the same meaning as in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 1, 2018.
- (q) "Housing First" has the same meaning as in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255.
- (r) "HUD" means the federal U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- (s) "Lead Service Provider" or "LSP" means the organization that has the overall responsibility for the provisions of Supportive Services and implementation of the Supportive Services plan. The LSP may directly provide comprehensive case management services or contract with other agencies that provide services.
- (t) "NOFA" means a Notice of Funding Availability.
- (u) "Operating Expense" has the same meaning as in 25 CCR Section 8301.
- (v) "Operating Income" has the same meaning as in 25 CCR Section 8301.
- (w) "Operating Cost Assistance Reserves" has the same meaning as in 24 CFR Section 93.201(e).
- (x) "Permanent housing" means a housing unit where the landlord does not limit length of stay in the housing unit, the landlord does not restrict the movements of the tenant, and the tenant has a lease and is subject to the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1940) of Title 5 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code.
- (y) "Point in Time Count" or "PIT" refers to an annual count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January.

- (z) "Program" means the Housing for a Healthy California Program.
- (aa) "Project Team" consists of the Applicant, the Lead Service Provider, and the property manager.
- (bb) "Recipient" means an Applicant who has been awarded NHTF funds and has the same meaning as in 24 CFR 93.2. A Recipient must:
- (1) Make acceptable assurances that it will comply with all NHTF requirements during the entire affordability period;
 - (2) Demonstrate ability and financial capacity to undertake, comply, and manage the eligible activity;
 - (3) Demonstrate familiarity with requirements of state, federal, and any other housing programs used in conjunction with NHTF funds to ensure compliance; and
 - (4) Demonstrate experience and capacity to conduct the eligible NHTF activity in question as evidenced by relevant history.
- (cc) "Rural Area" has the same meaning as in Section 50199.21 of the California Health and Safety Code.
- (dd) "Supportive housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the Target Population and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the Supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his/her health status, and maximize his/her ability to live, and when possible, work in the community.
- (ee) "Supportive Services" means social, health, educational, income support and employment services and benefits, coordination of community building and educational activities, individualized needs assessment, and individualized assistance with obtaining services and benefits.
- (ff) "Target Population" means a person who is Chronically homeless or is Homeless and a High-cost health user upon initial eligibility, is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, is eligible for Supplemental Security Income, is eligible to receive services under a program providing services promoting housing stability, and is likely to improve his or her health conditions with Supportive housing.
- (gg) "TCAC" means California Tax Credit Allocation Committee.
- (hh) "UMR" means the Uniform Multifamily Regulations commencing with 25 CCR Section 8300.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53590 and 53595.

Section 102. Minimum Requirements

The Applicant shall comply with the requirements of HHC and all applicable federal and state laws. To be eligible to receive funding, projects must meet all the following minimum requirements:

(a) Eligible Applicants.

- (1) Owners or developers that meet the Recipient definition in 24 CFR 93.2.
- (2) Applicant with no members of the development team currently federally debarred or suspended.

(b) Financial Feasibility. The project shall meet the requirements of Sections 105 and 106 and must prove Fiscal Integrity.

(c) Experience. Collectively, among the members of the Project Team, all the following minimum experience requirements must be met:

- (1) Development, ownership, or operation of at least two permanent Supportive housing projects or at least two affordable rental housing projects in the last five years.
- (2) The Lead Service Provider, which may be the county, or a qualified contracted agency, shall have three or more years of experience serving persons who qualify as members of the Target Population and includes comprehensive case management in Supportive housing, and can include scattered site housing.
- (3) The property manager shall have three or more years of experience serving persons who qualify as members of the Target Population in Supportive housing.
- (4) Experience must be documented through contracts with public agencies, housing owners, or foundations for services provided to at least 10 households at any one time in either housing projects subject to agreements with public agencies restricting rent and occupancy or through tenant-based housing assistance programs. If the Lead Service Provider is not part of the ownership entity, the Applicant must have a written agreement with the Lead Service Provider to implement the Supportive Services plan and submit this agreement along with the application for funding. Only the Lead Service Provider may enter into written agreements for services under the provisions of the Supportive Services plan. All service providers must have a written agreement with the Lead Service Provider prior to commencement of services.

(d) Site Control. The Applicant must have site control of the proposed project that meets the requirements of the UMR 25 CCR Section 8303, which requires the Applicant to have site control of the proposed project property, in the name of the Applicant or an entity controlled by the Applicant. The ownership interest may be demonstrated by fee title, a leasehold interest, an enforceable option to purchase, a disposition and

development agreement, an agreement giving the Applicant exclusive rights to negotiate for acquisition, or a land sales contract. This includes compliance (if applicable) with UMR 25 CCR Section 8316 for a leasehold interest in the property.

- (e) Integration. Proposed projects must demonstrate integration of the Target Population with the general public. In order to demonstrate compliance with this requirement, the following conditions must all be met:
- (1) Assisted Units must be integrated with other units in the project and not separated onto separate floors or areas of the building;
 - (2) To promote integration of the Target Population with other project tenants, in projects of greater than 20 units, the Department will fund no more than 49 percent of the project's total units as Assisted Units. This limitation shall not be interpreted to preclude occupancy of any project units by persons with disabilities or restrictions by other funding sources, including but not limited to TCAC, that result in more than 49 percent of the total project units being restricted to the Target Population. It shall also not apply to projects complying with alternative requirements for demonstrating Olmstead compliance adopted by local jurisdictions and approved by the Department;
 - (3) Applicants must certify that they will facilitate or provide regular community building activities and architectural design features that promote tenant interaction. For example, indoor and outdoor community space within the project, and wide hallways as feasible, depending on the scope of the construction activity; and
 - (4) The Supportive Services plan and property management plan, submitted with the application, must document policies that promote participation by tenants in community activities and impose no restriction on guests that are not otherwise required by other project funding sources or would not be common in other unsubsidized rental housing in the community.
- (f) Article XXXIV. All projects shall comply with Article XXXIV Section 1 of the California Constitution, as clarified by Public Housing Election Implementation Law (H&S Code Section 37000 et seq). Article XXXIV documentation for loans underwritten by the Department shall be subject to review and approval by the Department prior to the execution of the Department's Standard Agreement.
- (g) Scattered Site Housing. Projects are permitted to be on scattered sites provided that all of the below conditions are satisfied prior to the closing of the loan. The requirements of this section shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with the requirements of 25 CCR Section 8303(b) pertaining to scattered site housing.
- (1) All project sites in the rental housing development must have a single owner and property manager;
 - (2) All project sites shall be governed by one set of Program documents, which among other things, shall include similar tenant selection criteria, serve similar

tenant populations, and have similar rent and income restrictions;

- (3) If the rental housing development has an operating reserve, there shall only be one operating reserve for all sites in the project;
 - (4) There may be at most one lender with required payments senior to the Department's loan;
 - (5) There must be a single audit and annual report that covers all project sites;
 - (6) The Sponsor's obligations under the Department's Program documents must be secured by all project sites, with lien priority relative to local public agency lenders determined in accordance with 25 CCR Section 8315, and use of cash flow available for residual receipts loan payments determined in accordance with 25 CCR Section 8314; and
 - (7) The Department must be named on insurance policies covering all project sites, with coverage meeting Department requirements.
- (h) Environmental Conditions. All project sites must be free from severe adverse environmental conditions, such as the presence of toxic waste that is economically infeasible to remove and that cannot be mitigated. See 24 CFR 93.301(f).
- (i) Federal, State and Local Requirements. All Assisted Units and other units of the project must be on a permanent foundation and must meet all applicable federal, state, and local requirements pertaining to rental housing, including, but not limited to, requirements for minimum square footage and requirements related to maintaining the property in a safe and sanitary condition.
- (j) Amenities. All project sites must involve a development site that has reasonable accessibility to public transit, public schools, public parks or other public recreational facilities, and is of reasonable proximity to services and amenities for the purposed tenant population as is typically available in that county. The development site must also be within reasonable proximity to employment opportunities available to the tenant population. The development must consider the hours that the services and amenities are available and the frequency, travel time, and cost of transportation to the tenants. The criteria used to establish reasonable accessibility and reasonable proximity are specified in Section 111(h) of the Guidelines.
- (k) Stacking Unit-Based Subsidies.

- (1) The Department does not allow stacking of multiple Department Development Funding Sources on an HHC Assisted Unit. Capitalized operating subsidy reserves or operating assistance is allowed for all units. The prohibition of subsidy stacking in HHC refers to the use of multiple funding sources on a single HHC-assisted unit. "Department Development Funding Sources" shall mean loan or grant funds awarded for permanent funding of development costs under the following programs:
 - a. Multifamily Housing Program
 - b. Supportive Housing Multifamily Housing Program

- c. Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program
- d. No Place Like Home Program, including funds awarded either by the Department or an Alternative Process County
- e. Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program Affordable Housing
- f. Development loan, except for grants for infrastructure, transportation-related amenities and program costs
- g. Transit Oriented Development Program rental housing development loan, except for grants for infrastructure
- h. Joe Serna, Junior Farmworker Housing Grant Program
- i. SB 2 Farmworker Housing Program
- j. National Housing Trust Fund Program

(2) As an exception to this Subsection (k)(1), a previously Department-assisted unit is eligible for funding assistance from other Department programs upon re syndication, or 14 years from the Placed in Service date noted on the TCAC form 8609 (Placed in Service Package).

(l) Relocation. The Applicant of any project resulting in displacement of tenants shall be solely responsible for providing the assistance and benefits set forth in this subsection and in applicable federal, state, and local law, whichever is more stringent.

(1) All tenants of a property who are displaced as a direct result of the development of an HHC project shall be entitled to relocation benefits and assistance as provided in 24 CFR 93.352.

(2) The Applicant shall prepare a relocation plan conforming with the provisions of 24 CFR 93.352. For loans underwritten by the Department, the relocation plan or other relocation documentation shall be subject to the review and approval by the Department prior to the beginning of construction.

(m) Applicant must comply with 2 CFR Part 200.

(n) Application shall be on forms made available by the Department. In addition, applications must contain:

(1) A resolution from the Applicant's governing board to apply for NHTF funds for a requested amount that does not exceed the amount authorized.

(2) A memorandum of understanding or commitment letter from either the Lead Services Provider or a county department to make available to the project's HHC tenants case management and Supportive Services from one of the following:

- a. County's Whole Person Care Pilot,
- b. Health Homes Program,
- c. Managed care organization, or
- d. Other community-based health care services.

- (3) A certification that residents of the housing development will be authorized to own or otherwise maintain one or more common household pets pursuant to the Pet Friendly Housing Act of 2017 (California Health & Safety Code, Section 50466).
- (4) An initial plan for providing Supportive Services based on the anticipated needs of the Target Population proposed to be served by the project must meet the requirements outlined in Section 112.
- (5) A property management plan that:
 - a. Utilizes a low-barrier tenant selection process;
 - b. Accepts referrals of those with the highest needs for available housing;
 - c. Implements Housing First practices, consistent with the core components set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255(b);
 - d. Implements policies and practices to prevent evictions and to facilitate the implementation of reasonable accommodation policies;
 - e. Implements policies and practices of trauma-informed care and harm reduction to prevent evictions; and
 - f. Implements policies and practices that comply with the Violence Against Women Act (Title VI-Safe Homes for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking – Section 601 – 603 and 81 CFR 80724).

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 103. Uses and Terms

(a) NHTF funds will be limited to the eligible uses described in 24 CFR 93.200 and 93.201.

- (1) Loans for acquisition and/or new construction.
 - a. NHTF loans shall be used in accordance with 24 CFR Part 93 Subpart E.
 - b. Proposed projects involving new construction and requiring the demolition of existing residential units are eligible only if the number of bedrooms in the new project is at least equal to the total number of bedrooms in the demolished structures. The new units may exist on separate parcels provided that all parcels are part of the same project and meet the requirements of scattered site housing described in Section 102(g).
 - c. The total amount of NHTF assistance shall not exceed the maximum per-unit development subsidy amount established by the Department as stated in the NOFA.
 - d. HHC loans shall be secured by the project's real property and improvements and subject only to liens, encumbrances and other matters of record approved by the Department, consistent with 25 CCR Section 8315. Projects with ground leases shall be subject to 25 CCR Section 8316.
 - e. HHC assistance provided as post-construction permanent loans shall have an initial term of 55 years or longer to match the period of affordability restrictions under the tax credit program, commencing on the date of recordation of the HHC loan documents.

- (2) Grants for project-based operating assistance in the form of a Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserve (COSR).

The project's COSR will be for at least 15 years to pay for operating costs of an apartment or apartments receiving capital funding to provide Supportive housing to the Target Population.

- (b) Maximum per-unit loan amounts for loans underwritten by the Department shall be published annually for each NOFA and determined as follows:

- (1) Maximum per-unit loan amounts shall not exceed the total eligible costs required, when considered with other available financing and assistance, in order to:
 - a. Enable the funds to be used for the eligible uses;
 - b. Ensure that rents for Assisted Units comply with Program requirements; and
 - c. Operate in compliance with all other Program requirements.
- (2) The capital portion of the loan amount is further limited to the sum of a base amount per Assisted Unit, plus the amount per Assisted Unit required to reduce rents from 30 percent of the 30 percent of AMI level to the actual maximum restricted rent for the Assisted Unit, with loan limits increasing based on the level of affordability provided.
- (3) For loan limit calculations, the Department shall include the number of Assisted Units within a rental housing development and the number of bedrooms per Assisted Unit.
- (4) For Assisted Units receiving rental assistance under renewable rental subsidy contracts, the loan amount will be based on the most restrictive level of income restriction that will apply following the closing of the program loan.
- (5) Initial base amounts for the portion of the loan that does not include a COSR are set pursuant to the Department's Annual Action Plan.
- (6) The COSR portion of the loan shall be determined pursuant to the requirements of Section 108.
- (7) Beginning January 2020, the amounts in subparagraph (5), above, will be adjusted annually based upon increases in the Consumer Price Index. The maximum per-unit amounts for loans underwritten by the Department shall be updated annually and published in the NOFA.

- (c) Recipients shall ensure that all Assisted Units meet all applicable federal and state property standards. Compliance with 24 CFR 93.301(a)(1) and (2) must be maintained for the duration of the affordability period of 55 years, except projects developed on Indian Reservation or Native American lands, which will be for at least 50 years.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 104. Loan Terms

(a) HHC loans shall have the following terms:

- (1) They shall bear simple interest at the rate of 3 percent per annum on the unpaid principal balance, unless the Department reduces this rate pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 50406.7. Interest shall accrue from the date funds are disbursed to, or on behalf of, the borrower.
- (2) Pursuant to 24 CFR section 93.204(b)(1), HCD will charge fees to cover the cost of ongoing monitoring and physical inspection of NHTF rental projects during the state period of affordability and as determined in the NOFA.
- (3) Except for the required monitoring fee payment, and if the borrower is not in default, the Department shall permit the deferral of accrued interest for the term of the loan.
- (4) The Department may require a third-party tax professional to verify the necessity for reducing the interest rate below 3 percent, the cost of which shall be borne by the Sponsor.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 105. Occupancy and Income Requirements

- (a) Household income shall be determined in accordance with the rules in 24 CFR 93.151. At the time of move-in, the household income shall not exceed the established Extremely Low Income (ELI) limits or families with incomes at or below the poverty line (whichever is greater) pursuant to 24 CFR 93.250(a). Income levels shall be expressed in 5 percent increments as a percentage of AMI. The income limits are posted on the Department's website. Assisted units will be restricted per the income limits set forth in the Project Regulatory Agreement.
- (b) The Recipient shall maintain documentation of tenant-income eligibility and how they meet the requirements for the Target Population the following ways, as applicable:
 - (1) Documentation of enrollment in or eligibility for Medi-Cal benefits.
 - (2) Documentation of a person's status as Chronically homeless could be captured through any of the following:
 - a. A client's entry and exits documented in a Homeless Management Information System;
 - b. An outreach worker or Case Manager's written observations; or
 - c. A client's self-report of episodes of homeless and disability status. Such reports must be done in accordance with procedures established through the local Coordinated Entry System or other procedures established by

the county for determining whether a person qualifies as Homeless and High-cost health user or Chronically homeless.

- (3) Documentation of a person's status as a High-cost health user could be captured through any of the following:
 - a. Discharge summaries; or
 - b. An outreach worker's, case manager's or local County's health department written observations.

(c) Occupancy requirements shall apply for the full term of the regulatory period.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 106. Rent Limits

(a) Assisted Unit rent will be restricted in accordance with the NHTF rent and income limits in 24 CFR 93.302.

- (1) ELI tenants. The rent plus utilities of an ELI tenant shall not exceed the greater of 30 percent of the federal poverty line or 30 percent of the income of a family whose annual income equals 30 percent of the median income for the area, as determined by HUD, with adjustments for the number of bedrooms in the unit. HUD will publish the NHTF rent limits on an annual basis. Rents will be further restricted in accordance with Rent and income limits submitted by the Sponsor in its application for the Program loan, approved by the Department, and set forth in the Regulatory Agreement.

(b) The income of each tenant must be determined initially in accordance with 24 CFR 93.151. In addition, in each year during the period of affordability (up to 55 years), the project owner must reexamine each tenant's annual income in accordance with one of the options in 24 CFR 93.151(c) selected by the Recipient and as identified in the tenant selection plan.

(c) Over-income tenants. Assisted Units continue to qualify as affordable housing despite a temporary noncompliance caused by increases in the incomes of existing tenants if actions satisfactory to HUD are being taken to ensure that all vacancies are filled in accordance with 24 CFR Part 93.302(g) until the noncompliance is corrected.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 107. Underwriting Standards

(a) In analyzing feasibility, the Department shall follow the underwriting requirements of its UMRs commencing with 25 CCR Section 8300 and/or federal NHTF regulations, including the following:

- (1) 25 CCR Section 8303 (Site Control Requirements and Scattered Site Projects);

- (2) 24 CFR 93.201(e) (Operating Cost Assistance and Operating Cost Assistance Reserves);
 - (3) 25 CCR Section 8309 (Replacement Reserves);
 - (4) 25 CCR Section 8310 (Underwriting Standards) and 24 CFR 93.300(b). The more strict requirements shall apply;
 - (5) 25 CCR Section 8311 (Limits on Development Costs);
 - (6) 25 CCR Section 8312 (Developer Fee);
 - (7) 25 CCR Section 8314 (Use of Operating Cash Flow), and 24 CFR Part 93. The stricter requirements shall apply; and
 - (8) 25 CCR Section 8315 (Subordination Policy).
- (b) Where there is a difference between the provisions of the UMRs and these Guidelines, the provisions of these Guidelines shall prevail.
- (c) Notwithstanding the above, residential stabilized vacancy rates for Assisted Units shall be assumed to be 10 percent, unless use of a lower or higher rate is required by another funding source, including TCAC, or is supported by compelling market data or other evidence.
- (d) In addition to the operating reserve required by 25 CCR 8308, a Sponsor may establish a COSR for the Assisted Units meeting the requirements of Section 108.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(2).

Section 108. Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves

NHTF grant funds may be used to pay for Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves (COSR) with the following conditions:

- (a) For projects, not more than 100 percent of the total per-unit amount for capital determined pursuant to Section 103 may be provided per unit for a COSR to address project operating deficits attributable to the Assisted Units.
- (b) The operating reserves shall be sized to cover anticipated operating deficits attributable to the Assisted Units for a minimum of 15 years. The total amount of each project's operating reserves will be determined based upon the individual project underwriting performed by the Department pursuant to the requirements of these Guidelines.
- (c) In determining how to size each project's COSR, the Department shall consider individual project factors such as: the maximum percentage of Assisted Units it will assist; the anticipated project vacancy rates; the anticipated percentage of Assisted

Units that will have other operating or rental subsidy and the term of that operating or rental subsidy contract, and anticipated tenant incomes.

- (d) The following standard assumptions will be used for establishing the total amount of the project COSR. The Department may modify these assumptions as necessary to maintain project feasibility or extend the term of the COSR.
 - (1) All Assisted Units, other than the proportionate share of the manager's unit, shall be counted in calculating the amount of the COSR. An Assisted Unit receiving other rental assistance may receive assistance from the COSR.
 - (2) The stabilized residential vacancy rate for the Assisted Units shall be assumed to be 10 percent, unless use of a lower or higher rate is required by another funding source, including TCAC, or is supported by compelling market or other evidence.
- (e) Notwithstanding the above, in order to sustain the availability of the operating reserves for a minimum of 15 years, distributions from the COSR shall be subject to: The Department may not disburse more than 5 percent of the total COSR to a project per year, except that in any given year where the operating deficit attributable to the Assisted Units exceeds this amount, the Department may, in its sole discretion, increase the disbursement to up to 7 percent of the total COSR, in accordance with the operating reserves limits and applicable review processes;
- (f) Asset management and partnership management fees and deferred developer fees shall only be paid in accordance with the requirements of Section 107.
- (g) In accordance to 24 CFR 93.201(e)(1), Operating Expenses that are eligible to be paid from the COSR include:
 - (1) Insurance
 - (2) Utilities
 - (3) Real property taxes
 - (4) Maintenance
 - (5) Scheduled payments to a reserve for replacement of major systems

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(2).

Section 109. Award Limits

- (a) The maximum loan limit per Applicant is \$20,000,000. The limit on the amount that can be used for the COSR will be one third of the total loan amount, in accordance with 24 CFR 93.200(a)(1).

- (b) NHTF funding will be made available to all jurisdictions in California. Pursuant to the Department's Annual Plan, the Department will set-aside at least 20 percent of the funding for projects located in Rural Areas. In the event no projects target the 20 percent set-aside for projects located in Rural Areas, funds will be distributed according to the distribution methods of 24 CFR 91.320(d) and (k).

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(2).

Section 110. Application Process

- (a) Contingent upon an annual federal NHTF allocation, the Department shall issue a competitive NOFA for NHTF funding that specifies, among other things, the amount of project funds available, any restrictions on uses of funds, general terms and conditions of funding applications, minimum requirements, timeframe for submittal of applications, application requirements, and rating metrics. Application requirements include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) Identification of Applicants;
 - (2) Information on the proposed project;
 - (3) Adequate information to determine Applicant's eligibility;
 - (4) Adequate information to determine project's eligibility;
 - (5) Certification of compliance with federal and state requirements;
 - (6) Resolution by the governing board authorizing the application and execution of all documents;
 - (7) Adequate information to determine Applicant's experience;
 - (8) Site control;
 - (9) Compliance with the state's policy on Housing First;
 - (10) Project readiness to proceed;
 - (11) A Supportive Services plan, including staff-to-client ratio (1:20);
 - (12) Commitment of services funding; and
 - (13) Adequate information to determine the project's feasibility.
- (b) Applications shall be on forms made available by the Department.
- (c) Applications shall be evaluated for compliance with the minimum requirements set forth in Section 102 and will be rated and ranked in accordance with the criteria outlined in Section 111. Applicants that do not meet the minimum requirements will

be rejected and will not be rated. Applicants will be subject to the appeal process as detailed in the NOFA.

- (d) If requesting a COSR, the Applicant must comply with the requirements in Section 108 of these Guidelines.
- (e) The Department reserves the right to do the following:
 - (1) Score an application as submitted in the event information is missing from the application; and
 - (2) Request clarification of unclear or ambiguous statements made in an application, and other supporting documents, when doing so will not impact the competitive scoring of the application. No additional information may be introduced into the application documentation.
- (f) Applications selected for funding shall be approved at amounts, terms, and conditions specified by these Guidelines and the NOFA.
- (g) Each project must achieve the minimum scores in the Development Team Experience, Supportive Services plan, and Readiness to Proceed scoring categories, as follows:
 - (1) Development Team Experience: 18 points
 - (2) Supportive Services plan: 10 points
 - (3) Readiness to Proceed: 15 points

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 111. Application Selection Criteria

The criteria detailed below and summarized in the following table shall be used to rate applications. In the event of tied point scores, the following tiebreakers shall be used to determine which project is selected for funding, in the order listed:

- (1) The Readiness to Proceed point score, pursuant to Section 111(f) of these Guidelines; and
- (2) The Supportive Services plan point score, pursuant to Section 111(c) of these Guidelines

	Maximum Applicable Points
Development Team Experience	
Developer Experience	10
Applicant Ownership	5
Property Management	5

Lead Service Provider	15
Total Development Team Experience	35
Supportive Housing Units	25
Supportive Services plan	25
Utilization of Funds to Offset Requests	10
Leverage of Rent/Op Subsidies	15
Readiness to Proceed	30
Confirmation of Local Need	5
Location Efficiency and Access to Destinations	5
TOTAL APPLICABLE POINTS	150

(a) Development Team Experience (35 points maximum). The Applicant must achieve a minimum of 18 points from this section to receive an award.

(1) Developer Experience (10 points maximum)

- a. Applications will be scored based on the number of affordable rental housing developments completed by the project developer over the past five years, including Supportive housing projects completed in the last three years serving persons similar to the Target Population. Applicant should address whether these projects were completed timely and within budget. Delays and cost overruns should be explained.
- b. Two points will be awarded for each completed development that was timely and within budget, up to a maximum of ten points.

(2) Applicant Ownership and Operations Experience (5 points maximum)

- a. Applications will be scored based on the experience of the Applicant in owning or operating (under a long-term master lease or similar arrangement) supportive and/or affordable rental housing developments.
- b. The Applicant's experience includes the experience of its affiliated entities or principals (including management-level staff), but not the experience of board members. If there are multiple entities that comprise the ownership entity of the proposed project, the score will be based on the experience of the entity with a controlling interest in the ownership entity and a substantial and continued role in the project's operations, as evidenced in the ownership entity's legal documents.
- c. One-half point will be awarded for each affordable housing project, and one point will be awarded for each Supportive housing project, up to a maximum of five points.

(3) Property Manager Experience (5 points maximum)

- a. Applications will be scored based on the number of affordable and Supportive housing developments managed by the designated property management agent at the time of application. One-half point will be awarded for each affordable housing development, and one point will be awarded for each Supportive housing development, up to a maximum of five points.
- b. Points will be awarded for Supportive housing developments that have been in operation for at least two years with units restricted to people

experiencing homelessness.

- (4) Lead Service Provider Experience (15 points maximum)
 - a. Points will be awarded for experience in the last five years providing comprehensive case management and tenancy support to people experiencing homelessness, and for demonstrated expertise working with the Target Population.
 - b. Experience must be documented through contracts with public agencies, housing owners, or foundations for services in housing projects with at least ten units subject to agreements with public agencies restricting rent or occupancy to Homeless persons or households, or in publicly funded tenant-based housing assistance programs serving at least ten members of the Target Population.

Points will be awarded for the following:

1. Years of experience in permanent Supportive housing (3 points maximum).
 - i. One to two years (1 point)
 - ii. Three years to four years (2 points)
 - iii. Five years or more (3 points)
2. Number of projects or contracts in permanent Supportive housing (3 points maximum).
 - i. One to two projects (1 point)
 - ii. Three to four projects (2 points)
 - iii. Five or more projects (3 points)
3. Years of experience serving the Target Population (3 points maximum).
 - i. One to two years (1 point)
 - ii. Three years to four years (2 points)
 - iii. Five years or more (3 points)
4. Experience providing comprehensive case management, where members of the Target Population were at least 20 percent of the Lead Service Provider's clients during the years for which points are sought in any of the following (two points for either of the following):
 - i. Permanent Supportive housing restricted to members of the Target Population; or
 - ii. Permanent Supportive housing not restricted to members of the Target Population, with documented experience providing Homeless services with documented retention rates of at least 85 percent after 12 months.

To receive points under subsection i. or ii. above, the Lead Service Provider must have current staff expertise and organizational experience:

- i. Connecting members of the Target Population and/or Homeless individuals with community-based health care services, including linkage to primary care services and behavioral health care; and
- ii. Staff expertise and experience must be documented through resumes, job descriptions, contracts, staff training descriptions, and letters from Continuums of Care or other supportive services organizations.

5. Experience of a partner agency if the following conditions are satisfied (2 points):
 - i. An executed agreement between the two agencies must be submitted with the application for HHC assistance; and
 - ii. The agreement must have a term of at least five years and detail the cultural competency services to be provided by the partner agency. These services must include:
 - a. Technical assistance with program development;
 - b. Training and mentoring of Lead Service Provider leadership and staff for the proposed project;
 - c. Assistance with hiring project staff;
 - d. Assistance with developing community linkages;
 - e. Other technical assistance as needed; and
 - f. An agreement to provide services to members of the Target Population residing in the project that are referred by the Lead Service Provider.

6. Documented success in meeting or exceeding specified outcome measures for housing stability under a government contract for at least two years as a Lead Service Provider in Permanent Supportive housing serving persons experiencing homelessness. (2 points)

(b) Supportive Housing (25 points maximum).

- (1) Applications will be scored based on the percentage of total project units restricted as Supportive housing in accordance with the table in subsection (2) below.
- (2) To receive any points in this category, a minimum of 5 percent of total project units must be restricted as Supportive housing.

The scoring table is as follows:

Percentage of Total Project Units Restricted as Supportive Housing	Points
5%	5
10%	9
15%	13
20%	17
25%	21
30% or more	25

(c) Supportive Services Plan (25 points maximum). The Applicant must achieve a minimum of 10 points from this section to receive an award.

- (1) Applications for projects will be scored based on the following:
 - a. Quality and Quantity of Services (7 points maximum)
 1. The services provided are of appropriate quality and quantity for the Target Population. (2 points)

2. Staff experience, credentials, and job duties include appropriate skills in cultural competency. (2 points)
 3. The service delivery model, tailored to Homeless people impacted with one or more chronic health or behavioral health conditions, that includes, but is not limited to, the following: (3 points)
 - i. Use of a critical time intervention or assertive community treatment model
 - ii. Cognitive behavioral therapy
 - iii. Trauma-informed care
 - iv. Motivational interviewing and other tools to encourage engagement in services
 - v. Other practices recognized as evidenced-based by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), DHCS, HUD, or other federal or state public agencies
 - b. The accessibility of services, whether they are on-site or in close proximity to the project, including the hours they are available, and the frequency, travel time and cost of transportation required to access them, including both public transportation and private transportation services (e.g. van owned by the provider), and how the service provider will assist in the expense of public transportation (e.g., provide tokens, negotiate discounts, provide their own shuttle service, etc.). (2 points)
 - c. Adherence to Section 113, Housing First principles in the provision of services, including provision of flexible services that facilitate Permanent housing access and housing stability. (2 points)
 - d. The degree to which the physical building space supports social interaction, the provision of services and ensures the safety of all residents, especially those more vulnerable, such as persons with a history of trauma, children, elderly, etc. (1 point)
 - e. The levels of linkages with local systems for ending homelessness and community-based health care resources for members of the Target Population, including: (5 points)
 1. Participation, verified by the local Continuum of Care, in a local CES that is fully established.
 2. The degree of coordination with primary care providers, behavioral health providers, and health care facilities.
- (2) Resident Involvement (3 points maximum)
Points will be awarded based on the quality of:
- a. Strategies to engage residents to encourage participation in services (1 point);
 - b. Strategies to engage residents in services planning and operations (1 point); and
 - c. Tenant satisfaction surveys to inform and improve services, building operations, and property management. (1 point)
- (3) The adequacy of the services budget and the reliability over time of services funding (5 points maximum)
Points will be awarded based on:

- a. The adequacy and accuracy of budgeted income sources and uses and the consistency of these amounts with other sections of the services plan. (1 point)
- b. The completeness, accuracy, specificity and clarity of the budget document. (1 point)
- c. The extent to which the major services funding sources have been accessed by the designated service providers or Applicant in the past. (1 point)
- d. The track record of the Applicant and providers in filling gaps in services funding left by the loss of major funding sources. (1 point)
- e. The percentage of the total services budget that is committed at the time of application. (1 point)

(d) Utilization of Funds to Offset Requests (10 points maximum)

- (1) Applications will be scored based on the ratio of permanent affordable development funding attributable to Assisted Units from sources other than NHTF to the requested NHTF loan amount. Deferred developer fees and funds deposited in a reserve to defray scheduled operating deficits will not be counted in this computation. Land donations will be counted where the value is established by a current appraisal.
- (2) For projects utilizing 9 percent competitive low-income housing tax credits, 0.375 points will be awarded for each full 5 percentage point increment above 50 percent. For example, an application proposing other funds equal to 100 percent of the NHTF funds will receive 3.75 points. An application where other funds equal 250 percent of NHTF funds will receive 10 points.
- (3) For other projects not utilizing 9 percent competitive low-income housing tax credits, 0.75 points will be awarded for each 5 percentage point increment above 50 percent. For example, an application proposing other funds equal to NHTF funds will receive 7.5 points, and an application where other funds equal 150 percent of NHTF funds will receive 10 points.

(e) Leverage of Rental or Operating Subsidies (15 points maximum)

- (1) Applications will be scored based on the percentage of Assisted Units that either:
 - a. Have committed project-based rental or operating subsidies substantially similar in terms to project-based housing choice vouchers to indicate a high likelihood of receiving similar funding for the proposed project; or
 - b. Are restricted to rents not exceeding 30 percent of household income, with project feasibility determined based on the assumption that rents will be affordable to tenants of existing projects targeting Homeless populations, as specified in the HHC application.
- (2) Project-based housing choice vouchers will be deemed committed if they have been allocated to the project and approved by HUD, or if the Department approves other evidence that they will reliably be available (such as a letter from the housing authority committing to project-based housing choice

vouchers to the project).

- (3) One point will be awarded for each 5 percentage point increment, up to a maximum of 15 points.
- (f) Readiness to Proceed (30 points maximum). The Applicant must achieve a minimum of 15 points from this section to receive an award.

The Supportive Services must be fully implemented and available for use by the tenant at the time of occupancy. Points will be awarded as shown below to projects for each of the following circumstances as documented in the application. Any application demonstrating that a particular category is not applicable to project readiness for the subject project shall be awarded points in that category.

- (1) Obtained enforceable commitments for all construction financing, not including tax-exempt bonds, low-income housing tax credits, and funding to be provided by another Department program. Other Department funds must be awarded prior to the application deadline. (5 points)
 - (2) Completion of the California Environmental Quality Act, if necessary and not entitled to a streamlined review under AB 2162, and
 - a. Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA-ASTM) for projects with NHTF only, or
 - b. If any other federal funding sources are utilized, the project must complete a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment with the National Environmental Policy Act. (5 points)
 - (3) Obtained all necessary and discretionary public land use approvals, except building permits and other ministerial approvals, or documented to be an eligible project under AB 2162. (5 points)
 - (4) 5 points will be awarded if either:
 - a. The Applicant has fee title ownership to the site or a long-term leasehold securing the site meeting the criteria for HHC site control; or
 - b. The Applicant can demonstrate that the working drawings are at least 50 percent complete, as certified by the project architect;
 - (5) Obtained local design review approval to the extent such approval is required. (5 points)
 - (6) Obtained commitments for all deferred-payment financing, grants and subsidies, in accordance with TCAC requirements and with the same exceptions as allowed by TCAC. Deferred payment financing, grant funds, and subsidies from other Department programs must be awarded prior to application deadline. (5 points)
- (g) Local Need (5 points maximum)

More than 400 individuals are Homeless in the Applicant's geographic jurisdiction using the latest PIT count and as stated in the NOFA.

(h) Location Efficiency and Access to Destinations (5 points maximum)

Location Efficiency and Access to Destinations refers to reasonable access and proximity to amenities, services, and public transportation that allows members of the Target Population to have choices in accessing resources for independent living.

Points may be awarded cumulatively across the categories below up to a total of five points. Applicants must provide a map demonstrating proximity for items (1) and (2) to be eligible for the respective points.

- (1) Projects located where there is a rapid transit station, light rail station, commuter rail station, ferry terminal, bus station, or public bus stop within one-half mile (one mile for Rural Areas) from the site, with service at least every 30 minutes (or at least two departures during each peak period for a commuter rail station or ferry terminal) during the hours of 7 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. (1 point)
- (2) Projects that provide a map highlighting the location of the existing and operational services within one-half mile of the project area (two miles for Rural Areas), as follows:
 - a. (1 point) Grocery store which meets the CalFresh Program requirements;
 - b. (1 point) Medi-Cal clinic that accepts Medi-Cal payments;
 - c. (1 point) Public elementary, middle or high school; and
 - d. (1 point) Licensed child care provider.

(i) Applicants will be subject to the appeal process as detailed in the NOFA.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 112. Supportive Services

- (a) Each application must include a project-specific Supportive Services plan. This plan is to be developed by the Lead Service Provider and the property manager and shall include information listed in (c) and (d) of this section. Recipients must utilize a Lead Service Provider.
- (b) The property management staff and service providers must make participation in Supportive Services by HHC tenants voluntary. Access to or continued occupancy in housing cannot be conditioned on participation in services or on sobriety. The Supportive Services plan must describe the services to be made available to HHC tenants in a manner that is voluntary, flexible and individualized, so HHC tenants may continue to engage with supportive services providers, even as the intensity of services needed may change. Adaptability in the level of services should support tenant engagement and housing retention.

(c) Using evidence-based models, the following Supportive Services shall be made

available to HHC tenants based on tenant need. Except as otherwise noted below, the following required services shall be provided onsite at the project or offsite at another location easily accessible to tenants, with the majority of case management services offered on-site:

- (1) Assistance accessing and linking tenants to Medi-Cal enrollment and enrollment in other benefits the tenant may be eligible for;
- (2) Case management;
- (3) Peer support activities;
- (4) Support in linking to behavioral health care, such as assessment, crisis counseling, individual and group therapy, and peer support groups;
- (5) Support in linking to primary care services, including access to routine and preventive health and dental care, medication management, and wellness services;
- (6) Benefits counseling and advocacy, including assistance in accessing Supplementary Security Income/State Supplemental Payment (SSI/SSP);
- (7) Basic housing retention skills (such as unit maintenance and upkeep, cooking, laundry, working with a landlord, getting along with neighbors, and money management); and
- (8) Services for persons with co-occurring mental and physical disabilities or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders not listed above.

The following Supportive Services are not required to be made available but are encouraged to be part of a project's Supportive Services plan.

- (1) Recreational and social activities;
 - (2) Educational services, including assessment, GED, school enrollment, assistance accessing higher education benefits and grants, and assistance in obtaining reasonable accommodations in the education process;
 - (3) Employment services, such as supported employment, job readiness, job skills training, job placement, and retention services, or programs promoting volunteer opportunities for those unable to work; and
 - (4) Obtaining access to other needed services, such as civil legal services, or access to food and clothing.
- (d) The following additional information shall be provided in the Supportive Services plan:
- (1) Description of the Target Population to be served and identification of any

additional subpopulation target or occupancy preference for the HHC project that the Applicant wishes to undertake beyond what is permitted under the Target Population requirements. Any additional subpopulation targeting or occupancy preference for the HHC project must be approved by the Department prior to construction loan closing and must be consistent with federal and state fair housing requirements;

- (2) Description of tenant outreach, engagement, and retention strategies to be used;
 - (3) Description of each service to be offered, how frequently each service will be offered or provided depending on the nature of the service, who is anticipated to be providing the services, the location, and general hours of availability of the services;
 - (4) For services provided off-site, the plan must describe what public or private transportation options will be available to HHC tenants in order to provide them reasonable access to these services. Reasonable access is access that does not require walking more than one-half mile;
 - (5) Description of how the Supportive Services are culturally and linguistically competent for persons of different races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. This includes explaining how services will be provided to HHC tenants who do not speak English or have other communication barriers, including sensory disabilities, and how communication among the services providers, the property manager and these tenants will be facilitated;
 - (6) Estimated itemized budget and sources of funding for services;
 - (7) Description of how the supportive services staff and property management staff will work together to prevent evictions, to adopt and ensure compliance with harm reduction principles, and to facilitate the implementation of reasonable accommodation policies from rent-up to ongoing operations of the project;
 - (8) General service provider and property manager communication protocols;
 - (9) Description of how the physical design of the project fosters tenant engagement, onsite supportive services provision, safety and security, and sustainability of furnishings, equipment, and fixtures; and
 - (10) Other information needed by the Department to evaluate the Supportive Services to be offered consistent with the Program.
- (e) Copies of draft written agreements or memoranda of understanding (MOUs) that identify the roles and responsibilities of the Recipient, the project owner, other service providers, and the property manager must be provided. The draft written agreements or MOUs must be materially consistent with the information set forth in the Supportive Services plan.

The Department may request that any necessary updates to the Supportive Services plan or related documents, including fully executed written agreements between the county, service providers, the project owner, and the property manager, be provided prior to the beginning of the initial rent-up period or prior to permanent loan closing.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 113. Housing First

- (a) Projects shall employ Housing First practices that are documented in the application, property management plan and Supportive Services plan. Adherence to the Housing First core components pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255(b).
- (b) For all HHC funded projects, Housing First property management and services delivery practices shall be followed. Housing First practices include the following:
 - 1. Tenant selection practices shall be done in conjunction with the local Coordinated Entry System and promote the acceptance of Applicants regardless to their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or agreement to participate in services;
 - 2. Applicants are not rejected based on poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, or criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors that indicate a lack of "housing readiness";
 - 3. Applicants are assisted in making application for tenancy and reasonable accommodation requests;
 - 4. Supportive Services are flexible and voluntary and focus on housing stability, engagement, and problem solving over therapeutic goals; and
 - 5. The lack of policies or practices regimenting daily activities or limiting privacy, visitors, or the individual's ability to engage freely in community activities or to manage their own activities of daily living.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 114. Tenant Selection

Tenants must meet income requirements in Section 105 and Target Population requirements in Section 102.

Recipients shall accept referrals through use of a CES or other similar system in accordance with the provisions of 25 CCR Section 8305, and in compliance with Housing First requirements consistent with the core components set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code Division 8 Chapter 6.5 Section 8255 subsection (b), and basic tenant protections established under federal, state, and local law.

- (a) Reasonable selection criteria, as referred to in 25 CCR Section 8305(a)(1), shall include priority status under a local CES developed pursuant to 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8).
- (b) If the CES existing in the county cannot refer persons in the Target Population, the alternative system used must prioritize those with the greatest needs among those for referral to available Assisted Units.
- (c) Recipients shall accept tenants regardless of sobriety, participation in services or treatment, history of incarceration, credit, or history of eviction in accordance with practices permitted pursuant to WIC Section 8255 or other federal or state project funding sources.
- (d) Projects must also provide a preference for accessible units to persons with disabilities requiring the features of the accessible units in accordance with Section 10337(b)(2) of the TCAC regulations.

The requirements of 25 CCR Section 8305 (a)(4)(A) and 25 CCR Section 8305 (a)(4)(D) shall be implemented as approved by the Department in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the CES.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 115. Rental Agreements and Grievance Procedures

Rental or occupancy agreements and grievance procedures for Assisted Units shall comply with 25 CCR Section 8307 and 24 CFR 93.303. Tenants shall not be required to maintain sobriety, be tested for substances, or participate in services or treatment.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 116. Vulnerable Populations Best Practices

The following best practices should be incorporated in the construction of projects that receive funding from HHC, to the extent possible. These best practices work

to further the safety and physical and mental well-being of residents within a project.

(a) General best practices for all developments:

(1) Safety Features:

- a. Site selection and development of the project should consider the safety concerns of the prospective tenants.
- b. Building entrance and exit points should only allow admittance to residents or guests that residents admit.
- c. Common areas within the project should be oriented so as to have:
 - 1. Two ways to enter or exit the area;

- 2. Visibility to the area from outside of it, i.e. windows in walls or doors; and
- 3. A centralized location, to the extent possible.
- d. Safety lighting that reduces or eliminates blind or dark spaces where people can hide.

(2) Property Management:

- a. Policies to support an on-call staff member or 24-hour availability of staff from the property management company.
- b. Post in common areas and annually review with tenants the project's grievance policy. The policy should include procedures for grievances with management staff or contractors and the process by which the tenant may elevate the complaint.

(b) For those populations that have a history of sexual trauma and/or domestic violence:

(1) Safety features incorporate all the general best practices and include the following:

- a. For projects that will also be serving women with a history of domestic violence or sexual trauma:
 - 1. Designate at least 25 percent of the Assisted Units will be for women with a history of domestic violence or sexual trauma and/or women with children, thereby ensuring women are not a small minority of the tenancy.
 - 2. Design projects to provide separate and secure floors, wings, or buildings for women with a history of domestic violence or sexual trauma and/or women with children. These separate and secure areas should restrict access to only the residents in the secured area.
- b. Security cameras:
 - 1. At entrances, exits and common areas (including hallways, elevators, and stair wells);
 - 2. Written policy on the use of the cameras to specify who has access to see the videos, who monitors the surveillance, and under what conditions footage would be released to the authorities; and
 - 3. Camera recordings should be maintained for at least 30 days.

(2) Property Management:

- a. Policies to support an on-call staff member or 24-hour availability of staff from the property management company.
- b. Post in common areas and annually review with tenants the project's grievance policy. The policy should include procedures for grievances with management staff or contractors and the process by which the tenant may elevate the complaint.

The project should have 24-hour security if it serves persons impacted by domestic violence, transition age youth and other vulnerable populations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2) and 53595.

Section 117. Reporting Requirements

Recipient must collect and report data, as described in Section 53593, to the Department at annual and midyear intervals. Reporting of the following is required:

- (a) Not later than 90 days after the end of each project's fiscal year, the Recipient shall submit an independent audit of the development prepared by a certified public accountant and in accordance with the Department's current audit requirements and all other applicable requirements, as stated by law or included in the NOFA.
- (b) Recipients shall report on the sources of tenant referrals for the project and submit both client data and performance outcome data to the Department. Tenant data may include, but is not limited to, demographic information. Performance outcome data shall include, but is not limited to, information on housing stability, tenant satisfaction as measured in a survey, and changes in income and benefits received.
- (c) Recipients shall report the number of participants living in the Supportive housing project after 12 months, 24 months, and 36 months, as relevant.
- (d) Recipients shall report the number of participants and the type of interventions offered through the grant funds.
- (e) Recipients shall report on the number of participants who exited the project each year and where they exited to, including other Permanent housing, homelessness, or death.
- (f) To the extent available and feasible, Recipients shall provide data on the impact of the Program on participants' use of corrections systems and law enforcement resources.
- (g) If Recipient is a local government, must comply with 2 CFR Part 512, as outlined in the NOFA.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53593.

Section 118. Operating Budgets

The Recipient shall submit proposed operating budgets to the Department prior to occupancy, and annually thereafter. These budgets shall be subject to Department approval and comply with the requirements in 25 CCR Section 7326.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(2).

Section 119. Federal and State Overlays

- (a) **Federal Overlays.** Activities funded with HHC funds are required to comply with 24 CFR Part 93.350 and 24 CFR Part 93.301. Compliance with these requirements include, but are not limited to, environmental provisions, federal Davis-Bacon Wage requirements and state prevailing wage laws, relocation, Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing, Fair Housing Amendments Act, Affirmative Marketing, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and its implementing regulations, and the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations, Section 3 (employment of low-income persons), Violence Against Women Act, and Single Audit report 2 CFR Part 200.512. Failure to comply with federal overlays could result in significant project cost increases, and rejection of the HHC application.
- (b) **State Overlays.** Article XXXIV of the California Constitution requires local voter approval before any state public body can develop, construct, or acquire a low-rent housing project in any manner. However, the Public Housing Election Implementation Law (Health & Safety Code, §§ 37000 - 37002) provides clarification as to when Article XXXIV is applicable.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(2).

Section 120. Legal Documents

After a Recipient is sent a letter providing notice of award pursuant to a NOFA, and prior to actual disbursement of funds pursuant to that award, the Department and Recipient shall enter into a state "Standard Agreement" that shall constitute a conditional commitment of said funds. The Standard Agreement shall require the Recipient to comply with the requirements and provisions of these Guidelines, and generally applicable state contracting rules and requirements. The Standard Agreement shall encumber state moneys in an amount no more than as established in the NOFA and said amount shall be consistent with the application and corresponding award letter. The Standard Agreement shall contain the terms necessary to ensure the Recipient complies with all HHC-NHTF requirements, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Requirements for the execution of a promissory note, operating reserve agreement, or other project-specific contracts as may be applicable;
- (b) Requirements set forth in the NOFA;
- (c) Requirements, where appropriate, for the execution and recordation of covenants, regulatory agreements, or other instruments restricting the use and occupancy of and appurtenant to the project and the property thereunder (for the purposes of these Guidelines, all such documents are collectively herein referred to as the HHC regulatory agreement;
- (d) Requirements for the execution of a Deed of Trust or other security instrument securing the debt owed by the borrower to the Department for the amount of the award. The Deed of Trust must be recorded against the fee estate underlying the property; leasehold security will not be accepted unless such security strictly meets

the requirements set forth in 25 CCR Section 8316;

- (e) The Recipient's responsibilities for timing and completion of the project, as well as all reporting requirements;
- (f) Remedies available to the Department in the event of a violation, breach or default of the Standard Agreement; and
- (f) All other provisions necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of HHC and applicable state and federal law.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2), 53593 and 53595.

Section 121. Defaults and Loan and/or Grant Cancellations

- (a) In the event of a breach or violation by the Recipient of any of the provisions of HHC-NHTF requirements, the regulatory agreement, the promissory note, or the deed of trust, or any other agreement pertaining to the project, the Department may give written notice to the Recipient to cure the breach or violation within a period of not less than 15 days. If the breach or violation is not cured to the satisfaction of the Department within the specified time, the Department, at its option, may declare a default under the relevant document(s) and may seek legal remedies for the default, including but not limited to the following:
 - (1) The Department may accelerate all amounts, including outstanding principal and interest, due under the loan and demand immediate repayment thereof. Upon a failure to repay such accelerated amounts in full, the Department may proceed with a foreclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Deed of Trust and state law regarding foreclosures.
 - (2) The Department may seek, in a court of competent jurisdiction, an order for specific performance of the defaulted obligation or the appointment of a receiver to operate the project in accordance with HHC-NHTF requirements.
 - (3) The Department may seek such other remedies as may be available under the relevant agreement or any law as it relates to both the loan and the COSR grant.
 - (4) Suspension from future Department funding awards.
 - (5) The Department may seek other remedies set forth in the relevant agreement or any other applicable legal or equitable remedies law.
- (b) If the breach or violation involves charging tenants rent or other charges in excess of those permitted under the regulatory agreement, the Department may demand the return of such excess rents or other charges to the respective households. In any action to enforce the provisions of the regulatory agreement, the Department may seek, as an additional remedy, the repayment of such overcharges.

- (c) The Department may cancel loan commitments or COSR grants under any of the following conditions:
- (1) The objectives and requirements of HHC cannot be met;
 - (2) Implementation of the project cannot proceed in a timely fashion in accordance with the approved plans and schedules;
 - (3) Special conditions have not been fulfilled within required time periods;
 - (4) There has been a material change, not approved by the Department, in the principals or management of the Recipient or project; or
 - (5) If the Recipient fails to apply for Tax Credit funding, which they relied on for project feasibility in their application, within 18 months of the HHC award date.

The Department, in writing and upon demonstration by the Recipient of good cause, may extend the date for compliance with any of the conditions in this subsection, as long as these extensions are within the established/agreed upon deadlines established in the NOFA.

- (d) Upon receipt of a notice from the Department of intent to cancel the loan or request to repay the grant, the Recipient shall have the right to appeal to the Director.
- (e) The Department may use any funds available to it to cure or avoid a Recipient's default on the terms of any loan or other obligation that jeopardizes the fiscal integrity of a project or the Department's security in the project. Such defaults may include defaults or impending defaults in payments on mortgages, failures to pay taxes, or failures to maintain insurance or required reserves. The payment or advance of funds by the Department pursuant to this subsection shall be solely within the discretion of the Department and no Recipient shall be entitled to or have any right to payment of these funds. All funds advanced pursuant to this Subsection shall be part of the HHC loan or COSR grant and, upon demand, due and payable to the Department. Where it becomes necessary to use state funds to assist a project to avoid threatened defaults or foreclosures, the Department shall take those actions necessary, including, but not limited to, foreclosure or forced sale of the project property, to prevent further, similar occurrences and ensure compliance with the terms of the applicable agreements.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(2), 53593 and 53595.

Article II. Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund Allocation

Section 200. Purpose and Scope

- (a) In September of 2017, AB 74 was signed into law. This legislation authorizes the California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) to develop the Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) program to create Supportive housing for individuals who are recipients of or eligible for health care provided through the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Medi-Cal program. The goal of HHC is to reduce the financial burden on local and state resources due to the overutilization of emergency rooms or incarceration as the first point of health care provision for people who are Chronically homeless or Homeless and a High-cost health user. The Department shall coordinate with the DHCS, consistent with state and federal privacy law, to match Program participant data to Medi-Cal data to identify outcomes among participants, as well as changes in health care costs and utilization associated with housing and services provided under HHC.
- (b) AB 74 allows the Department to utilize revenues appropriated to the Department from other revenue sources for HHC purposes. As directed in the 2018-2019 state Budget Act, the Department will utilize a portion of moneys collected in calendar year 2018 and deposited into the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund for the HHC program. The Department will allocate these funds competitively to counties for acquisition, new construction or reconstruction and rehabilitation, administrative costs, capitalized operating subsidy reserves (COSR), and rental subsidies for existing Supportive housing to assist HHC's Target Population. The Department has elected to incentivize utilizing locally committed funding in an amount at least equivalent to the requested HHC funding amount. Note, funds applied pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 53594(a)(1) acquisition funding, new construction, and rehabilitation shall comply with Federal Housing Trust Fund regulations.
- (c) In addition to applicable state and federal laws and regulations, these guidelines (hereinafter "Guidelines") implement, interpret, and make specific the HHC program authorized by Part 14.2 (commencing with Section 53590) of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code and for Fiscal Year 2018 Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 50470) of Part 2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53591(a)(1), 53594 and 50472.

Section 201. Definitions

All terms not defined below shall, unless their context suggests otherwise, be interpreted in accordance with the meaning of terms described in Part 14.2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 53590).

- (a) "Applicant" means a County, as defined below.
- (b) "Area Median Income" or "AMI" means the most recent applicable County median family income published by HUD.
- (c) "Assisted Unit" means a housing unit that is subject to the program's rent and/or occupancy restrictions as a result of the financial assistance provided under the program.
- (d) "Case Manager" means a social worker or other qualified individual who works with a tenant to offer individualized service planning that is flexible and creative to help the tenant gain housing stability. It includes working in collaboration with the tenant to plan, assess, coordinate, and reassess the tenant's needs, as well as referrals and advocacy and connection to community support to meet tenants' supportive services needs. Services include, but are not limited to: tenancy support services, coordination of medical and behavioral health, substance use disorder treatment, employment services, life skills training, peer support, and crisis management interventions. Resident service coordinators are not Case Managers.
- (e) "Chronically homeless" has the same meaning as in Part 91.5 and 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, except that people who were Chronically homeless before entering an institution would continue to be defined as Chronically homeless before discharge, regardless of length of stay, as those parts read on January 1, 2018.
- (f) "Continuum of Care" is defined in 24 CFR Section 578.3.
- (g) "Coordinated Entry System" or "CES" means a centralized or coordinated process developed pursuant to 24 CFR Section 578.7(a)(8), designed to coordinate program participant intake, assessment, and provision of referrals. A centralized or coordinated assessment system covers the geographic area, is easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, is well advertised, and includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.
- (h) "County" means a county, city and county, or a city collaborating with a county to secure services funding.
- (i) "DHCS" means the state Department of Health Care Services.
- (j) "Department" means the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- (k) "Development Sponsor" or "Sponsor", as defined in Section 50675.2 of the Health and Safety Code and subdivision (c) of Section 50669 of the Health and Safety Code,

means any individual, joint venture, partnership, limited partnership, trust, corporation, cooperative, local public entity, duly constituted governing body of an Indian Reservation or Rancheria, or other legal entity, or any combination thereof, certified by the Department as qualified to own, manage, and rehabilitate a rental housing development. A Development Sponsor may be organized for profit, limited profit or be nonprofit, and includes a limited partnership in which the Development Sponsor, or an affiliate of the Development Sponsor, is a general partner.

- (l) "Distributions" has the same meaning as under 25 CCR Section 8301(h).
- (m) "Fair Market Rent" or "FMR" means the rent, including the cost of utilities, as established by HUD pursuant to Parts 888 and 982 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as those parts read on January 1, 2018, for units, by number of bedrooms, that must be paid in the market area to rent privately owned, existing, decent, safe, and sanitary rental housing of non-luxury nature with suitable amenities.
- (n) "Fiscal Integrity" means, for any project for any given period of time during the term specified in the program's regulatory agreement, that the total Operating Income for such project for such period of time, plus funds released pursuant to the Program documents from the project's operating reserve account(s) during such period of time is sufficient to: (1) pay all current Operating Expenses for such project for such period of time; (2) pay all current mandatory debt service (excluding deferred interest) coming due with respect to such project for such period of time; (3) fully fund all reserve accounts established pursuant to the Program documents for such project for such period of time; and (4) pay other costs permitted by the Program documents for such project for such period of time. The ability to pay any or all the permitted annual distributions for a project shall not be considered in determining the Fiscal Integrity of a project.
- (o) "Grantee" means an eligible Applicant that has been awarded funds under the program.
- (p) "HHC" means the Housing for a Healthy California Program administered by the Department.
- (q) "Health Homes Program" means the Health Homes Program, administered by the Department of Health Care Services, established pursuant to Article 3.9 (commencing with Section 14127) of Chapter 7 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- (r) "High-cost health users" means people who have had either at least three emergency department visits or one hospital inpatient stay over the last year.
- (s) "Homeless" has the same meaning as in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 1, 2018.
- (t) "Housing First" has the same meaning as in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255.

- (u) "Lead Service Provider" or "LSP" means the organization that has the overall responsibility for the provision of Supportive Services and implementation of the Supportive Services plan. The LSP may directly provide comprehensive case management services or contract with other agencies that provide services.
- (v) "Long-term rental assistance" means a rental subsidy provided to a housing provider, including a developer leasing affordable housing, to assist a tenant to pay the difference between 30 percent of the tenant's income and Fair Market Rent or reasonable market rent as determined by the Department.
- (w) "NOFA" means a Notice of Funding Availability.
- (x) "Operating Expenses" has the same meaning as in 25 CCR Section 8301.
- (y) "Operating Income" has the same meaning as in 25 CCR Section 8301.
- (z) "Operating Cost Assistance Reserves" has the same meaning as in 25 CCR Section 8308.
- (aa) "Permanent housing" means a housing unit where the landlord does not limit the length of stay in the housing unit, the landlord does not restrict the movements of the tenant, and the tenant has a lease and is subject to the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, pursuant to Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 1940) of Title 5 of Part 4 of Division 3 of the Civil Code.
- (bb) "Point in Time Count" or "PIT" refers to an annual count of sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons on a single night in January.
- (cc) "Program" means the Housing for a Healthy California Program created by this part.
- (dd) "Supportive housing" means housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the Target Population, and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the Supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his/her health status, and maximizes his/her ability to live, and when possible, work in the community.
- (ee) "Supportive Services" means social, health, educational, income support and employment services and, benefits; coordination of community building and educational activities, individualized needs assessment, and individualized assistance with obtaining services and benefits.
- (ff) "Target Population" means a person who is Chronically homeless or is Homeless and a High-cost health user upon initial eligibility, is a Medi-Cal beneficiary, is eligible for Supplemental Security Income, is eligible to receive services under a program providing services promoting housing stability, and is likely to improve his or her health conditions with Supportive housing.
- (gg) "UMR" means the Uniform Multifamily Regulations commencing with 25 CCR Section 8300.

- (hh) "Whole Person Care" Pilot or "WPC" has the meaning as described in the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver Special Terms and Conditions (STCs), Sections 110-126, as approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on December 30, 2015.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53590 and 53595.

Section 202. Minimum Requirements

The Applicant shall comply with the requirements of HHC and all applicable federal and state laws.

(a) The Applicant shall meet all the following minimum requirements:

- (1) Has identified a source of funding for providing intensive services promoting housing stability. Funding for these services may include, but is not limited to, one of more of the following:
 - a. County general funds.
 - b. WPC pilot program funds, to the extent those funds are available, or the WPC program has been renewed
 - c. The Health Homes Program
 - d. MHSA program
 - e. Managed Care Organization
 - f. Other County-controlled funding to provide these services to eligible participants
- (2) Has developed a process for administering grant funds implementing affordable and Supportive housing projects. The agency the Applicant is partnering with, or the applying housing agency, must have either administered rental assistance or funded an affordable or Supportive housing project within the past three years.
- (3) Agrees to collect and report data, as described in Section 219, to the Department.
- (4) Must be compliant with both the housing element and their annual progress report submittals.

(b) The Applicant shall submit an application that meets the following requirements:

- (1) The request for funding shall promote housing for persons who meet all the following requirements:
 - a. Is Chronically homeless, or is homeless and a high-cost health user upon initial eligibility
 - b. Is a Medi-Cal beneficiary
 - c. Is eligible for Supplemental Security Income
 - d. Is eligible to receive services under a program providing services promoting housing stability, including, but not limited to, the following:
 1. The WPC pilot program, to the extent the WPC program is available or has been renewed
 2. The Health Homes Program

3. A locally controlled service program funding or providing services in Supportive housing
 - e. Is likely to improve his or her health conditions with Supportive housing
 - (2) The use of funds proposed by the Applicant shall be clearly connected to the goals and strategies pursuant to Section 53591(a)(1).
 - (3) The amount requested shall not exceed the maximum amount specified in Section 208.
 - (4) The proposed projects shall be financially feasible for the duration of the HHC rental subsidy.
 - (5) A resolution from the County board of supervisors, or other controlling body, that authorizes the County to apply for funding and coordinate referrals and access to health care services to HHC tenants, such as a WPC pilot program, Health Homes Program, or other community-based program funding services.
 - (6) A County Application Plan as specified in Section 211.
- (c) A County subrecipient(s) of HHC funds cannot be debarred or suspended from any state programs.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Sections 53592 and 53595.

Section 203. Eligible Uses

- (a) A County shall use grants awarded pursuant to this part for any of the following:
- (1) Acquisition, new construction, or reconstruction and rehabilitation of (a) project(s). Under this use, Applicants will be subject to Article I, Sections 103(a)(1), 104, 105, 106, 107, and 109(a) of these Guidelines.
 - (2) Operating assistance, which may include either or both of the following:
 - a. Long-term rental assistance to private landlords for periods as referenced in the NOFA, subject to renewal grants.
 - b. A Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserve (COSR) for at least 15 years to pay for operating costs of an apartment or apartments receiving capital funding to provide Supportive housing to the Target Population.
 - (3) A County's administrative costs, as determined by the Department NOFA.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 204. Site and Neighborhood and Property Standard Requirements

In carrying out the site and neighborhood standards with respect to new construction, the requirements of 24 CFR 983.57(e)(2) apply. These standards do not apply to rehabilitation projects. However, if project-based vouchers are used in an assisted rehabilitation unit, the site and neighborhood standards for project-based vouchers will apply. In addition, the requirements of 24 CFR Part 8 will apply, and specifically address the site selection with respect to accessibility for persons with disabilities.

The Applicant shall ensure that all Assisted Units meet all applicable federal and state property standards. All Assisted Units must also meet the requirements of 25 CCR Section 8304 for the duration of the affordability period. Projects must meet the accessibility requirements specified in the TCAC regulations, as may be amended and renumbered from time to time, including those of Section 10325(f)(7)(K) and, for senior projects, those of Section 10325(g)(2)(B) and (C). Exemption requests, as provided for in the TCAC regulations, must be approved by the Department.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 205. Occupancy and Income Requirements

- (a) Household income shall be determined in accordance with the rules in 24 CFR 93.151. At the time of move-in, household income shall not exceed the established extremely low income (ELI) limits or incomes at or below the poverty line, whichever is greater.
- (b) The County or subrecipients shall maintain documentation of tenant income eligibility and eligibility in all the following ways, as applicable:
 - (1) Documentation of enrollment in or eligibility for Medi-Cal benefits.
 - (2) Documentation of a person's status as Chronically homeless could be captured through any of the following:
 - a. A client's entry and exits documented in a Homeless Management Information System;
 - b. An outreach worker or Case Manager's written observations; or
 - c. A client's self-report of episodes of Homeless and disability status must be done in accordance with procedures established through the local Coordinated Entry System or other procedures established by the County for determining whether a person qualifies as a Homeless and High-cost health user, or Chronically homeless.
 - (3) Documentation of a person's status as a High-cost health user could be captured through any of the following:
 - a. Discharge summaries; or
 - b. An outreach worker's, case manager's or local County's health department written observations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 206. Rent Limits

- (a) Assisted Unit rent shall not exceed the Fair Market Rent or reasonable market rent as determined by the Department. Tenants must meet the income determination requirements of Section 205.
- (b) Over-income tenants - if at the time of re-certification, a tenant household's income exceeds the extremely low-income limit, or income at or below the poverty line, then the County/subrecipient:
 - (1) Shall re-designate the tenant's Assisted Unit as a non-Assisted Unit and designate the next available non-assisted comparable unit as an Assisted Unit until the unit mix required by the Program regulatory agreement is achieved.
 - (2) If all the project units are Assisted Units, that project can continue with the over-income unit(s) until such time as those over-income households no longer reside in the project.
 - (3) A unit shall be deemed "comparable" if it has the same number of bedrooms and reasonably similar square footage as the original unit.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 207. Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves (COSR)

HHC grant funds may be used to pay for a COSR with the following conditions:

- (a) The COSR shall be sized to cover anticipated operating deficits attributable to the Assisted Units for a minimum of 15 years. The total amount of each project's operating reserves will be determined based upon the individual project underwriting performed by the County pursuant to the requirements of these Guidelines.
- (b) In determining how to size each project's COSR, the County shall consider individual project factors, such as: the maximum percentage of Assisted Units it will assist; anticipated project vacancy rates; the anticipated percentage of Assisted Units that will have other operating subsidy and the term of that operating subsidy contract, and anticipated tenant incomes.
- (c) The following standard assumptions will be used for establishing the total amount of a COSR. The Department may modify these assumptions as necessary to maintain project feasibility or extend the term of the operating reserves.
 - (1) All Assisted Units, other than the proportionate share of the manager's unit,

shall be counted in calculating the amount of COSR. An Assisted Unit receiving other rental assistance may receive assistance from a COSR.

- (2) In projects of greater than 20 units, HHC will assist no more than 49 percent of the total project units. This limitation shall not be interpreted to preclude occupancy of any project units by persons with disabilities or restrictions by other funding sources, including but not limited to TCAC, that result in more than 49 percent of the total project units being restricted to the Target Population. It shall also not apply to projects complying with alternative requirements for demonstrating Olmstead compliance adopted by local jurisdictions and approved by the Department.
 - (3) In projects of 20 units or less, up to 100 percent of the units may be Assisted Units.
 - (4) The stabilized residential vacancy rate for the Assisted Units shall be assumed to be 10 percent, unless use of a lower or higher rate is required by another funding source, including TCAC, or is supported by compelling market or other evidence.
- (d) Notwithstanding the above, in order to sustain the availability of a COSR for a minimum of 15 years, distributions from a COSR shall be subject to the following:

The County may not disburse more than 5 percent of the total COSR award made to a project per year, except that in any given year where the operating deficit attributable to the Assisted Units exceeds this amount, the Grantee may, in its sole discretion, increase the disbursement to up to 7 percent of the total COSR award, in accordance with the operating reserves limits and applicable review processes.

- (e) Operating expenses that are eligible to be paid from a COSR include:
- (1) Insurance
 - (2) Utilities
 - (3) Real property taxes
 - (4) Maintenance
 - (5) Supportive Services costs
- (f) The statute/Guidelines do not preclude use of HHC funds on other supportive housing opportunities using capital and operating assistance, as long as the use of the funds is consistent with the requirements of Part 14.2 of Division 31 of the Health and Safety Code, as well as all other state, federal laws and regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 208. Maximum Award Limits

The maximum grant limit is \$20,000,000 per Applicant for new construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, rental subsidies, administrative costs and/or operating assistance (COSR and/or rental assistance). The actual award amounts may be adjusted for project size and the number of households served.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 209. Fee Limits

A County may use up to 10 percent of the grant, as reflected in the NOFA, to fund administrative costs for the HHC program.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 210. Use of Operating Cash Flow

Regarding allowable uses of operating cash flow for capital or operating subsidies, including a COSR, the County shall follow the requirements commencing with 25 CCR Section 8314, as applicable.

Where there is a difference between the provisions of the UMRs and these Guidelines, the provisions of these Guidelines shall prevail.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 211. County Application Plan

Any plan that meets the following requirements is acceptable, including, but not limited to, Continuum of Care plans, or any other County plan specific to homelessness. Applicant's proposed uses of funds should be clearly connected to the goals and strategies outlined in the plan.

Applicants should include in their application plan the following:

- (a) A description of homelessness County-wide, including a discussion of the estimated number of residents experiencing homelessness or chronic homelessness among single adults, families, and unaccompanied youth;
- (b) Special challenges or barriers to serving the Target Population;
- (c) County resources applied to address homelessness, including efforts undertaken to prevent the criminalization of activities associated with homelessness;

- (d) Available community-based resources, including partnerships with community-based organizations and non-profits;
- (e) Identification of other partners tasked with addressing Homeless needs;
- (f) Systems in place to collect the data required under Section 219;
- (g) Efforts that will be undertaken to ensure that access to a CES, and any alternate assessment and referral system established for the Target Population pursuant to the requirements of these Guidelines, will be available on a nondiscriminatory basis;
- (h) Applicants may propose an alternative definition of High-cost health user than defined in Section 201 of these Guidelines.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53592 and 53595.

Section 212. Application Process

- (a) The Department shall issue a NOFA that details the application process for Applicants that specifies, among other things, the amount of funds available, application requirements, threshold requirements, award requirements, the allocation of rating points, the deadline for submittal of applications, and other general terms and conditions of funding commitments.
- (b) The Department shall evaluate applications for compliance with the minimum requirements set forth in Section 202 and score based on the criteria outlined in Section 213.
- (c) Applicants that do not meet the minimum requirements will be rejected and will not be rated.
- (d) The Department reserves the right to do the following:
 - (1) Score an application as submitted in the event information is missing from the application; and
 - (2) Request clarification of unclear or ambiguous statements made in an application and other supporting documents where doing so will not impact the competitive scoring of the application.
- (e) Applications selected for funding shall be approved at amounts, terms, and conditions specified by the Guidelines and the NOFA.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1).

Section 213. Application Selection Criteria

The criteria detailed below and summarized in the following table shall be used to rate applications.

	Maximum Applicable Points
Need	
Number of individuals experiencing homelessness and impact of housing costs (H&S Code 53591(a)(1)(A))	10
Applicant's commitment to address Homeless needs (H&S Code 53591(a)(1)(D))	15
Total Need Points	25
Proposed Uses and Process for Using Funds	
Project(s) Description (H&S Code 53591(a)(1)(F))	10
Process for Using Grant Funds (H&S Code 53591(a)(1)(B))	10
Funding Coordination (H&S Code 53591(a)(1)(C))	10
Total Uses of Funds Points	30
Experience	
Applicant's experience in rental subsidies, funding, underwriting, or administering Supportive housing projects	15
Applicant's experience with projects comparable in scope/services to proposed project	15
Barriers encountered and addressed	5
Identify any best practices that could be used by other program participants	5
Total Experience Points	40
Funding Sources	
Description of plan to sustain funding	30
Total Funding Sources Points	30
Incentive Points	
Applicant has Whole Person Care Pilot Program available or renewed, or has Health Homes Program, or has other County-controlled funding that provides similar services to the Target Population. H&S Code 53591(a)(1)(E)	10
Projects with locally committed funding for projects in an amount at least equivalent to requested HHC funding	10
Total Incentive Points	20
TOTAL APPLICABLE POINTS	145

(a) Need (25 points maximum)

Consideration will be given to the number of individuals experiencing homelessness and the impact of housing costs in the County. Estimated need will be based on the number of Homeless individuals established at the latest PIT count and rent burden in the Applicant's geographic jurisdiction according to the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data. Points will be awarded as follows:

- (1) Estimated Need (10 points maximum)
 - a. More than 400 individuals are Homeless in the Applicant's geographic jurisdiction as stated in the NOFA (10 points); or
 - b. More than half of the ELI population in the Applicant's geographic jurisdiction pay more than 50 percent of their income towards rent. (5 points)
- (2) Describe the Applicant's demonstrated commitment to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Applicant has demonstrated successful outcomes in implementing federal and state programs addressing the needs of people experiencing homelessness, along with local commitment of resources. (15 points maximum)
 - a. The Applicant has dedicated local resources to provide Permanent housing to residents experiencing homelessness over the last three years and has a plan to address homelessness. The plan has been successful and has been implemented for at least one year (15 points); or
 - b. The Applicant has administered programs with successful outcomes in moving people from homelessness to Permanent housing but has not dedicated resources consistently over the last three years. The Applicant has a plan to address homelessness and has been implementing it over the last year (10 points); or
 - c. The Applicant proposes to implement some actions in the next 12 months, including implementation of a plan to address homelessness and dedication of local resources. (5 points)

(b) Proposed Uses and Process for Using Funds (30 points maximum)

- (1) Project Description. Applicant's description of the specific uses of the grant funds. For each specific planned use of the grant funds, the Applicant must respond to the required items to receive full points: (10 points)
 - a. If the Applicant intends to use funding for development, project(s)' location and target date(s) for completion (10 points); or
 - b. If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance or a COSR, project(s)' total number of units and the total number of households who will receive Permanent housing and/or rental subsidies under the project (10 points).
- (2) Process for Using Grant Funds. The Applicant's description of the following: (10 points maximum)
 - a. The Applicant's or agency or agencies responsible for the distribution of the HHC grant funds and the proposed selection criteria and process to identify project(s) and/or sub-recipient(s) (6 points);

- b. The timeline with clearly delineated milestones (1 point); and
- c. The proposed funding source for the services (3 points)

(3) Funding Coordination. The Applicant's description of how the proposed HHC funding will supplement existing federal, state, and local funding. (10 points maximum)

- a. Regarding service provision, the Applicant's description of the following:
 - 1. The funding source(s) (2 points);
 - 2. The amount of funding per participant, per month, the Applicant intends to commit (1 point);
 - 3. The length of time services will be provided (1 point); and
 - 4. The process for selecting the Homeless service provider (2 points).
- b. The description of the Applicant's partnerships with affordable and Supportive housing providers to address homelessness (2 points).
- c. The description of the Applicant's partnerships with healthcare providers who provide dental, mental health, primary care and substance abuse services (2 points).

(c) Experience (40 points maximum)

(1) The Applicant's experience, for the last three years, in funding and underwriting Supportive housing projects; and/or the Applicant's experience administering Supportive housing projects; and/or the Applicant's experience working with agencies that administer rental subsidies. (15 points maximum)

- a. If the Applicant intends to use funding for development or a COSR, the Applicant has developed and/or administered four or more projects in the last three years. If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance, the administering agency has administered rental subsidies for at least 500 households in the last three years. (15 points)
- b. If the Applicant intends to use funding for development or a COSR, the Applicant has developed and/or administered at least two to three projects in the last three years. If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance, the administering agency has administered rental subsidies for at least 300 households in the last three years. (10 points)
- c. If the Applicant intends to use funding for development or a COSR, the Applicant has developed and/or administered one project in the last three years. If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance, the administering agency has administered rental subsidies for at least 100 households in the last three years. (5 points)

(2) The Applicant's development funding, rental assistance, or other operating assistance to the Target Population that is comparable in scale and scope to the number of projects or rental assistance the Applicant has proposed for the Program. (15 points maximum)

- a. If the Applicant intends to use funding for development or a COSR, the Applicant has developed and/or administered four or more projects comparable in scale and scope to the proposed project and Target Population. If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance,

- the administering agency has administered rental subsidies for at least 500 clients similar to the Target Population. (15 points)
- b. If the Applicant intends to use funding for development or a COSR, the Applicant has developed and/or administered at least two to three projects comparable in scale and scope to the proposed project and Target Population. If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance, the administering agency has administered rental subsidies for at least 300 clients similar to the Target Population. (10 points)
 - c. If the Applicant intends to use funding for development or a COSR, the Applicant has developed and/or administered one project comparable in scale and scope to the proposed project and Target Population. If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance, the administering agency has administered rental subsidies for at least 100 clients similar to the Target Population. (5 points)
- (3) Description of barrier(s) the Applicant encountered in the implementation of its Homeless strategy or funding and how barriers were resolved. (5 points)
 - (4) Description of any best practices developed by the Applicant that could be used for other program participants. (5 points)
- (d) Funding Sources (30 points maximum)
- (1) The Applicant's description of the plan to sustain funding for the program/project. The Applicant may commit to using funding from the Building Homes & Jobs Act allocations to score points in this category. (30 points)
- (e) Incentive Points (20 points maximum)
- (1) The Applicant has a Whole Person Care Pilot Program or is working with managed care organizations to make available Health Homes Program benefits to people experiencing homelessness. (10 points)
 - (2) Evidence demonstrating locally committed funding in an amount at least equivalent to requested HHC funding. (10 points)

In the event of tied point scores, the following tiebreakers shall be used to determine which project is selected for funding, in the order listed:

- (1) Applicant relevant experience
- (2) Need
- (3) Application Plan

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1).

Section 214. Supportive Services

- (a) Each application must include a County-specific Supportive Services plan that will identify how the County plans to provide or subcontract to provide Supportive Services to participants in the Program.
- (b) The County must ensure services are provided to participants, but that participants are not required to participate in services. Access to or continued occupancy in housing cannot be conditioned on participation in services or on sobriety. The Supportive Services plan must describe the services to be made available to HHC tenants in a manner that is voluntary, flexible, and individualized, so HHC tenants may continue to engage with supportive services providers, even as the intensity of services needed may change. The level of services should support tenant engagement and housing retention.
- (c) Using evidence-based models, the following Supportive Services shall be made available to HHC tenants based on tenant need. Except as otherwise noted below, the following required services shall be provided onsite at the project or offsite at another location easily accessible to tenants, with the majority of case management services offered on-site:
 - (1) Housing navigation to assist people experiencing homelessness to establish relationships with private landlords, if the County is using funding for rental assistance, and to apply for housing;
 - (2) Case management and tenancy support services;
 - (3) Peer support activities;
 - (4) Services to link participants, as needed, to behavioral health care, such as assessment, crisis counseling, individual and group therapy, and peer support groups and to coordinate care;
 - (5) Services to link participants, as needed, to substance abuse disorder treatment;
 - (6) Support in linking to primary care services, including access to routine and preventive health and dental care, medication management, and wellness services;
 - (7) Benefits advocacy, including assistance or linkage to services in accessing Medi-Cal and Supplemental Security Income/State Supplementary Payment(SSI/SSP);
 - (8) Housing retention skills, including working with landlords and neighbors, unit maintenance and upkeep, and money management; and
 - (9) Services for persons with co-occurring mental and physical disabilities or co-occurring mental and substance use disorders not listed above.

The following Supportive Services are not required to be made available but are encouraged to be part of an Applicant's plan to provide Supportive Services to participants.

- (1) Recreational and social activities;
 - (2) Educational services, including assessment, GED, school enrollment, assistance accessing higher education benefits and grants, and assistance in obtaining reasonable accommodations in the education process;
 - (3) Employment services, such as supported employment, job readiness, job skills training, job placement, and retention services, or programs promoting volunteer opportunities for those unable to work; and
 - (4) Obtaining access to other needed services, such as civil legal services, or access to food and clothing.
- (d) The following additional information shall be provided in the Applicant's plan to provide Supportive Services:
- (1) Description of tenant outreach, engagement, and retention strategies to be used;
 - (2) Description of each service to be offered, how services will be offered or provided depending upon who is anticipated to be providing the services, the location, and general hours of availability of the services;
 - (3) For services provided off-site, the plan must describe what public or private transportation options will be available to HHC tenants in order to provide them reasonable access to these services. Reasonable access is access that does not require walking more than one-half mile. Case management services should largely be provided on-site;
 - (4) Description of how the Supportive Services are culturally and linguistically competent for persons of different races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. This includes explaining how services will be provided to HHC tenants who do not speak English, or have other communication barriers, including sensory disabilities, and how communication among the services providers, the property manager, and these tenants will be facilitated;
 - (5) Estimated itemized budget, and sources of funding for services;
 - (6) Description of how the supportive services staff and property management staff or landlord will work together to prevent evictions, adopt and ensure compliance with harm reduction principles, and facilitate the implementation of reasonable accommodation policies from rent-up to ongoing operations of the project;

- (7) General service provider and property manager communication protocols;
- (8) Provider-to-client staff ratio (1:20);
- (9) Description of how the physical design of the project fosters tenant engagement, onsite supportive services provision, safety and security, and sustainability of furnishings, equipment, and fixtures; and
- (10) Other information needed by the Department to evaluate the Supportive Services to be offered consistent with the program, as specified in the NOFA.

The Department may request that any necessary updates to the plan to provide Supportive Services or related documents, including fully executed written agreements between the County, service providers, the project owner(s), if relevant, and the property manager, if relevant, be provided prior to the beginning of the initial rent-up period or prior to permanent loan closing, or after participants move into private-market apartments.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53595.

Section 215. Housing First

- (a) Projects shall employ Housing First practices that are documented in the Applicant's plan to provide Supportive Services in the application. Projects must adhere to the Housing First core components pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255(b).
- (b) Housing First practices include the following:
 - (1) Tenant selection practices that adhere to Section 216 of these Guidelines and promote the acceptance of Applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or agreement to participate in services;
 - (2) Tenants are not rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, or minor criminal convictions;
 - (3) Tenants are assisted in making application for tenancy and reasonable accommodation requests;
 - (4) Supportive Services are flexible and voluntary and focus on housing stability, engagement, and problem-solving over therapeutic goals; and
 - (5) Landlords or property managers do not impose restrictions on daily activities or limiting privacy, visitors, or the individual's ability to engage freely in community activities.
- (c) Management and services practices emphasize tenant retention and offer flexibility and services to prevent and resolve lease violations and evictions. Subsidy-only units

shall follow Housing First property management and services practices described in subsection (b) above or implement modified Housing First practices that, at a minimum, incorporate:

- (1) Tenant selection practices that promote the acceptance of Applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or agreement to participate in services;
- (2) Applicants are seldom rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, or minor criminal convictions;
- (3) Applicants are assisted in making application for tenancy and reasonable accommodation requests;
- (4) Assistance shall be provided in obtaining Permanent housing as rapidly as possible and without preconditions, such as participation in services, length of stay, or successful completion of transitional housing program. Upon exit to Permanent housing, follow up services shall be provided for no less than six months to ensure that tenants retain Permanent housing; and

(d) Services are voluntary unless required by a public agency funding source.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53595.

Section 216. Tenant Selection

- (a) Tenants must meet income requirements in Section 205 and Target Population requirements in Section 202.
- (b) Tenants shall be selected through use of a CES, in accordance with the provisions of 25 CCR Section 8305 and in compliance with Housing First requirements consistent with the core components set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code Division 8

Chapter 6.5 Section 8255 subsection (b) and basic tenant protections established under federal, state, and local law.

- (1) Reasonable selection criteria, as referred to in 25 CCR Section 8305(a)(1), shall include priority status under a local CES developed pursuant to 24 CFR 578.7(a)(8).
- (2) If the CES existing in the County cannot refer persons in the Target Population, the alternative system used must prioritize those with the greatest needs among those for referral to available Assisted Units.
- (3) Sponsors shall accept tenants regardless of sobriety, participation in services or treatment, history of incarceration, credit, or history of eviction in accordance with practices permitted pursuant to WIC Section 8255 or other federal or state project funding sources.

- (c) The requirements of 25 CCR Sections 8305 (a)(4)(A) and 8305 (a)(4)(D) shall be implemented as approved by the Department in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of the CES.
- (d) In communities that are not yet referring people experiencing homelessness to programs through CES, Applicants should describe the process of referring residents based on eligibility for the Program.
- (e) Projects must also provide a preference for accessible units to persons with disabilities requiring the features of the accessible units in accordance with Section 10337(b)(2) of the TCAC regulations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53595.

Section 217. Rental Agreements and Grievance Procedures

Rental or occupancy agreements and grievance procedures for Assisted Units shall comply with 25 CCR Section 8307 and 24 CFR 93.303. Tenants shall not be required to maintain sobriety, be tested for substances, or participate in services or treatment.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53594.

Section 218. Vulnerable Populations Best Practices

The following best practices should be incorporated in the construction of projects that receive funding from HHC, to the extent possible. These best practices work to further the safety and physical and mental well-being of residents within a project.

(a) General best practices for all developments:

(1) Safety features:

- a. Site selection and development of the project should consider the safety concerns of the prospective tenants.
- b. Building entrance and exit points should only allow admittance to residents or guests that residents admit.
- c. Common areas within the project should be oriented so as to have:
 - 1. Two ways to enter or exit the area;
 - 2. Visibility to the area from outside of it, i.e. windows in walls or doors; and
 - 3. A centralized location, to the extent possible.
- d. Safety lighting that reduces or eliminates blind or dark spaces.

(2) Property Management:

- a. Policies to support an on-call staff member or 24-hour availability of staff from the property management company.
- b. Post in common areas and annually review with tenants the project's

grievance policy. The policy should include procedures for grievances with management staff or contractors and the process by which the tenant may elevate the complaint.

(b) For those populations that have a history of sexual trauma and/or domestic violence:

- (1) Safety features incorporate all of the general best practices and include the following:
 - a. For projects that will also be serving women with a history of domestic violence or sexual trauma:
 1. Designate at least 25 percent of the Assisted Units for women with a history of domestic violence or sexual trauma and/or women with children, thereby ensuring women are not a small minority of the tenancy.
 2. Design projects to provide separate and secure floors, wings, or buildings for women with a history of domestic violence or sexual trauma and/or women with children. These separate and secure areas should restrict access to only the residents in the secured area.
 - b. Security cameras:
 1. At entrances, exits and common areas (including hallways, elevators, and stair wells);
 2. Written policy on the use of the cameras to specify who has access to see the videos, who monitors the surveillance, and under what conditions footage would be released to the authorities; and
 3. Camera recordings should be maintained for at least 30 days.
- (2) Property Management:
 - a. Policies to support an on-call staff member or 24-hour availability of staff from the property management company.
 - b. Post in common areas and annually review with tenants the project's grievance policy. The policy should include procedures for grievances with management staff or contractors and the process by which the tenant may elevate the complaint.

(c) The project should have 24-hour security if it serves persons impacted by domestic violence, transition age youth and other vulnerable populations.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53595.

Section 219. Reporting Requirements

The County shall, at annual and midyear intervals, report all of the following data to the Department:

- (a) Not later than 90 days after the end of each project's fiscal year, the Grantee shall submit an independent audit of the development prepared by a certified public accountant and in accordance with the Department's current audit requirements and all other applicable requirements, as stated by law or included in the NOFA.

- (b) The County shall submit the data as required by the Department to measure the costs and outcomes for each of its Assisted Units. The County shall work with service providers or other sub-recipients to gather the data.
- (c) The County shall report on the sources of tenant referrals for the project and submit both client data and performance outcome data to the Department. Tenant data may include, but is not limited to, demographic information. Performance outcome data shall include, but is not limited to, information on housing stability, tenant satisfaction as measured in a survey, and changes in income and benefits received.
- (d) The County shall also report on the following:
 - (1) The number of participants who have received assistance through the Program in that year, and the type of intervention the participant received with HHC funds;
 - (2) The number of participants living in Supportive housing or other Permanent housing with HHC funds, and exits from the program, and the reasons for the exits; and
 - (3) To the extent available and feasible, the County shall provide data on the impact of the Program on participant's use of corrections systems and law enforcement resources.
- (e) Recipient must comply with 2 CFR Part 512, as outlined in the NOFA.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53593.

Section 220. Operating Budgets

The County shall submit proposed operating budgets to the Department prior to award and annually thereafter. These budgets shall be subject to Department approval and comply with the requirements in 25 CCR Section 7326.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53594.

Section 221. Federal and State Overlays

- (a) Federal Overlays. Activities funded with HHC funds are required to comply with 24 CFR Part 93.350 and 24 CFR Part 93.301. Compliance with these requirements include, but are not limited to, environmental provisions, federal Davis-Bacon Wage requirements and state prevailing wage laws, relocation, Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing, Fair Housing Amendments Act, Affirmative Marketing, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and its implementing regulations, and the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations, Section 3 (employment of low-income persons), Violence Against Women Act, and Single Audit report 2 CFR Part

200.512. Failure to comply with federal overlays could result in significant project cost increases, and rejection of the HHC application.

- (b) State Overlays. Article XXXIV of the California Constitution requires local voter approval before any state public body can develop, construct, or acquire a low-rent housing project in any manner. However, the Public Housing Election Implementation Law (Health & Safety Code, §§ 37000 – 37002) provides clarification as to when Article XXXIV is applicable.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53594 and 50472.

Section 222. Legal Documents

Grants shall be governed by a Standard Agreement or other agreement with the County on a form prescribed by the Department. The agreement shall ensure that the provisions of these Guidelines are applicable to the project(s) covered by the agreement and enforceable by the Department. The agreement will contain such other provisions as the Department determines are necessary to meet the requirements and goals of the program, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) Requirements for the execution of a promissory note, operating reserve agreement, or other project-specific contracts as may be applicable;
- (b) Requirements set forth in the NOFA;
- (c) Requirements, where appropriate, for the execution and recordation of covenants, regulatory agreements, or other instruments restricting the use and occupancy of and appurtenant to the project and the property thereunder (for the purposes of these Guidelines, all such documents are collectively herein referred to as the HHC regulatory agreement);
- (d) The County's responsibilities for timing and completion of Projects, if applicable, as well as any and all reporting requirements;
- (e) Remedies available to the Department in the event of a violation, breach or default of the Standard Agreement; and
- (f) Any and all other provisions necessary to ensure compliance with the requirements of HHC and applicable state and federal law.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53594 and 50472.

Section 223. Defaults and Grant Cancellations

In the event the Department becomes aware of a breach or violation by the Grantee or its participating entities engaged in the delivery of HHC, any of the provisions of HHC-SB 2 requirements or Standard Agreement, or the locally executed HHC loan or

grant pertaining to the project, the Department may give written notice to violators to cure the breach or violation within a period of not less than 15 days. If the breach or violation is not cured to the satisfaction of the Department within the specified time period, the Department, at its option, may declare a default under the relevant document(s) and may seek legal remedies for the default, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) Termination of the Grant Agreement and full or partial repayment of the awarded amount.
- (b) Suspension from future Department funding awards.
- (c) The Department may seek other remedies set forth in the Grant Agreement or any other applicable legal or equitable remedies.

If the breach or violation involves charging tenants rent or other charges in excess of those permitted under the Standard Agreement, the Department may demand the return of such excess rents or other charges to the respective households. In any action to enforce the provisions of the Standard Agreement, the Department may seek, as an additional remedy, the repayment of such overcharges.

NOTE: Authority cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53598(b). Reference cited: Health and Safety Code Section 53591(a)(1) and 53594 and 50472.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: All Potential Applicants

FROM: Mark Stivers, Acting Deputy Director
Division of Financial Assistance

SUBJECT: **2019 Notice of Funding Availability
Housing for a Healthy California Program
Article II – Building Homes and Jobs Act Allocation Funds**

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce the release of this Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for approximately \$60 million in Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2) Allocation funds for the Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program. This funding furthers the goal of AB 74 (Chapter 777, Statutes of 2017) by providing grants to Counties for permanent Supportive housing for individuals who are Chronically homeless, or Homeless and a High-cost health user.

The intent of this pilot program is to allow individuals experiencing significant barriers to housing stability to benefit from Supportive housing opportunities while decreasing their utilization of emergency departments, inpatient care, and nursing home stays.

This NOFA is subject to state Guidelines and federal National Housing Trust Fund (NHTF) regulations (if applying for capital costs) and makes funding available competitively to Counties in all jurisdictions of California.

A complete original application, and electronic copies on CD or flash drive with all applicable information must be received by the Department no later than **5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2019**. The Department will only accept applications through a postal carrier service such as U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, or other carrier services that provide date stamp verification confirming delivery to the Department's office. Please contact the Department if delivery is not completed by fault of the carrier service. The delivery address is:

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Personal deliveries will not be accepted. No facsimiles, incomplete applications, application revisions, electronically transmitted, or walk-in application packages will be accepted.

To receive information on workshops and other updates, please subscribe to the Department's [listserv](#). Questions about this NOFA and application process can be directed to the HHC email box at HHCNOFA@hcd.ca.gov.

Attachment

**Housing for a Healthy California
2019 Notice of Funding Availability**

**Article II (Counties) – Building Homes and Jobs
Act (SB 2) Allocation**



**State of California
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**Alexis Podesta, Secretary
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**HOUSING FOR A HEALTHY CALIFORNIA PROGRAM
ARTICLE II – SB 2 ALLOCATION
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

I. Overview

A. Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)

The Department of Housing and Community Development (Department) is pleased to announce the availability of approximately \$60 million in Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2) Allocation funds for the Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Program.

Funding for this NOFA is provided pursuant to AB 74, signed into law in September of 2017. The intent of the bill is to assist in creating permanent Supportive housing opportunities for those that are Chronically homeless or Homeless and a High-cost health user.

Defined terms within the HHC Program Guidelines (Guidelines) are capitalized in this NOFA. Definitions of capitalized terms can be found in Guidelines Section 201 of the Guidelines.

B. Timeline

NOFA Release	May 13, 2019
Application Due Date	August 13, 2019
Award Announcements	December 2019

C. Authorizing Legislation and Regulations

This NOFA should be read in conjunction with the following regulations and statute, which establish state and federal requirements:

- Assembly Bill 74 (Chapter 777, Statutes of 2017)
- Housing for a Healthy California Program Guidelines
- Federal Housing Trust Fund regulations
- **Note:** Funds applied pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 53594(a)(1) shall comply with federal Housing Trust Fund regulations.
- State Uniform Multifamily Regulations (UMRs)

Note: Any inconsistencies between the NOFA and state Guidelines or federal regulations will be resolved in favor of the federal regulations.

This NOFA does not include the text of all applicable requirements that may be important to projects. For proper completion of the application, the Department encourages applicants to consult the Guidelines, regulations and statute linked above and other cross-cutting regulations such as, but not limited to, those referred to in 2 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, which may apply to HHC-funded rental projects.

If state or federal statutes or regulations, or other laws, governing HHC and the National Housing Trust Fund or its funding are modified by Congress, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the State Legislature, or the Department prior to completion of work to be done pursuant to awards made in connection with this NOFA, the changes may become effective immediately and apply to funded activities. The Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend or amend the provisions of this NOFA. If such action occurs, the Department will notify interested parties through the listserv.

II. Program Requirements

The following is provided as a summary and is not to be considered a complete representation of the entirety of the eligibility, minimum requirements, or other terms and conditions of the HHC program.

A. Eligible Applicants

Applicants must be a County, as set forth in Guidelines Section 201, Definitions, and comply with Section 202, Minimum Requirements.

All Applicants must be in good standing with the laws, regulations, Guidelines and programs of the Department, the State of California and all agencies and departments thereof, including, but not limited to, housing element compliance, as determined by the Department, and submittal of housing element annual progress reports.

B. Eligible Activities

Proposed projects must be eligible pursuant to Guidelines Section 203, Eligible Uses. Eligible uses include:

1. Acquisition, new construction, or reconstruction and rehabilitation of (a) project(s). Under this use, Applicants will be subject to Article I, Sections 103(a)(1), 104, 105, 106, 107, and 109 of the Guidelines.
2. Operating assistance, which may include either or both of the following:
 - a. Long-term rental assistance to private landlords for periods up to five years, subject to renewal grants.
 - b. A Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserve (COSR) for at least 15 years to pay for operating costs of an apartment or apartments receiving capital funding to provide Supportive housing to the Target Population.
3. A County's administrative costs, of at least 5 percent of the total grant awarded, not to exceed 10 percent.

C. Allocation of Funding and Award Limits

Assistance is awarded as a grant and shall be used in accordance with Guidelines Section 203, Eligible Uses.

Award Limits: The maximum grant limit per Applicant is \$20 million. The actual award amounts may be adjusted for project size and the number of households served, as captured in the HHC Program Supplemental Application Form.

D. Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves (COSR)

Eligible operating expenses are set forth in Guidelines Section 207, Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves (COSR).

E. Minimum Requirements

In addition to meeting the requirements of the Guidelines as described in paragraphs A, B, and C above, Applicants and projects are also required to meet the Program minimum requirements found in Guidelines Section 202, Minimum Requirements and Section 211, County Application Plan.

1. Application must include a Supportive Services plan meeting the requirements of Guidelines Section 214, Supportive Services and that identifies all of the following:

- a. Services provided to the Target Population;
- b. Performance Measures and Activity Milestones to track outcomes; and
- c. Deliverables consistent with Guidelines Section 211, County Application Plan, Section 214, Supportive Services, and Section 215, Housing First.

F. Rating and Ranking

After meeting the minimum requirements, applications will be scored according to Guidelines Section 213, Application Selection Criteria. HHC program funds will be allocated through a competitive process, based on the merits of the application.

	Maximum Applicable Points
Need	25
Proposed Uses and Process for Using Funds	30
Experience	40
Funding Sources	30
Incentive Points	20
TOTAL APPLICABLE POINTS	145

In the event of tied point scores, the following tiebreakers shall be used to determine which project is selected for funding, in the order listed:

- a. Applicant relevant experience.
- b. Need — Need is demonstrated by having more than 400 individuals that are Homeless in the Applicant's geographic jurisdiction (County) using the latest Point in Time (PIT) count. Applicant's documentation of the county-specific PIT count must be certified by the Continuum of Care.
- c. Application Plan — Plan will be evaluated based on identification of all the components identified in Guidelines Section 211, County Application Plan.

G. Appeals

1. Basis of Appeals

- a. Upon receipt of the Department's notice that an application has been determined to be incomplete, ineligible, fail minimum requirements or have a reduction to the initial point score, Applicants under this NOFA may appeal such decision(s) to the Department pursuant to this section.
- b. No Applicant shall have the right to appeal a decision of the Department relating to another Applicant's eligibility, point score, award, denial of award, or any other matter related thereto.
- c. The appeal process provided herein applies solely to decisions of the Department made in this program NOFA and does not apply to any decisions made with respect to any previously issued NOFAs or decisions to be made pursuant to future program NOFAs.

2. Appeal Process and Deadlines

- a. To lodge an appeal, Applicants must submit to the Department by the deadline set forth in subsection (b) below, a written appeal which states all relevant facts, arguments, and evidence upon which the appeal is based. Furthermore, the Applicant must provide a detailed reference to the area or areas of the application that provide clarification and substantiation for the basis of the appeal. No new or additional information will be considered if this information would result in a competitive advantage to an Applicant. Once the written appeal is submitted to the Department, no further information or materials will be accepted or considered thereafter.

The Department will accept appeals through a carrier service that provide date stamp verification of delivery such as the U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, or other carrier services. Deliveries must be received during the Department's weekday (non-state holiday) business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Emails to the email address listed below will be accepted as long as the email time stamp is prior to the appeal deadline.

- i. Appeals are to be submitted to the Department at HHCNOFA@hcd.ca.gov according to the deadline set forth in Department review letters.
- b. Appeals must be received by the Department no later than (5) five business days from the date of the Department's minimum requirements review or initial score letters representing the Department's decision made in response to the application.

3. Decision

- a. Any request to amend the Department's decision shall be reviewed for compliance with the state Guidelines, this NOFA, and application for funding. It is the Department's intent to render its decision in writing within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of the Applicant's written appeal. All decisions rendered shall be final, binding, and conclusive and shall constitute the final action of the Department with respect to the appeal.
- b. In the event that the statute, regulations, and/or Guidelines governing this Program contain an existing process for appealing decisions of the Department with respect to NOFA awards made under such programs, then this section shall be inapplicable and such existing authority shall govern all appeals.

H. State and Federal Requirements

1. Reporting Requirements

Recipient must collect and report data, as described in the Health & Safety Code §53593 and pursuant to the Standard Agreement provisions, to the Department at annual and midyear intervals.

If Recipient is a county, must comply with 2 CFR 200.512 Single Audit Report Submission requirements. Single Audit reporting packages are due to the California State Controller's Office (SCO) nine months after the entity's fiscal year end under 2 CFR 200.512. For most California entities, the reporting package is due March 31 of each fiscal year. Entities with approved extensions on file must submit their reporting package by the due date indicated in their approved extension letter. The Department will make the determination on the status of 2 CFR 200.512 Single Audit reporting compliance as of June 4, 2019 by consultation with SCO. Jurisdictions that are exempt from filing a 2 CFR 200.512 Single Audit report because the level of federal funds is below the federal threshold must submit a copy of the letter notifying SCO of their exempt status with their application, in addition to notifying SCO. For additional information, see Section V, A, Federal Overlays.

III. Application, Submission, and Workshops

A. Application Forms

Project applications submitted under this NOFA will be funded on a competitive basis, as set forth in the Guidelines, subject to the availability of funds. Application forms, Program Guidelines, and application training information are available on the HHC program website.

1. HHC Program Supplement Application Form – This form contains information needed to evaluate application threshold compliance for projects underwritten by the Department. The Program Supplement Application Form also contains information Applicants must submit in order to utilize their grant funds.

The application forms are available on the Department's website.

B. Application Submission Process

A complete original application, which includes a HHC Supplement Application Form and electronic copies on CD or flash drive with all applicable information must be received by the Department no later than **5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2019**. The Department will only accept applications through a postal carrier service such as U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx, or other carrier services that provide date stamp verification confirming delivery to the Department's office. Please contact the Department if delivery is not completed by fault of the carrier service. The delivery address is:

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Applications that do not meet the filing deadline requirements will not be eligible for funding. Applications must be on the Department's forms and cannot be altered or modified by the Applicant. Excel forms must be in Excel format.

Applications must meet all eligibility requirements upon submission. Applications having material internal inconsistencies will not be rated and ranked. It is the Applicant's responsibility to ensure that the application is clear, complete and accurate. After the application deadline, Department staff may request clarifying information and/or inquire as to where in the application specific information is located provided that such information does not affect the competitive rating of the application. No information, whether written or oral, will be solicited or accepted if this information would result in a competitive advantage to an Applicant or a competitive disadvantage to other Applicants. No Applicant may appeal the Department's evaluation of another Applicant's application.

C. Application Workshops

Applicants are strongly encouraged to attend an HHC workshop to gain information critical for preparing a competitive application, which will be discussed at the workshop. HHC workshop dates, times, and locations are located on the Department's HHC [website](#). These in-person workshops will cover the NOFA and application. To register for a workshop, please sign up through Eventbrite.

If you have questions regarding any of these workshops, send an email to HHCNOFA@hcd.ca.gov.

D. Disclosure of Application

Information provided in the application will become a public record available for review by the public, pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Chapter 1473, Statutes of 1968). As such, any materials provided will be disclosable to any person making a request under this Act. The Department cautions Applicants to use discretion in providing information not specifically requested, including but not limited to, bank account numbers, personal phone numbers and home addresses. By providing this information to the Department, the Applicant is waiving any claim of confidentiality and consents to the disclosure of submitted material upon request.

IV. Award Announcements and Contracts

A. Award Announcements

Upon ranking and rating of applications, recommended projects will be presented to the Internal Loan Committee for review and approval. The Department intends to send award letters by December 2019 for all successful Applicants.

B. Contracts

Awardee(s) will enter into a Standard Agreement with the Department. The Standard Agreement contains all the relevant state and federal requirements, as well as specific information about the award and the work to be performed. Projects must meet a June 30, 2020 deadline to encumber funds and a June 30, 2023 deadline to liquidate funds. There will be no exceptions. Failure to meet these deadlines will be considered a material breach of the Standard Agreement.

The Awardee(s) shall remain a party to the Standard Agreement for the entire term of the Standard Agreement; removal of the Recipient(s) shall be prohibited.

V. Program Overlays

A. Federal Overlays

Activities funded with HHC funds are required to comply with 24 CFR Part 93.350 and 24 CFR Part 93.301. Compliance with these requirements include, but are not limited to, environmental provisions, federal Davis-Bacon Wage requirements, relocation, Equal

Opportunity and Fair Housing, Fair Housing Amendments Act, Affirmative Marketing, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and its implementing regulations, the Americans with Disabilities Act and its implementing regulations, Section 3 (employment of low-income persons), Violence Against Women Act, and Single Audit report 2 CFR Part 200.512. Failure to comply with federal overlays could result in significant project cost increases, and rejection of the HHC application.

1. NHTF Environmental Provisions

The NHTF regulations establish specific property standards for housing that receives NHTF funds. These standards include Environmental Provisions for projects involving new construction and rehabilitation. The NHTF Environmental Provisions for new construction and rehabilitation under the Property Standards at 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) and (2) are similar to HUD's Environmental Regulations at 24 CFR Parts 50 and 58. NHTF projects are subject to the same environmental concerns that HUD-assisted projects are subject to. The main difference is that the NHTF Environmental Provisions are outcome based, and exclude consultation procedures that would be applicable if NHTF project selection was a federal action. Parts 50 and 58 are process based, and include consultation procedures for several laws and authorities where there may be environmental impacts. Due to the outcome based nature of the NHTF Environmental Provisions and lack of a federal action, compliance with some environmental property standards is streamlined because consultation is not required.

Timing - NHTF housing projects must meet the applicable Property Standards, including the NHTF Environmental Provisions at 24 CFR § 93.301(f)(1) or (2) at project completion [§ 93.407(a)(2)(iv)]. Project completion as defined at 24 CFR § 93.2 requires, among other things, that the project complies with the requirements of Part 93 (including the property standards under 24 CFR § 93.301). However, it should be determined prior to construction if a project will meet the NHTF Environmental Provisions. If a project cannot meet the NHTF Environmental Provisions, the project cannot be funded by NHTF. For example, if a project will impact a wetland, it cannot be funded by NHTF. It is possible to fund projects that do not meet the Environmental Provisions with other HUD funds after completion of a Part 50 or Part 58 environmental review.

Recordkeeping and Resources - The state, state-designated entity, or subgrantee administering NHTF must maintain documentation demonstrating that each project meets the NHTF Environmental Provisions at project completion [§ 93.407(a)(2)(iv)]. Appendices B and C of the CPD Notice-CPD-16-14, layout the NHTF Environmental Provisions for new construction and rehabilitation, and provide resources for each of the environmental requirements and how to document compliance.

Due to the streamlined NHTF Environmental Provisions, the HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) may not be used to document the Environmental Provisions for projects funded by NHTF.

Combining with Other HUD Funding Sources - In order to effectively assist low- and very-low income families it is likely that State Agencies and NHTF subgrantees will combine NHTF funding with other HUD funding sources. Other HUD funding sources include, but are not limited to, HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Rental Assistance

Demonstration (RAD), or Public Housing Capital Funds that are subject to environmental review under 24 CFR Part 50 or Part 58.

When combining NHTF with these funding sources a Part 50 or Part 58 environmental review must be done, and the review must meet the NHTF Environmental Provisions. Depending on the type of HUD funding that is being used for the project an environmental review will be completed by HUD staff under Part 50, or a Responsible Entity under Part 58. The HUD grantee must be informed early on that the NHTF Environmental Provisions must also be met as part of the environmental review.

For more information, please refer to the Notice: CPD-16-14.

2. Relocation

Relocation costs must be paid if individuals or businesses will be temporarily or permanently displaced as a result of an NHTF-assisted project pursuant to federal NHTF regulations, 24 CFR 93.201(f). This recommendation applies to all rental projects involving any relocation activities. An accurate determination is critical, because relocation costs may be higher if an earlier relocation date is necessary.

The sources and uses submitted with the application must adequately budget for relocation costs.

Applicants must comply with any and all state relocation laws.

3. 2 CFR 200.512, Single Audit Report

Local governments that expend in excess of \$750,000 in federal funds during the fiscal year are required to submit a Single Audit Report package to the California State Controller's Office (SCO). The 2017-18 audit package was due by March 31, 2019.

The Department will make the determination on the status compliance as of June 4, 2019 by consultation with SCO only. Jurisdictions that are exempt from filing a Single Audit Report package because the level of federal funds is below the threshold must also submit a copy of the letter to SCO notifying their exempt status with their application. For more information on the required content of the letter, see the SCO website.

Note: It is strongly recommended that each Applicant check with SCO to confirm receipt of a complete Single Audit Report package submission by the NOFA application due date, and that the submission is properly reflected on SCO's status list.

You may check your jurisdiction's compliance status on the SCO website.

Questions regarding compliance with the submittal requirements can be directed to HHCNOFA@hcd.ca.gov. The Department will only be able to indicate whether a jurisdiction is in compliance according to SCO's Single Audit Report Status report. Technical questions related to why the jurisdiction is deemed not in compliance must be directed to SCO.

B. State Overlays

1. Article XXXIV of the California Constitution

Article XXXIV requires local voter approval before any state public body can develop, construct, or acquire a low-rent housing project in any manner. However, the Public Housing Election Implementation Law (Health & Safety Code §37000 – 37002) provides clarification as to when Article XXXIV is applicable. Health and Safety Code §37001, for example, lists a number of project types that are not considered “low-rent housing projects.”

Applicants must submit documentation that shows the project’s compliance with or exemption from Article XXXIV.

If a project is subject to Article XXXIV, the application must include an allocation letter from the locality, which shows that there is Article XXXIV authority for the project. A local government official with authority shall prepare the allocation letter and it shall include the following:

- a. The name and date of the proposition, and the number of units that were approved;
- b. A copy of the referendum and a certified vote tally;
- c. The number of units that remain in the locality’s “bank” of Article XXXIV authority (i.e., the number of units that are still available for allocation); and
- d. The number of units that the locality will commit to this project.

If a project is statutorily exempt from Article XXXIV, the application must include an Article XXXIV opinion letter from the Applicant’s counsel. The Article XXXIV opinion letter must demonstrate that the Applicant has considered both the legal requirements of Article XXXIV and the relevant facts of the project (e.g., the level of participation by all state public bodies, the number of low-income restricted units, and the general content of any regulatory restrictions). Any conclusion that a project is exempt from Article XXXIV must be supported by specific facts and a specific legal theory for exemption that itself is supported by the Constitution, statute, and/or case law.

C. State Prevailing Wages

Program funds awarded under this NOFA are subject to state prevailing wage law, as set forth in Labor Code Section 1720 et seq., and require the payment of prevailing wages unless the project meets one of the exceptions of Labor Code 1720 (c) as determined by the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). The DIR can be contact directly via its [website](#). Applicants are urged to seek professional advice as to how to comply with state prevailing wage law.

VI. Other Terms and Conditions

A. Right to Modify or Suspend

The Department reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to suspend, amend, or modify the provisions of this NOFA at any time, including, without limitation, the amount of funds available hereunder. If such an action occurs, the Department will notify all interested parties via listserv and will post the revisions to the Department's website. Please be sure and subscribe at the listserv link.

B. Conflicts

In the event of any conflict between the terms of this NOFA and either applicable state or federal law or regulation, the terms of the applicable state or federal law or regulation shall control.

Housing for a Healthy California

2019 NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Article II - Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB2) Allocation - Supplemental Application



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May 13, 2019

Instructions & Checklist

HCD will only accept applications through a postal carrier service such as U.S. Postal Service, UPS, FedEx or other carrier services that provide date stamp verification confirming delivery to HCD's office. A complete original application and an electronic copy on CD or USB flash drive with all applicable information must be received by HCD via postal carrier no later than 5:00 p.m. on:

Tuesday, August 13, 2019

Applications must be on the HCD's forms and cannot be altered or modified by the Applicant. Excel forms must be in Excel format and unprotected, not a .pdf document. Please fill out the Support tab and email the entire workbook to Application Support for application errors at AppSupport@hcd.ca.gov.

General Instructions (additional instructions and guidance are given throughout the Supplemental Application in "red" text and in cell comments.)

"Yellow" cells are for applicant input. *Failure to provide the required attachments and documentation may disqualify your application from consideration or may negatively impact your point score.*

Required attachments are indicated in "Orange" through the Supplemental Application. *Failure to provide the required attachments and documentation may disqualify your application from consideration or may negatively impact your point score.* Electronically attached files must use the naming convention in the Supplemental Application. For Example: "App1 Payee Data" for Applicant 1 Payee Data Record/ STD. 204.

Self score points awarded are indicated in "blue" cells in the 'Selection Criteria' worksheet. These are automated calculations based on the inputs provided by the applicant.

"Red" shaded cells indicate the Applicant has failed to meet a requirement of the program. Point cells in "Scoring" worksheet shaded in "Red" indicate that the applicant has failed to meet the minimum points required.

HHC Article II Supplemental Application Instructions

Applicants must complete the following worksheets in the Supplemental Application.

Applicant

Supportive Services Plan

Unit Mix & Max Award Amount

Selection Criteria

Certification

Universal Application - NOT REQUIRED FOR HHC ARTICLE II

Disclosure of Application: Information provided in this application and attachments will become a public record available for review by the public pursuant to the Public Records Act. As such, any materials provided will be disclosable to any person making a public records request. Please use discretion in providing HCD with information that is not specifically requested, including but not limited to, bank account numbers, personal phone numbers and home addresses. By providing this information to HCD, the Sponsor is waiving any claim of confidentiality and consents to the disclosure of all submitted material upon request.

Application Checklist

Packaging instructions for the HHC application submission:

- (1) Use 3-ring binder/binders appropriate to the size/thickness of the Universal Application and the Supplemental Application when submitting the application package to the Department.
- (2) Use a labeled tab for each Tab and File Name to separate sections and documents attached in the Application.
- (3) Use the tab file name descriptions and file structure below for the attached document tabs.

Section A - Applicant

Tab #	File Name	File Description	Attached?
A1	Applicant Worksheet		
A2	App1 Cert & Legal Disclosure	Reference Certification Tab	
A3	App1 Reso	Reference HHC webpage for Resolution Document.	
A4	App1 Signature Block	Signature Block - upload in Microsoft Word Document.	
A5	App1 TIN	Reference Taxpayer Identification Number Document on the HHC webpage.	
A6	App2 Cert & Legal Disclosure	Reference Certification Tab	
A7	App2 Reso	Reference HHC webpage for Resolution Document.	
A8	App2 Signature Block	Signature Block - upload in Microsoft Word Document.	
A9	App2 TIN	Reference Taxpayer Identification Number Document on the HHC webpage.	
A10	County Application Plan	Attached County Application Plan as specified in §211.	
A11	Letter of Explanation	Letter of explanation for any "red" shaded cells.	

Section B - Unit Mix & Max Award Amt Section

Tab #	File Name	Attached?
B1	Unit Mix & Max Award Amt Worksheet	

Section C - Selection Criteria Section

Tab #	File Name	File Description	Attached?
C1	Selection Criteria Worksheet		
C2	PIT Cert Letter	Letter from CoC Certifying PIT Count.	
C3	Homelessness Plan	Attach Applicant's homelessness plan.	
C4	Dev Exp 1, 2, 3, etc	Notice of Completion, Placed in Service, Certificate of Occ. or equivalent.	
C5	Rent Contracts 1, 2, 3, etc	Copies of Rental Assistance contracts.	
C6	TP Dev Exp 1, 2, 3, etc	Notice of Completion, Placed in Service, Certificate of Occ. or equivalent.	
C7	TP Rent Contracts 1, 2, 3, etc	Copies of Rental Assistance contracts.	
C8	Funding Commitments	Attach letter(s) of commitment from funding sources.	
C9	Feasibility Study	Attach documentation of applicants determination the project's feasibility showing there is no financial gap that needs	
C10	Homeless Benefits Program	Whole Person Care Pilot Program documents or documentation of a Health Homes Program benefitting people	
C11	Funding Program	Documentation of a locally committed funding program for projects in an amount at least equivalent to requested	

Section D - Supportive Services Plan Section

Tab #	File Name	File Description	Attached?
D1	Supportive Services Plan Worksheet		
D2	SSP	Attach a Supportive Services Plan as specified in §214.	
D3	Org. Chart/ Resumes	Attach copies provider org. charts, staff resumes, and duty statements.	

Section E - Certification Section

Tab #	File Name	Attached?
E1	Certification Worksheet	

Applicant										Rev. 7/3/19	
Proposed Project uses of the HHC Funds §203											
Eligible County Applicant:		Sacramento		Continuum of Care (CoC):			Sacramento City & County CoC		CoC #:	CA-503	
Address				City			State			Zip	
Auth Rep Name		Title		Authorized Rep. Email			Phone				
Contact Name		Title		Contact Email			Phone				
Address				City			State			Zip	
File Name:	A2	App1 Cert & Legal Disclosure	Reference Certification Tab					Attached and on USB?			
File Name:	A3	App1 Reso	Reference HHC webpage for Resolution Document.					Attached and on USB?			
File Name:	A4	App1 Signature Block	Signature Block - upload in Microsoft Word Document.					Attached and on USB?			
File Name:	A5	App1 TIN	Reference Taxpayer Identification Number Document on the HHC webpage.					Attached and on USB?			
Eligible City Applicant #2:		City Name:									
Address				City			State			Zip	
Auth Rep Name		Title		Authorized Rep. Email			Phone				
Contact Name		Title		Contact Email			Phone				
Address				City			State			Zip	
File Name:	A6	App2 Cert & Legal Disclosure	Reference Certification Tab					Attached and on USB?			
File Name:	A7	App2 Reso	Reference HHC webpage for Resolution Document.					Attached and on USB?			
File Name:	A8	App2 Signature Block	Signature Block - upload in Microsoft Word Document.					Attached and on USB?			
File Name:	A9	App2 TIN	Reference Taxpayer Identification Number Document on the HHC webpage.					Attached and on USB?			
Other Project Contacts											
Financial Consultant											
Legal Name				Contact Name			Contact Email				
Phone		Address		City		State				Zip	
Lead (primary) Service Provider											
Legal Name				Contact Name			Contact Email				
Phone		Address		City		State				Zip	
Minimum Requirements §202											
(a)(1) Has Applicant identified a source of funding for providing intensive services promoting housing stability?											
Identify and explain source(s):											
(a)(2) Has Applicant developed a process for administering grant funds implementing affordable & Supportive housing projects (the agency Applicant is partnering with, or the applying housing agency, must have either administered rental assistance or funded an affordable or Supportive housing project within the past 3 years)?											
(a)(3) Does Applicant agree to collect and report data, as described in §219, to HCD?											
(a)(4) Is Applicant compliant with both their housing element and annual progress report submittals?											
(b)(1) Does Applicant's application promote housing for persons who meet all the requirements of §202(b)(1)?											
(b)(2) Is Applicant's proposed use of funds connected to the goals and strategies pursuant to Health & Safety Code §53591(a)(1)?											
(b)(3) Is Applicant's requested fund amount less than or equal to the amount specified in §208?											
(b)(4) Does Applicant agree that the proposed project(s) must be financially feasible for the duration of the HHC rental subsidy?											
(b)(5) Has Applicant attached a resolution from the County board of supervisors, or other controlling body, that authorizes the County to apply for funding and coordinate referrals and access to health care services to HHC tenants, such as a WPC pilot program, Health Homes Program, or other community-based program funding services?											
(b)(6) Has Applicant provided the County Application Plan as specified in §211?											
File Name:	A10	County Application Plan	Attached County Application Plan as specified in §211.					Attached and on USB?			
(c) Does Applicant acknowledge County subrecipient(s) of HHC funds have not been debarred or suspended from any state programs?											
Other Requirements											
Applicant agrees to use grant funds pursuant to the eligible uses in §203. For acquisition, new construction, reconstruction, and rehabilitation projects, Applicant agrees project will comply with Article 1, §103(a)(1), 104, 105, 106, 107, and 109(a)?											
Applicant agrees to comply with §204, Site and Neighborhood and Property Standard Requirements?											
Applicant agrees to comply with the §205, Occupancy and Income as well as the documentation requirements?											
Applicant agrees to comply with the §206, Rent Standard requirements?											
Applicant agrees to comply with §207, Capitalized Operating Subsidy Reserves (COSR) and §210, Use of Operating Cash Flow if funds are used to pay for a COSR?											
Applicant agrees to comply with §215, Housing First?											
Applicant agrees to comply with §216, Tenant Selection?											
Applicant agrees to comply with §217, Rental Agreements and Grievance Procedures?											
For HHC funded construction projects, Applicant agrees to incorporate §218, Vulnerable Populations Best Practices?											
Applicant agrees to comply with §219, Reporting Requirements?											
Applicant agrees to comply with the §221, Federal and State Overlays?											
Explanations											
Please provide a letter of explanation providing details for all "No" answers that are shaded red above.											
File Name:	B3	Letter of Explanation	Letter of explanation for any "red" shaded cells above.					Attached and on USB?			

Unit Mix & Maximum Award Amount

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Will Applicant be using award funds for Administrative Costs?

If Applicant is using Administrative Costs, What is the proposed Administrative Cost percentage?

Allowed Administrative Cost: \$0

Allowed Activity Cost: \$0

[Maximum HHC Loan Amount Chart - click here for 2019 HHC loan limits - \(beginning on page 31\)](#)

TOTAL AWARD LIMIT: \$0

Sacramento County			Proposed # of Assisted Units				Eligible Per Unit (PU) Award Amounts						
	# of Bedrms	% of Area Median Income (AMI)	9% Tax Credit Development	Non 4% or No Tax Credit Development	COSR	Rental Assistance	9% Tax Credit Development PU Amount	4% or No Tax Credit Development PU Amount	Max Development Award	Total ANNAUL PU COSR	Max COSR Award (15 Years)	Annual Rental Assistance PU Amount	Max Rental Assistance Award 5 yrs per NOFA
0	30%						\$132,862	\$186,006	\$0		\$0	\$9,724	\$0
1	30%						\$132,862	\$186,006	\$0		\$0	\$11,035	\$0
2	30%						\$132,862	\$186,006	\$0		\$0	\$13,908	\$0
3	30%						\$132,862	\$186,006	\$0		\$0	\$20,110	\$0
4+	30%						\$132,862	\$186,006	\$0		\$0	\$24,430	\$0
0	25%						\$143,377	\$196,521	\$0		\$0	\$9,724	\$0
1	25%						\$144,098	\$197,242	\$0		\$0	\$11,035	\$0
2	25%						\$146,402	\$199,546	\$0		\$0	\$13,908	\$0
3	25%						\$148,563	\$201,707	\$0		\$0	\$20,110	\$0
4+	25%						\$150,292	\$203,436	\$0		\$0	\$24,430	\$0
0	20%						\$153,893	\$207,037	\$0		\$0	\$9,724	\$0
1	20%						\$155,477	\$208,621	\$0		\$0	\$11,035	\$0
2	20%						\$159,943	\$213,087	\$0		\$0	\$13,908	\$0
3	20%						\$164,264	\$217,408	\$0		\$0	\$20,110	\$0
4+	20%						\$167,721	\$220,865	\$0		\$0	\$24,430	\$0
0	15%						\$164,552	\$217,696	\$0		\$0	\$9,724	\$0
1	15%						\$166,713	\$219,857	\$0		\$0	\$11,035	\$0
2	15%						\$173,483	\$226,627	\$0		\$0	\$13,908	\$0
3	15%						\$179,821	\$232,965	\$0		\$0	\$20,110	\$0
4+	15%						\$185,295	\$238,439	\$0		\$0	\$24,430	\$0
Total Units:			0	0	0	0			\$0		\$0		\$0

Applicants Requesting COSR: Describe methodology used to estimate per unit COSR amount that is consistent with §207

Applicant agrees to use awarded grant funds pursuant to §203

CERTIFICATION

The information, statements and, attachments included in this "Unit Mix & Award Amt" worksheet are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.

Printed Name	Title of Signatory	Signature	Date

Selection Criteria §213 (145 Points Max)								Rev. 7/3/19		
							Total Self Score	0.0		
Need §213(a) - 25 Points Max								0.0		
(1) Estimated Need based on Applicant's geographic jurisdiction - 10 Points Max.								0		
(a) Points awarded if more than 400 individuals are Homeless using the latest Point in Time Count (PIT) as stated in the NOFA - 10 points. OR					County:	Sacramento	County PIT:	0		
(b) More than half of the Extremely low income (ELI) population that pay more than 50% of their income towards rent - 5 points.					ELI pop. paying >50% to rent	1,368	Total ELI pop.	62,015	2.21%	0
File Name:	C2	PIT Cert Letter	Letter from CoC Certifying PIT Count.				Attached and on USB?			
(2) Describe the Applicant's demonstrated commitment to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness. Applicant has demonstrated successful outcomes in implementing federal and state programs addressing the needs of people experiencing homelessness, along with local commitment of resources - 15 Points Max.								0		
(a) The Applicant has dedicated local resources to provide Permanent housing to residents experiencing homelessness over the last three years and has a plan to address homelessness. The plan has been successful and has been implemented for at least one year - 15 points. OR								0		
(b) The Applicant has administered programs with successful outcomes in moving people from homelessness to Permanent housing but has not dedicated resources consistently over the last three years. The Applicant has a plan to address homelessness and has been implementing it over the last year - 10 points. OR								0		
(c) The Applicant proposes to implement some actions in the next 12 months, including implementation of a plan to address homelessness and dedication of local resources - 5 points.								0		
File Name:	C3	Homelessness Plan	Attach Applicant's homelessness plan.				Attached and on USB?			
Proposed Uses and Process for Using Funds §213(b) - 30 Points Max								0		
(1) Applicant's description (either address or narrative) of the specific uses of the grant funds. (must provide all information below to receive points). (a) If the Applicant intends to use funding for development, project(s)' location and target date(s) for completion; OR (b) If the Applicant intends to use funding for rental assistance or a COSR, project(s)' total number of units and the total number of households who will receive Permanent housing and/or rental subsidies under the project. - 10 Points.								0		
	Project Address/ Description				Project Type	Total Units	# of Households that will receive Permanent Housing and/or Rental Subsidies	Target Date Completion		
1.										
2.										
3.										
4.										
5.										
(2) Process for Using Grant Funds (must provide descriptions for the following to receive points) - 10 Points Max.								0		
(a) The Applicant's or agency or agencies responsible for the distribution of the HHC grant funds and the proposed selection criteria and process to identify project(s) and/or sub-recipient(s) - 6 Points:								0		
(b) The timeline with clearly delineated milestones - 1 Point:								0		
(c) The proposed funding source for the services - 3 Points:								0		
(3) Funding Coordination (must provide descriptions for the following to receive points) - 10 Points.								0		
(a) Applicant's description of the following service provisions:								0		

(1) The funding source(s) - 2 points.		0
(2) The amount of funding per participant, per month, the Applicant intends to commit - 1 Point		0
(3) The length of time services will be provided - 1 Point.		0
(4) The process for selecting the Homeless service provider - 2 Points.		0
(b) The Applicant's partnerships with affordable and Supportive housing providers to address homelessness - 2 Points.		0
Experience §213(c) - 40 Points Max		
(1) The Applicant's experience, for the last three years, in funding and underwriting Supportive housing projects; and/or the Applicant's experience administering Supportive housing projects; and/or the Applicant's experience working with agencies that administer rental subsidies. - 15 points max.		0
If Applicant intends to use funding for <u>development or a COSR</u> , enter the number of Projects Applicant has developed and/or administered in the last 3 Years:		0
File Name: C4	Dev Exp 1, 2, 3, etc	Notice of Completion, Placed in Service, Certificate of Occ. or equivalent.
		Attached and on USB?
If Applicant intends to use funding for <u>rental assistance</u> , enter the number of households Applicant has administered rental subsidies for in the last 3 years:		0
File Name: C5	Rent Contracts 1, 2, 3, etc	Copies of Rental Assistance contracts.
		Attached and on USB?
(2) The Applicant's development funding, rental assistance, or other operating assistance to the Target Population that is comparable in scale and scope to the number of projects or rental assistance the Applicant has proposed for the Program. - 15 points max		0
If Applicant intends to use funding for <u>development or a COSR</u> , enter the number of Projects comparable in scale and scope to the proposed project and Target Population that Applicant has developed and/or administered in last 3 Years:		0
File Name: C6	TP Dev Exp 1, 2, 3, etc	Notice of Completion, Placed in Service, Certificate of Occ. or equivalent.
		Attached and on USB?
If Applicant intends to use funding for <u>rental assistance</u> , enter the number of clients similar to the Target Population the administering agency has administered rental subsidies for in the last 3 years:		0
File Name: C7	TP Rent Contracts 1, 2, 3, etc	Copies of Rental Assistance contracts.
		Attached and on USB?
(3) Describe barrier(s) the Applicant encountered in the implementation of its Homeless strategy or funding and how barriers were resolved - 5 points.		0
(4) Describe any best practices developed by the Applicant that could be used for other program participants. - 5 points.		0
Funding Sources §213(d) - 30 Points Max		
(1) Applicant's description of the plan to sustain funding for the program/project. The Applicant may commit to using funding from the Building Homes & Jobs Act allocations to score points in this category. - 30 points.		0
File Name: C8	Funding Commitments	Attach letter(s) of commitment from funding sources.
		Attached and on USB?
File Name: C9	Feasibility Study	Attach documentation of applicants determination the project's feasibility showing there is no financial gap that needs to be addressed.
		Attached and on USB?

Incentive Points §213(e) - 20 Points Max				0
(1) The Applicant has a Whole Person Care Pilot Program or is working with managed care organizations to make available Health Homes Program benefits to people experiencing homelessness. - 10 points.				0.0
(2) Evidence demonstrating locally committed funding program for projects in an amount at least equivalent to requested HHC funding. - 10 points.				0.0
File Name:	C10	Homeless Benefits Program	Whole Person Care Pilot Program documents or documentation of a Health Homes Program benefitting people experiencing homelessness.	Attached and on USB?
File Name:	C11	Funding Program	Documentation of a locally committed funding program for projects in an amount at least equivalent to requested HHC funding.	Attached and on USB?

Supportive Services Plan §214

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All projects must include a SSP meeting §214 requirements. Be as specific as possible. The checklist below serves as a guide to ensure all the components of the SSP are complete.

File Name:	D2	SSP	Attach a Supportive Services Plan as specified in §214.	Attached and on USB?
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Tenant Outreach, Engagement, and Retention Strategies §214 (d)(1)

Services in the HHC Program must be voluntary, flexible, and individualized so that HHC tenants may continue to engage with supportive services providers, even as the intensity of services needed may change. Adaptability in the level of services should support tenant engagement and housing retention. Describe the plan for conducting tenant outreach, engagement and retention strategies to be used in support of these Program objectives.

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List of Services §214 (d)(2)

Pursuant to §214 (d)(2), identify all required services, and any other services that are encouraged to be part of the SSP, in the table below. Provide a detailed description of each service to be offered, the frequency of each service, the proposed service provider, location, and general hours of availability of the services.

§214 (c), Required Services	Description	Provider	Miles from Project Site	Frequency of Offered Service	Hrs. Available (for example) 8 am - 5 pm
(1) Housing Navigation					
(2) Case management					
(3) Peer support activities					
(4) Support linking to behavior health care					
(5) Support linking to substance abuse disorder treatment					
(6) Support linking to primary care services					
(7) Benefits counseling and advocacy					
(8) Basic housing retention skills					
(9) Services for persons with co-occurring disabilities/disorders					
Optional (encouraged) Services:	Description	Provider	Miles from Project Site	Frequency of Offered Service	Hrs. Available (for example) 8 am - 5 pm
(1) Recreational and social activities					
(2) Educational services					
(3) Employment services					
(4) Obtaining access to other needed services					

Transportation Plan §214 (d)(3)

For services provided off-site, (not at the project site), provide a detailed narrative on what transportation options will be available to tenants in order to provide them with reasonable access to these services. Reasonable access is access that does not require walking more than ½ mile.

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Services Competency §214 (d)(4)

(A) Describe how the services are linguistically and culturally competent for persons of different races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions. (B) Explain how services will be provided to HHC tenants who do not speak English, or have other communication barriers, including sensory disabilities. (C) Explain how communication among the services providers, the property manager, and these tenants will be facilitated.

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Estimated Itemized Budget §214(d)(5)

Provide a line item Supportive Services Budget for project using format below. Complete both income and expense portions of the budget. Include all costs associated with implementing your Supportive Services Plan, including any in-kind services. Include income and expenses for Sponsor or LSP staff positions, and also any staff positions of partnering organizations who have committed time to the project. Don't include costs associated with providing services in non-HHC assisted units. If costs are associated with both HHC & non-HHC assisted units, include only that portion of costs associated with HHC assisted units.

Income Source/Program Name	Amount	Type	Status	% of Total
				0.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
				0.00%
Total Revenue:	\$0			0.00%

Expense Item	Amount	Type	Status	% of Total
Staff Salaries: List by title of position. (This list must match the Staffing Chart above.)				
Staff Position	FTE:			0.00%
Staff Position	FTE:			0.00%
Staff Position	FTE:			0.00%
Staff Position	FTE:			0.00%
Fringe Benefits				0.00%
Total Staff Expenses	\$0			0.00%
Tenant Transportation				0.00%
Equipment				0.00%
Supplies				0.00%
Travel				0.00%
Office Rent/Occupancy Costs (don't include rent/leasing costs for SH units)				0.00%
Training				0.00%
Consultants: List by Function				0.00%
Subcontractors/Partners (list by Entity & Service Type)				0.00%
Other Expenses (type in expense description)				0.00%
Other Expenses (type in expense description)				0.00%
Other Expenses (type in expense description)				0.00%
Total Expenses	\$0			0.00%

Supportive Services Cost Per Unit: Permanent supportive housing best practice suggests a range between \$5,000 - \$10,000 annually in services per household, depending upon the intensity of the needs of the target population.

Budget Narrative and Funding Commitments

- Describe how budgeted amts. are adequate to provide services described in Supportive Services Plan and in Services Staffing Table:
- Document committed funds with letter from committing agency that includes the following. Documented services/funding must appear in Supportive Services Budget Table.
 - Project name;
 - Description of services to be funded or provided;
 - Dollar value of funds or in-kind services. If cash is provided, state funding source;
 - Funding term or service provision;
 - A description and history of agency/organization providing funding or services.
- For funding that is not yet committed, specifically describe your experience filling major services funding gaps in similar housing.
- Describe in specific terms the plan to fill any service gaps that occur during project life due to expiration of grants, partner withdrawals, cancellation of a commitment or any other reason. Describe experience filling service gaps caused by loss of major funding sources.

Supportive Services Plan §214

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Collaboration of Supportive Services and Property Management Staff §214 (d)(6)

Describe how the supportive services staff and property management staff will collaborate to prevent evictions, adopt and ensure compliance with harm reduction principles, and facilitate the implementation of reasonable accommodation policies from rent-up to on-going Project operations.

Communication Protocols §214 (d)(7)

Provide a detailed narrative on the communication protocols to be utilized by the services providers and the property manager.

Provider-to-Client Staff Ratio §214 (d)(8)

Service provider will maintain at least a 1:20 provider-to-client staff Ratio?

File Name:	D3	Org. Chart/ Resumes	Attach copies provider org. charts, staff resumes, and duty statements.	Attached and on USB?
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Project Physical Design §214 (d)(9)

Provide a detailed narrative on how the physical design of the Project fosters tenant engagement, on-site supportive services provision, security and safety, and sustainability of equipment, furnishings, and fixtures.

Other Additional Information §214 (d)(10)

Provide any other information necessary to evaluate the supportive services to be offered consistent with HHC Program requirements.

Certifications

State of California

On behalf of the entity identified in the signature block below, I certify that:

1. The information, statements and attachments included in this application are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct.
 2. I possess the legal authority to submit this application on behalf of the entity identified in the signature block.
 3. As of the date of application, the Project, or the real property on which the Project is proposed (Property) is not part to or the subject of any claim or action at the State or Federal appellate level.
 4. I have disclosed and described below any claim or action undertaken which affects or potentially affects the feasibility of the Project.
- In addition, I acknowledge that all information in this application and attachments is public, and may be disclosed by the State.

Printed Name	Title of Signatory	Signature	Date

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
SAN FRANCISCO



LONDON N. BREED
MAYOR

TO: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sophia Kittler
RE: Authorizing Application for, and receipt of, Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Article II Grant Funds - California Department of Housing and Community Development
DATE: 7/30/19

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Resolution authorizing the Mayor's Office of Housing and Community Development, on behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, to apply for and execute a grant application, as defined herein, under the California Department of Housing and Community Development Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) Article II Grant.

Please note that Supervisor Mandelman is a co-sponsor of this legislation.

Should you have any questions, please contact Sophia Kittler at 415-554-6153.