

# PROTECTING OUR PROGRESS

How Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) is Fueling Big Cities to Lead California's Homelessness Response



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## Executive Summary

California's Big City Mayors represent the 13 largest cities in the state and represent nearly 11 million residents. The Big City Mayors have risen to the challenge of addressing California's homelessness crisis, taking a number of actions to reduce unsheltered homelessness and connect more people to housing with HHAP funding, including:

- Standing up capacity for **15,722** shelter beds, and interim and permanent housing units;
- Serving **149,851** clients with shelter, permanent housing, rapid rehousing and services;
- Placing **42,215** clients into temporary and permanent housing interventions;
- Setting aggressive accountability goals to reduce unsheltered homelessness by **14,000** individuals and increase people exiting to permanent housing to house nearly **35,000** people by 2025.

We thank the state for their tremendous leadership in working with California's Big City Mayors by approving this desperately needed funding and for their partnership in taking on this life saving work.

**Together, we can end homelessness.**



# 15,722



### Increased Bed Capacity

# 149,851



### People Served

# 42,215



### People with Positive Exits

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# Big City Mayors HHAP Factsheet

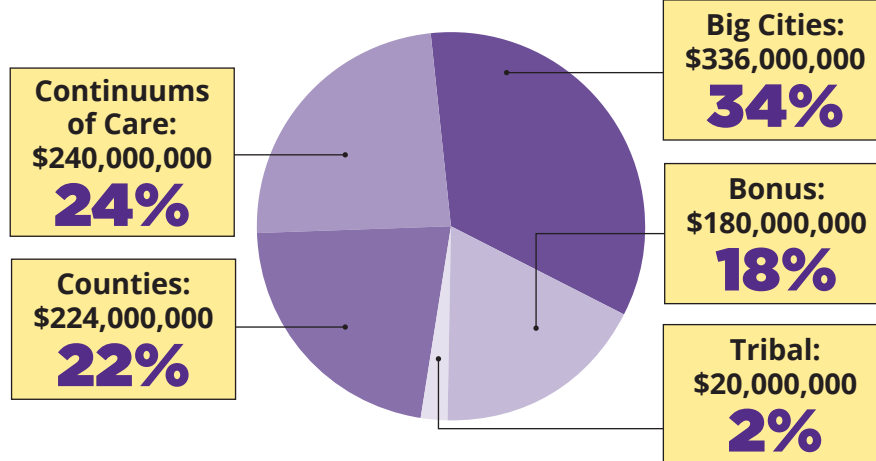
## The Ask

The California Big City Mayors need sustained and recurring funding to meaningfully address California's homelessness crisis. We respectfully ask for:

**Level Funding at \$1 billion for HHAP Round 6 with Direct Funding for the 13 Largest Cities**

- **Make HHAP Ongoing**
- **Flexible Uses and**
- **Expedited Disbursement Including Supplemental HHAP Disbursements from \$360 million in Bonus Funds**

## HHAP Distribution: Rounds 3&4



## CITIES ARE ACTING WITH URGENCY: THE NEED TO RELEASE HHAP BONUS FUNDING

Among HHAP recipients, Cities are acting with urgency to create new spaces to bring people indoors. Our limiting factor is funding. Homeless is a crisis, with California's homeless population increasing to 181,399 people in 2023.

Between HHAP Rounds 3 and 4, approved in State Fiscal Years 2021-2022 and 2022-2023, the State allocated \$360 million in "bonus funding" that would go to cities that were reducing homelessness. In Fiscal Year 2023-2024, this funding was directed to be released as HHAP Supplemental Funding, upon approval of HHAP Regionally Coordinated Homeless Action Plans. This funding is long overdue to be disbursed to help provide shelter which could save lives.



## ACCOUNTABILITY: GETTING IT DONE

California's large cities are leading the way on accountability. Collectively our cities have submitted Local Homelessness Action Plans proposing to **reduce unsheltered homelessness by 16% overall or 13,963 people by 2025**. Additionally, our cities are committed to **increasing exits to permanent housing by 16% or an additional 4,657 people annually, committing to housing a total of 34,735 people annually by 2025**.

## INFLOW/OUTFLOW: THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

The programs the California Big City Mayors have established with state HHAP funding **are working** and we are getting people housed. However, more Californians fall into homelessness faster than can be housed. Several cities are seeing this disturbing trend. A recent report from the Corporation for Supportive Housing estimated the true cost of solving homelessness at \$8.1 billion a year over 12 years.

- **In Los Angeles, each day 207 are housed, but 227 enter homelessness**
- **In San Diego for every 10 people that are housed, 16 people are becoming homeless**
- **In Bakersfield, for every six people that are housed, ten people are becoming newly homeless**
- **In San Jose, for every person that is housed, four people become newly homeless.**



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An aerial photograph of a city skyline, likely San Francisco, showing a dense cluster of skyscrapers and buildings. In the foreground, there is a harbor with several piers, including one with a large white building and another with a large ship docked. The water is a deep blue color.

The Big City Mayors is a coalition of mayors from California's thirteen largest cities with a population over 300,000. Member cities include Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, Fresno, Sacramento, Long Beach, Oakland, Bakersfield, Anaheim, Stockton, Riverside, and Irvine.