

SACRAMENTO COVID-19 HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE PLAN

April 8, 2020

Sacramento City and
County Continuum of
Care Board

APPROACH

Collaboration focused on:

- ✓ *Proactive planning*
- ✓ *Slow spread of COVID-19*
- ✓ *Mitigate impacts of COVID-19*
- ✓ *Respond to unique needs*

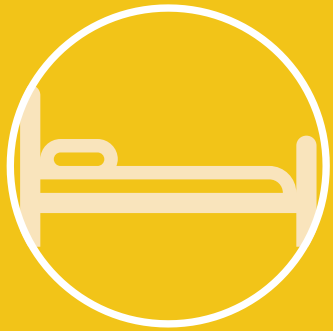


FUNDING

SOURCE	HOMELESS SPECIFIC?	COVID-19 SPECIFIC?	AMOUNT
State COVID - City	Yes	Yes	\$2,245,840
State COVID - County	Yes	Yes	\$997,067
State COVID - CoC	Yes	Yes	\$1,083,737
CARES ESG - City	Yes	Yes	\$1,453,941
CARES ESG - County	Yes	Yes	\$1,747,452
CARES CDBG - City	No	Yes	\$2,869,932
CARES CDBG - County	No	Yes	\$3,470,768
DHS Sanitation Funding	Yes	Yes	\$250,000
HEAP – CoC	Yes	No	\$1,000,000
			\$15,118,737

RECOMMENDATION

Overview



Existing Shelter Support

- Contract augmentation
- Supply procurement
- Technical assistance



Isolation/Quarantine Shelter Expansion

- Shelter expansion
- CalExpo trailers
- Motel & hotel leasing



Encampment Response

- Food and hygiene
- Volunteer health services
- Outreach & education



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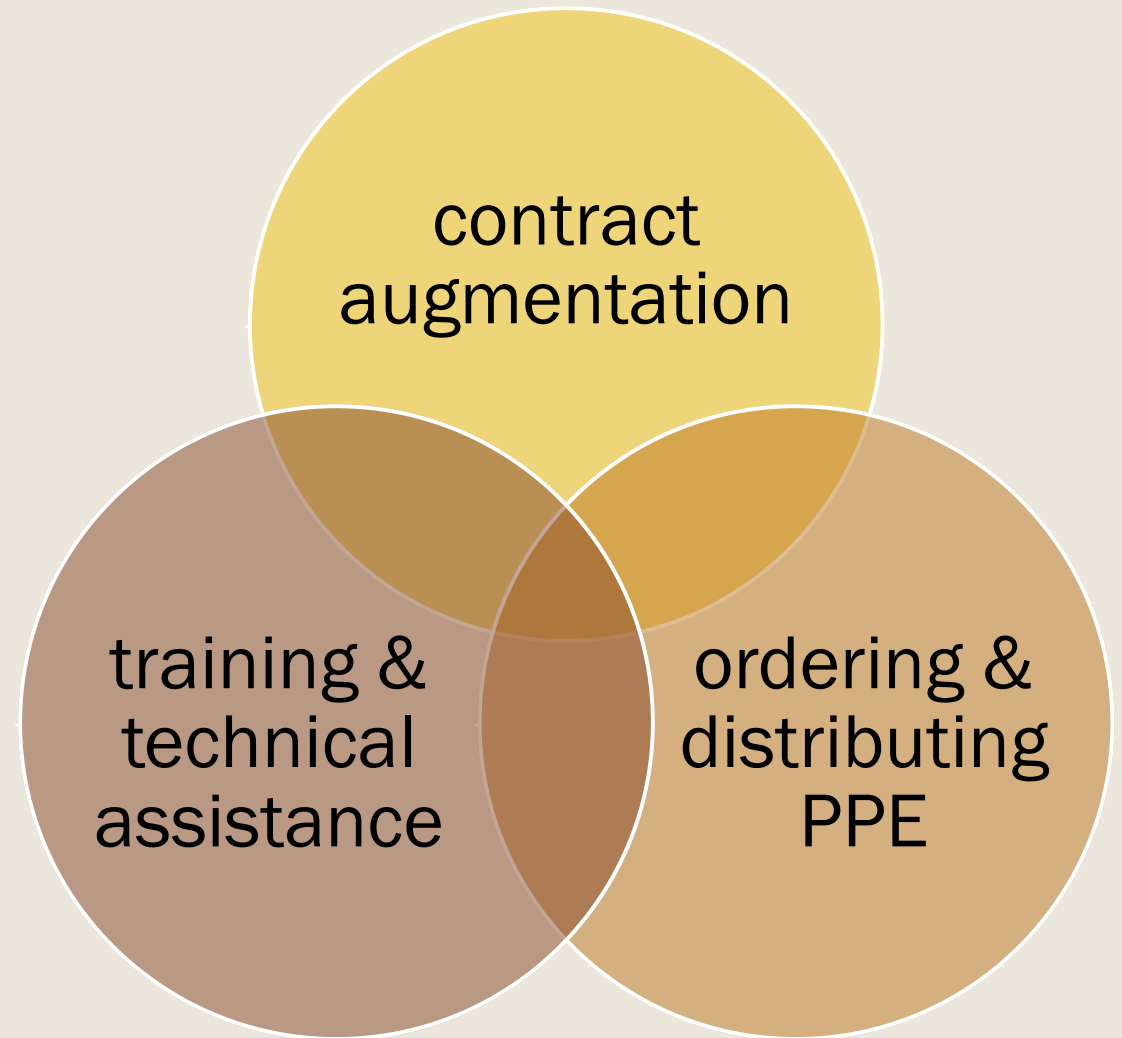
Prioritization

RANK	STATUS
1	COVID positive – any age
2	Under public health/medical investigation, pending test OR has recently been exposed to a COVID positive person. (regardless of symptoms and age)
3	65+ years and pre-existing health conditions with symptoms
4	65+ year OR has pre-existing health conditions with symptoms
5	Any age with symptoms
6	65+ years with pre-existing conditions, no symptoms
7	All ages with pre-existing conditions, no symptoms

RECOMMENDATION

Existing Shelter Support

Existing shelters play critical role to provide continued support to people experiencing homelessness and serve as referral sites for people in need of isolation/quarantine as well as “step down” shelters for people exiting an isolation/quarantine unit.



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Isolation/Quarantine Shelter Expansion

Medically Supported Isolation Care Centers

- *Priority populations 1 & 2*
- *Lead on-site staff = medical*
- *DHS project coordinator*

Preventative Quarantine Units

- *Priority populations 3 - 5*
- *Populations 6 & 7*
- *Lead on-site staff = contracted provider*
- *DHA project coordinator*

RECOMMENDATION

Encampment Response

Outreach &
Education

Volunteer
Health Services

Food & Hygiene

Communication
& Reporting

- ✓ *Enable people living in encampments to remain in place safely*
- ✓ *Provide a pathway to isolation shelters for people who are unsheltered*

CHALLENGES

- ✓ *Ongoing staffing capacity*
- ✓ *Provider capacity*
- ✓ *Transportation*
- ✓ *Coordination with broader response effort*
- ✓ *Re-housing*
- ✓ *Referral process*

LAUNCH PLAN

Late March

first motel placements through existing relationships

April 4th/5th

North 5th shelter expansion & pilot of encampment response

April 7th/8th

lease of first motel & launch of referral process

April 10th

anticipated opening of CalExpo trailers

April 12th & beyond

expanded referrals, motels & encampment response

CoC Funding – State COVID-CoC

- Receiving \$1,083,737 of State COVID-CoC
- Recommending approval as part of the overall \$15 million funding plan for existing shelters, expansion of quarantine/isolation shelter capacity, and an encampment response.

CoC Funding – CoC HEAP

- Recommending approval of \$1 million of funding from the CoC HEAP to be re-allocated to the COVID-19 Homelessness Response Team efforts.
- Funds currently allocated for the County Flexible Housing Pool (FHP) program, to be back-filled with CoC HHAP funding.
- HEAP funds have more flexibility and a broader range of eligible activities, including funding for food, water sanitation stations, and outreach.
- Swapping the HEAP FHP for HHAP FHP allows the FHP program to continue to serve clients beyond HEAP deadline of June 30, 2021.

CoC Funding – CoC HHAP

Project	Approved Amount	Proposed Amount
CE Re-Housing	\$2,290,000	\$2,290,000
FHP Re-Housing	\$0	\$1,000,000
Landlord Engagement	\$850,000	\$850,000
Access and Diversion	\$1,600,000	\$1,100,710
Prevention	\$500,710	\$0
Youth Sheltering	\$524,070	\$524,070
TOTAL	\$5,764,780	\$5,764,780

- Re-allocate \$499,290 from Access and Diversion and \$500,710 from Prevention to FHP Re-Housing.
- Anticipate greater need to build capacity for re-housing.
- Can still improve access and standing-up a diversion program.
- Does not preclude include funding for prevention in the future.
- The need to leverage other available funding sources will become increasingly important.

CoC Funding Recommendation

Staff recommends the CoC Board approve the following actions:

- A. Approval of the State COVID-CoC funding for implementation of the Sacramento COVID-19 Homelessness Response Plan, which includes funding for existing shelters, expansion of quarantine/isolation shelter capacity, and encampment response.
- B. Approval of reallocating \$1,000,000 from CoC HEAP funds from the Flexible Housing Pool project (HEAP “rental assistance or subsidies” eligible activity) to a new project COVID-19 Response (HEAP “services” eligible activity)
- C. Approval of reallocating \$1,000,000 from CoC HHAP funds from the Prevention and Access and Diversion projects to the FHP Re-Housing project.