



FY 2022-23 Notice of Funding:

**Housing Support Program
Bringing Families Home
Housing and Disability Advocacy Program
Home Safe**

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Introductions

- Our TA partners Change Well project are joining us today.

Agenda

- I. Review of All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) dated September 21, 2022
- II. Instructions for Accepting Allocations
- III. Program Requirements and Best Practices
- IV. Technical Assistance Opportunities
- V. Question + Answer
- VI. Reminders

Housing and Homelessness Division (HHD)

- In California there are **several agencies** that manage housing and homelessness programs, such as the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal-ICH).
- But the California Department of Social Services, and our division, focuses more on programs at the intersection of **housing** and **social services**.

ACWDL Structure

Main Body

1. Program Overviews
 - CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)
 - Bringing Families Home (BFH)
 - Home Safe
 - Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)
2. FY 22-23 Funding Overview
3. Instructions for Continuing and New Grantees
4. Considerations for Tribes

5. Other Budget Updates

6. Program Updates and Impact

7. Technical Assistance (TA)

Attachments

- Attachments One through Eight contain *all* program noncompetitive allocation amounts and Director Certifications for accepting funds
- Attachment Nine: Targeted Strategic Investment (TSI) opportunities for HDAP
- Attachment Ten contains information on establishing regional programs

CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP)

The goal of HSP is to **foster housing stability for families** experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the [CalWORKs program](#).

HSP provides evidence-based housing interventions, including:

- homelessness prevention services and/or the core components of rapid rehousing
- **Eligible population:** eligible CalWORKs recipients experiencing or at risk of homelessness (**Note: All CalWORKs recipient families are eligible to be served through HSP**)
- **Current and prospective grantees must review [ACWDL dated December 13, 2021](#) for a complete overview** of HSP program eligibility, services, rules, and requirements.

Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program

- **The goal of BFH is to increase family reunification and prevent foster care placement** among participants in cases where housing instability prevents reunification or could lead to foster care placement.
- BFH provides housing supports to families receiving child welfare services who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **Eligible population:** families receiving child welfare services who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Current and prospective grantees must **review [ACWDL dated February 11, 2022](#) for a complete overview** of BFH program eligibility, services, rules, and requirements.

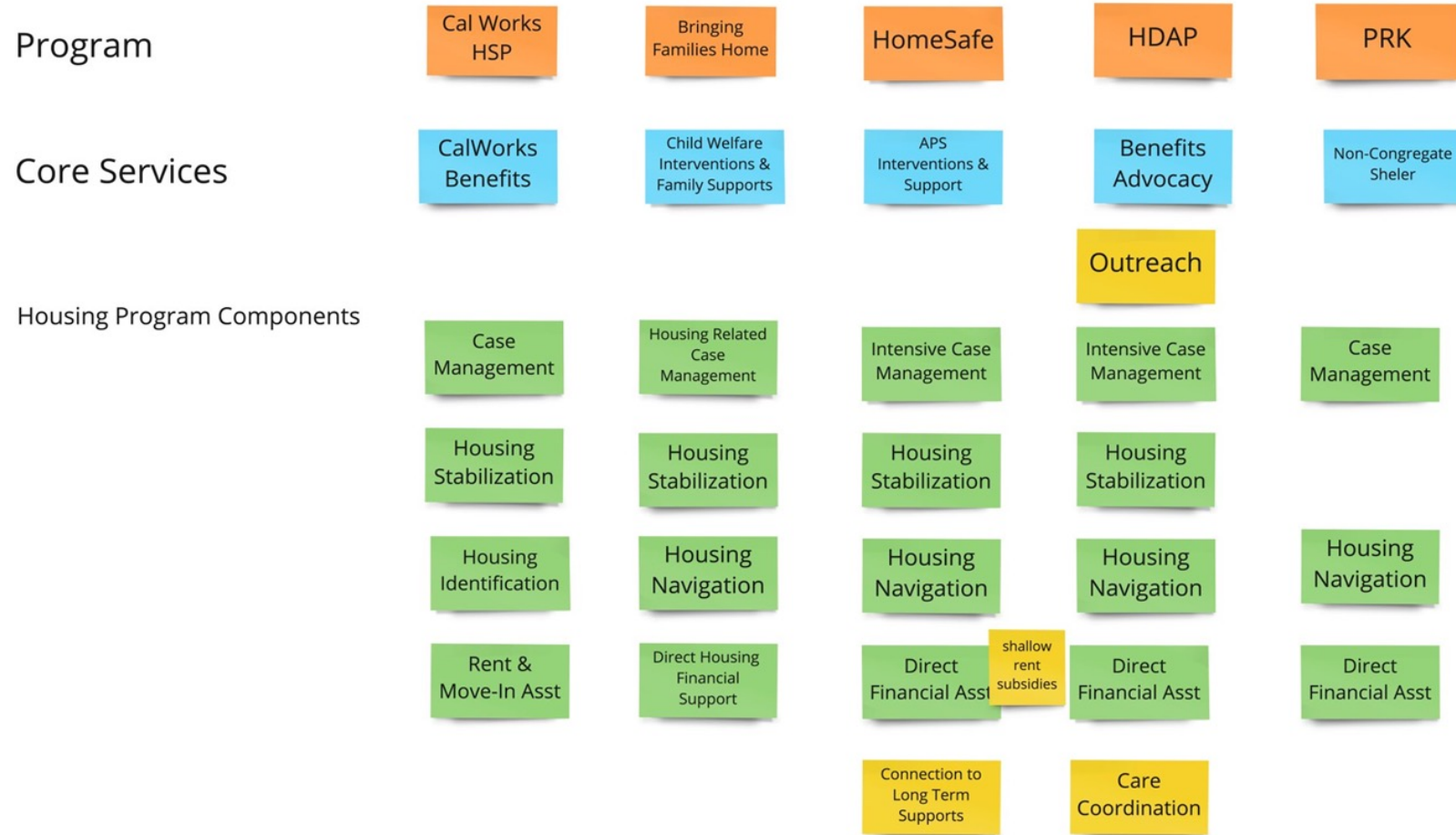
Housing and Disability Advocacy (HDAP) Program

- The goal of HDAP is to **secure disability benefits for participants and stabilize them in permanent housing.**
- HDAP provides housing supports **and** disability benefit application assistance and advocacy to people likely eligible for disability benefits and experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
- **Eligible population:** people likely eligible for disability benefits and experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness
- Current and prospective grantees must **review [ACWDL dated September 13, 2021](#) for a complete overview** of HDAP program eligibility, services, rules, and requirements.

Home Safe Program

- Home Safe provides housing support to seniors and adults with disabilities who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and are served by, or in the intake process for, [Adult Protective Services \(APS\)](#).
- Home Safe may also support individuals served through a tribal social services agency who *appear* eligible for APS and are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **Eligible population:** Seniors and adults with disabilities in APS (or intake) who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness
- Current and prospective grantees may **review the [ACWDL dated October 15, 2021](#), for a complete overview** of Home Safe Program eligibility, services, rules, and requirements.

Cross-Program Overlap



HDAP Targeted Strategic Investments (TSI) Funding

- For enhancing program design and service delivery or advancing an important HDAP goal
 - Making a significant impact on ending or preventing homelessness
 - Improving the quality of outcomes of benefits advocacy
 - Improving coordination efforts across core HDAP components, and more.
- \$25 million match required + \$6.7 million of unrequested FY 21-22 TSI funds.
- **Awards on first come, first serve basis; prioritizing funding to TSI applications received with HDAP Director’s Certifications no later than November 2, 2022.**
- See Attachment Nine of ACWDL dated September 21, 2022.

Program	FY 22-23 Funding Amount	Match Requirement	Expenditure
HDAP TSI	\$25 Million	1:1 Match	Through June 30, 2024

Program	FY 2021-22 Funds	FY 2022-23 Funds	Match Requirement
HSP	\$285 million CFL: HSP CFL 21/22-90 One-time funding available through June 30, 2024 Ongoing funding available through June 30, 2023	\$285 million One-time funding available through June 30, 2025 Ongoing funding available through June 30, 2024	None
<u>BFH</u>	\$92.5 million CFL: BFH CFL 21/22-99 Available through June 30, 2024	\$92.5 million Available through June 30, 2025	Exempt
HDAP	\$150 million + \$25 million TSI CFL: HDAP CFL 21/22-75 Noncompetitive allocations available through June 30, 2024 TSI allocations available through June 30, 2023	\$150 million + \$25 million new TSI funding Noncompetitive allocations available through June 30, 2025 TSI allocations available through June 30, 2024; Remaining FY 21/22 funding for additional TSI	Noncompetitive: Exempt TSIs: dollar-for-dollar match requirement
Home Safe	\$92.5 million CFL: Home Safe CFL 21/22-67 Available through June 30, 2024	\$92.5 million Available through June 30, 2025	Exempt

Non-competitive Allocations

- Counties and continuing Tribes have the opportunity to accept the same level of need-based noncompetitive allocation offered for each program in FY 2021-22.
- Similar to funds awarded in FY 2021-22, the FY 2022-23 **funding appropriation will be available over multiple years**.
- A portion of the HSP and HDAP funding is available through June 30, 2024, and the remainder of the funds will be available through June 30, 2025.
- The FY 2022-23 funds include a \$17.5 million tribal set-aside reserved for federally recognized Tribes, tribal organizations (including but not limited to Tribal 638 Providers and Urban Indian Organizations), tribal consortium, and tribally-led nonprofits in California interested in expanding or implementing HDAP, Home Safe and/or BFH.

Instructions for Accepting Funds

- To accept all, accept a portion, decline, or accept more than the funding amount (if available), all grantees must submit:
 - a separate and completed Director's Certification for each program by November 2, 2022.
- Funds that are not accepted or requested on or before November 2, 2022 will be made available to grantees that indicate they can accept additional funds in the Director's Certifications.

Instructions for Accepting Funds

- Instructions to accept funds can be found in Section Three of the ACWDL.
- HSP, BFH, HDAP, and Home Safe FY 2022-23 noncompetitive allocation amounts can be found in Attachments One, Three, Five, and Seven, in this order.
 - Noncompetitive allocation amounts mirror the amounts made available in FY 21/22 letters
- The Director Certifications to accept funds can be found in Attachment Two, Four, Six and Eight.
- **The Director's Certification must be submitted by November 2, 2022, in order to receive funds.**
- After the submission deadline for Director's Certifications, CDSS will release County Fiscal Letters (CFL) with final allocation amounts.
- In the CFLs, remaining funds will be redistributed to grantees that indicate they can accept additional funding (as indicated on the Director's Certification)

How to Accept Additional Funds

- In the Director’s Certification, if you can accept additional funds, you will indicate this by marking the appropriate box to indicate if you can accept unlimited funds or additional funds “up to a limit.”
- If “up to a limit,” you will then write the total amount (allocation and additional funds) under the first bullet.
- In “FY 22-23 [program] noncompetitive allocation amount accepted,” you will again write the FY 22-23 allocation available for your program as shown on the ACWDL.

Complete the information below to accept all, accept a portion, or accept beyond the Attachment One allocation amounts and **select one of the following acceptance options:**

The county hereby **acknowledges the total FY 2022-23 HSP noncompetitive allocation in Attachment One is \$ _____** and acknowledges this amount is additive to any unspent funding from FY 2021-22.

The county hereby:

- Accepts the **total** allocation amount as listed in Attachment One
- Accepts the total allocation amount as listed in Attachment One AND accepts additional funds, if available, beyond current allocation level **with no limit**
- Accepts the total allocation amount as listed in Attachment One AND accepts additional funds, if available, beyond current allocation level **up to a limit**
 - Specify the total FY 2022-23 allocation the county is able to accept:
\$ _____
- Accepts **only a portion** of the allocation amount as listed in Attachment One
 - Specify the total FY 2022-23 allocation the grantee is able to accept:
\$ _____

FY 2022-23 HSP noncompetitive allocation amount accepted:
\$ _____

Considerations for Tribes

- **Tribal grantees that received noncompetitive allocations in FY 2021-22 for BFH and HDAP, as reflected in Attachments Three and Seven, may accept:**
 - the same level of funding made available to them in FY 2021-22, or
 - request a higher or lower level of funding for FY 2022-23.
- **Tribal grantees interested in establishing a new program and Tribes not represented in any of the noncompetitive allocation tables are not eligible to request noncompetitive FY 2022-23 funding through this letter.**
 - Instead, these tribes will be eligible to request BFH, HDAP, and/or Home Safe funding through a \$17.5 million tribal set-aside— more information to come later in FY 2022-23.

Other Budget Updates

- **The FY 2022-23 State Budget also includes additional and ongoing investments across the state** that may assist CDSS Housing and Homelessness program participants including but not limited to:
 - Capital funding under [Homekey](#)
 - The [Community Care Expansion Program](#)
 - Additional [Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention \(HHAP\) Grant Program](#) funding
 - The [Encampment Resolution Grant Program](#) (Round 2)
 - And other investments supporting people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- **Please refer to the program-specific ACWDLs and other written guidance for more information and resources** that should be considered as grantees expand and adapt CDSS Housing and Homelessness programs.

No FY 2022-23 Statutory Changes

- Check your program's FY 21-22 ACWDL for program specific definitions of "at-risk of homelessness."
 - HSP ACWDL dated December 13, 2021 (WIC Section 11330.5)
 - BFH ACWDL dated February 11, 2022 (WIC Section 16523)
 - HDAP ACWDL dated September 13, 2021 (WIC 18999.2)

Reminder of Expansion of Eligibility: Expansion to families at risk of homelessness

- In 2021, HSP, BFH, and HDAP expanded eligibility to include target populations at risk of homelessness.

Prevention and Prioritization

At-Risk Self-Attestation

HSP, BFH, HDAP, and Home Safe allow prospective clients to self-attest that they meet the definition of “at risk of homelessness.”

Program eligibility expansions allow grantees:

- To ensure that funding remains prioritized for those with the highest vulnerabilities, CDSS expects that grantees use the majority of funds to support people experiencing homelessness.
- Grantees are generally encouraged to limit overall spending on homelessness prevention assistance for eligible clients at-risk of homelessness to no more than 30 percent of the FY 2022-23 Allocation.
- Grantees unable to serve all eligible clients in their program who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness should use a prioritization framework and assessment to determine assistance and may not allow individual case managers to determine prioritization on a case-by-case basis.

Program Requirements

CDSS Cross-Program Principles

- Housing First
- Collaboration with local social services, systems of Care, and Homelessness Response System
- Prioritization and assessment

Maximizing Funding Efficacy and Engaging Data

- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data reporting
- Program Updates

Program Planning and Update Requirements

As a condition of accepting the funds outlined in this letter, grantees will be required to provide regular program updates and additional data to demonstrate use of program funds consistent with program guidance and requirements.

Low-Barrier Entry and Services

Low-barrier access to affordable housing, appropriate services, and adequate income is very effective at helping people get and stay stably housed.

- *Housing First* – Housing First is an evidence-based approach to addressing homelessness that provides, or connects, homeless individuals and families to permanent housing as quickly as possible without preconditions.
- Housing First is rooted in the philosophy that safe, stable housing is a fundamental human need that must be secured before other issues that may have contributed to a person’s homelessness can be effectively addressed.
- It follows a basic principle—that everyone is ready for housing, regardless of the complexity or severity of their needs, and that stable housing is the foundation for achieving other goals
- “*Screening in*” – is an underpinning approach to Housing First. It means that we are looking for ways to make program eligibility requirements flexible so that we are able to serve those with high needs who may otherwise not qualify for other resources.

Program services are voluntary and shall not create additional criteria for eligibility or exclude any population from being served.

Change Well Project

Technical Assistance Opportunities



Training and Workforce
Preparation



Individual Technical
Assistance for Counties
and Tribes (1:1)

Change Well Project's website: www.changewellproject.com
[Follow this Link or Link in Chat to Request Technical Assistance](#)

Best Practices Across Programs



BRAIDING AND LEVERAGING
FUNDING



USE YOUR LOCAL DATA TO
IDENTIFY AREAS OF GREATEST
NEED



STRUCTURE YOUR FUNDING TO
MEET THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF
YOUR POPULATION



BUDGETING AND STAFFING
FOR IMPACT



PROGRAM DESIGN TO
MAXIMIZE FUNDING

Change Well Project: How to get in touch



Website: www.changewellproject.com



Fiscal Year End Report: www.changewellproject.com/ourwork



Request Assistance: www.changewellproject.com/request-technical-assistance

Q + A

**Please write your questions in the chat
or raise your hand using the "raise
hand" icon.**

Reminders

- **Office Hours are held monthly on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**
- Sign up on Change Well Project's website, and a link will be provided via email.
- Email housing@dss.ca.gov with any questions about any CDSS-related housing programs.

Check out our CDSS Housing Programs website: <https://www.cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/cdss-programs/housing-programs>

Thank you!