

CHANGEWELLPROJECT
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CDSS CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

Monthly Office Hours for Program Leaders

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Welcome!



Introductions

- Your Name
- Your County or Tribal Community
- CDSS Program
- Favorite summer recipe!

Today's Session Overview

Braided Funding

- ✓ Share staffing costs across fundings sources
- ✓ Increase flexibility to achieve defined outcomes
- ✓ Create administrative efficiencies across funding sources

Questions

This is *your* space.

Time to ask your burning questions about CDSS programs!

Opportunities Outside Office Hours

- Technical Assistance & Training



Braided Funding



What is braided funding?

- The coordination of funding from several sources to support a single initiative, or a portfolio of projects or programs
- Each funding source preserves its distinction so that each funder can still track resources and outcomes.
- Funding streams supplement one another; funds can be used at the same time, but for unique expenses.

Why braid funding?

- Aligns partners/programs toward common outcomes.
- Improves outcomes for your clients by connecting them to deeper or more diverse resources.
- More fully leverages all resources available in a jurisdiction
- Reduces fragmentation, overlap and duplication across funding types
- Reduces administrative burden in favor of better service delivery
- Stabilizes funding across cycles

What to look for ?

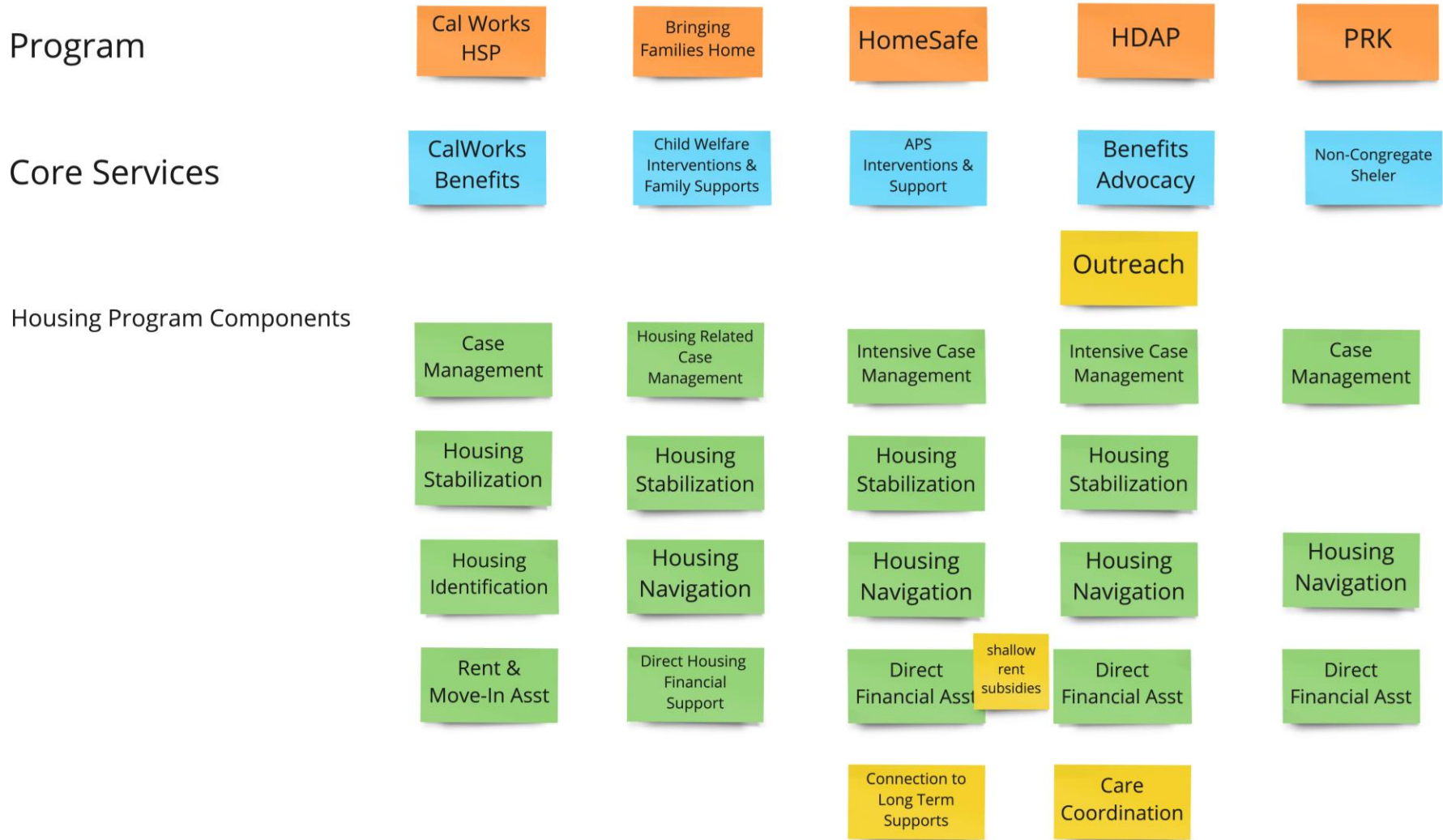
Serving the same or similar population

Offer the same, similar or complementary services

Similar regulations or flexibility in regulation

If your agency currently has more than one funding source, you are likely already braiding funds!

Essential Program Components



At the client level – simple version

Project Room Key (one month)

John needs immediate motel placement and is eligible for PRK.

He is placed in a motel and enrolled in PRK.

After three weeks in his hotel placement, a deeper assessment identifies that John is a good candidate for HDAP program.

HDAP (24 months)

John is enrolled in HDAP program. Benefits advocacy, housing navigation, and financial assistance are provided.

Early on, the case management team submits applications to connect John to a “mainstream” Section 8 Affordable housing voucher.

After 6 months of housing location support, an apartment is located that is a good fit for John. Move in and ongoing rent subsidy support is provided by HDAP funds while benefits advocacy continues.

Eventually, John is matched to a Section 8 voucher via the CoC.

Section 8 Affordable Housing Voucher (Permanent Resource)

John is able to use his Section 8 voucher in the unit he already lives in that was originally supported with HDAP funds. HDAP housing case management and housing navigators support John and his landlord during the transition to a Section 8 voucher.

After successfully being connected to SSDI benefits, John pays 30% of his income towards rent.

At the client level: service need continues

Project Room Key
(one month)

HDAP
(24 months)

HHAP 3
(through June 2026)

Section 8 Affordable Housing Voucher
(Permanent Resource)

Funding Cliffs and Varied Flexibility in \$\$\$ Streams

HDAP

CDSS Housing and Homelessness Division
(through Dec 2023)

HHAP 3

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council
(through June 2026)

CoC Resource

Section 8 Affordable Housing Voucher from local Housing Authority
(Permanent Resource)

Project Homekey

Housing and Community Development
(Capital spent within 8 months of award – Operating expended by June 2026)

CalAIM – Community Supports and Enhanced Care Mgmt

DHCS via local Managed Care Plans
(through 2027 -- but clients will have intermittent and one time eligibility for various services)

Resources



Crosswalk of Eligible and Prioritized uses of Major State and Federal Homelessness Funding Programs

This crosswalk is replicated from the California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency and the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC)'s recent [Putting the Funding Pieces Together: Guide to Strategic Uses of New and Recent State and Federal Funds to Prevent and End Homelessness](#) guidance document.



| Funding Source | Funding | Non-Congregate Shelter - Interim Housing (Capital / Operations / Services) | Rental Assistance (Short-Term to Permanent) | Permanent Supportive & Service-Enriched Housing (Capital / Operations / Services) | Diversion & Homelessness Prevention |
|----------------|--|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| State | Homekey | Capital Uses Eligible; Operations Eligible with Limitations | Not Eligible | Capital Uses Eligible; Operations Eligible with Limitations | Not Eligible |
| | Affordable Housing Backlog Production | Not Eligible | Not Eligible | Eligible Use | Not Eligible |
| | California COVID-19 Rent Relief Program | Not Eligible | Eligible Use | Not Eligible | Eligible Use |
| | HOME-ARP | Eligible Use | Eligible Use (TBRA up to 24 months) | Capital Uses Eligible; HUD to Define Limited Eligible Services Uses | Limited, But Not Prioritized, Uses |
| | Emergency Solutions Grant – CV (ESG-CV) | Eligible Use | Eligible Use | Not Eligible | Eligible, But Not Prioritized, Use |
| | Community Development Block Grant – CV | Eligible Use | Eligible Use (Up to 3 months) | Eligible Use | Eligible Use |
| | Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) | Eligible Use | Eligible Use | Eligible Use | Eligible, But Not Prioritized, Use |
| | Encampment Resolution Grants | Eligible Use | Eligible Use | Eligible Use | Not Eligible |
| | Family Homelessness Challenge Grants | Eligible Use | Eligible Use | Eligible Use | Eligible Use |

Use the filters below to show only specific funding sources, programs, or eligible items. **Scroll** to see all included content.

You can also click on any Program name to go to a **website** with more program information.

Funding Source
State

Funding/Program
All

Priority Level
All

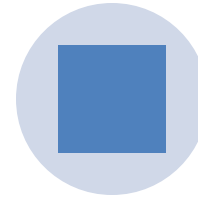
- Priority Level**
- highly prioritized use
 - prioritized use
 - not a prioritized use
 - not an eligible use

Where to begin?

The Change Well Project is here to help!



CONNECT TO YOUR
LOCAL HOMELESSNESS
ACTION PLAN



USE YOUR LOCAL DATA
TO IDENTIFY AREAS OF
GREATEST NEED

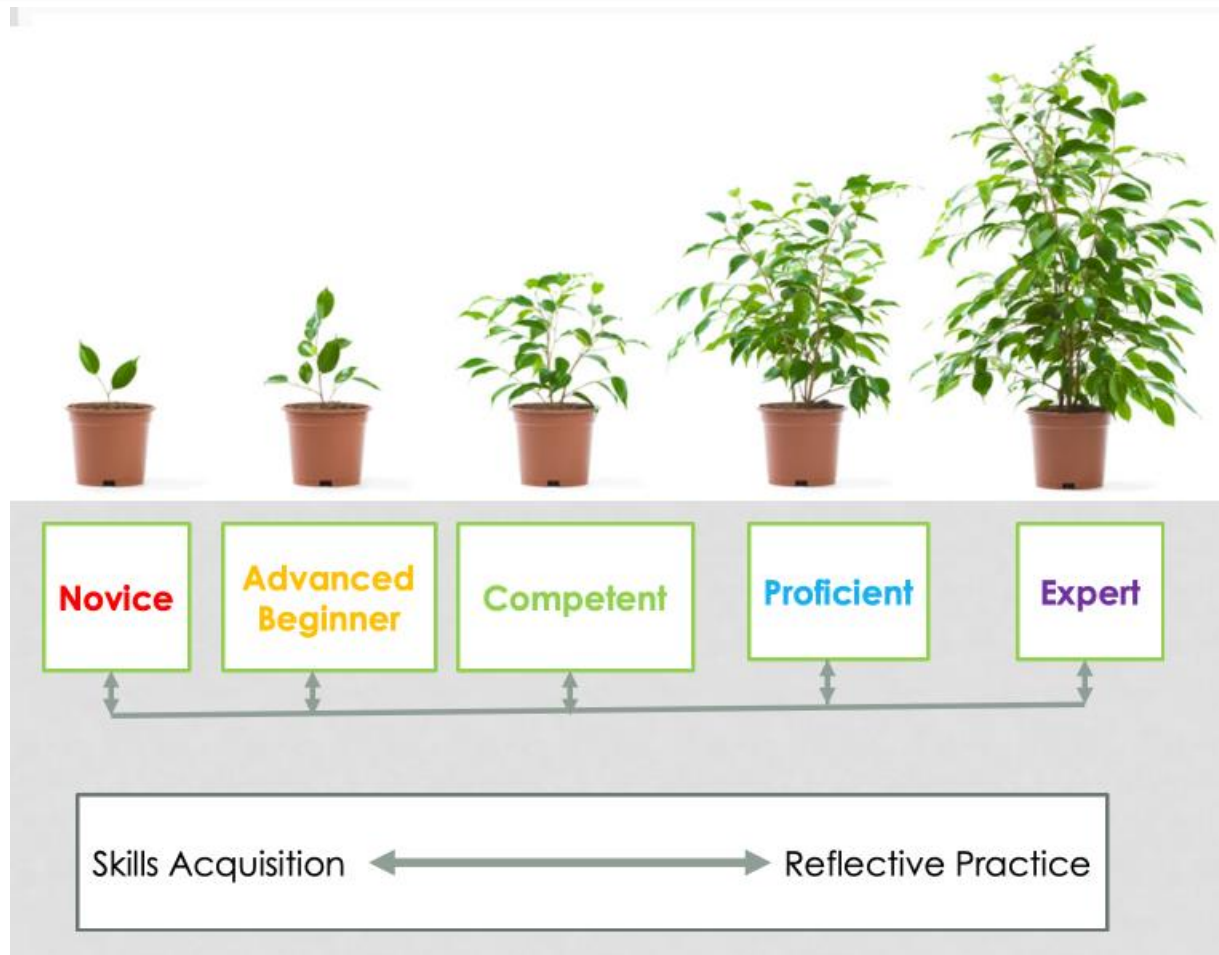


STRUCTURE YOUR
FUNDING TO MEET THE
UNIQUE NEEDS OF YOUR
POPULATION



IDENTIFY UPCOMING
FUNDING DEADLINES &
PRIORITIZE THE USE OF
FUNDS WITH EARLIEST
DEADLINES FIRST

Braided funding: Where do you see your community?



Questions?



Closing

Contact us @
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Please send in Questions
and Themes you would
like addressed in the
next Office Hours.

Thank you!

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