



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
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Item Number: 1.3

MEETING DATE: 08/26/2025

DEPARTMENT: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Mike Hodges

DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR: Tracey Belton

SUBJECT:

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY- T. BELTON

1. Adopt Resolution approving and authorizing submission of the Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP) Round 6 (R6) application in the amount not to exceed \$708,617.00; and
2. If awarded, authorize the County Board Chair, County Administrative Officer (CAO), or CAO designee to execute the contract between the County and the California Department of Housing and Community Development "HCD" and any amendments to the contract; act for and on behalf of the County of San Benito in all matters pertaining to the application; and
3. Authorize Board Chair to sign Resolution.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 939

RESOLUTION NO: 2025-67

AGENDA SECTION:

CONSENT AGENDA

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

On February 2025, The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) was pleased to announce the availability of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 6 (HHAP 6) grant funding. The intent of HHAP 6 is to reflect the state's priorities to prevent and expeditiously reduce unsheltered homelessness through homelessness prevention activities and sustain existing Interim Housing Solutions and Permanent Housing Solutions, including long-term sustainability of permanent affordable housing. The Legislature appropriated \$1 billion to fund HHAP activities in Fiscal Year 2025-2026. This Notice of Funding Announcement "NOFA" makes available \$760 million in HHAP 6 Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY 25-26) funds to regions made up of eligible Large Cities, counties, and Continuums of Care (CoCs).

Per HSC 50241, HHAP Round 6 funding will be made available as non-competitive allocations to Eligible Applicants, including Continuum of Care regions, Large Cities, and Counties, as follows:

- Allocation to Continuum of Care Regions: (CoCs): 30% (\$228 million)
- Allocation to Large Cities: 42% (\$319.2 million)
- Allocation to Counties: 28% (\$212.8 million)

Individual HHAP 6 allocations for each of the Eligible Applicants is based on their proportionate share of the state's homeless population as reported by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the 2024 Homeless Point in Time (PIT) count.

The general purpose of the HHAP-6 program is to continue to build on the regional coordination developed through previous grant funding to support local jurisdictions in their unified regional response to reduce and end homelessness and ensure the long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services, by strategically pairing these funds with other local, state, and federal resources to effectively reduce and ultimately end homelessness. The eligible uses for HHAP -6 remain largely unchanged from previous rounds; however, the HHAP-6 statutes reorganize the eligible uses into three main buckets:

- costs that support permanent housing;
- costs that support interim housing;
- costs that support service provision and system

This change represents a strategic alignment aimed at amplifying the focus on regional coordination, permanent housing, sustainability, and person-centered services. The overarching objective of HHAP funds remains to effectively address and end people's experiences of homelessness. In addition, a minimum of 10% Youth Set Aside (unaccompanied youth who are between 12 and 24 years old and experiencing homelessness) must be allocated along with a 7% admin allocation. The application due date is August 29, 2025.

If funded, this would mark the sixth round of HHAP funding to support the ongoing operations of the homeless shelter, hotel vouchers, and rapid rehousing services. The funding would provide overnight shelter for over 100 homeless individuals, including three meals per day, access to showers, lockers, and a range of supportive services. In addition, approximately 40 homeless individuals will be placed in temporary hotels when the shelter is at its full capacity or when they are unable to stay at the shelter. All clients will receive supportive services and linkages to other service providers. The program will also offer Rapid Rehousing services to approximately five homeless youth ages 18-24 with the goal of securing permanent housing. In the most recent HHAP Round 5, the program successfully served approximately 150 homeless individuals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The County has received five prior contracts in response to State RFP's.

*The HHAP Round 1 agreement was executed in June of 2020 in the amount of \$308,848.53 for the period of June 19, 2020, through June 30, 2025.

*The HHAP Round 2 agreement was executed in August of 2021 in the amount of \$141,188 for the period of August 25, 2021, through June 30, 2026.

*The HHAP Round 3 agreement was executed in July of 2023 in the amount of \$547,468 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026.

*The HHAP Round 4 agreement was executed in the amount of \$445,234.38.

*The HHAP Round 5 agreement was executed in the amount of \$496,664.75.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

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ATTACHMENTS:

- [Board Agenda Fact Sheet- HHAP R6](#)
- [Resolution - HHAP R6 2025](#)
- [MOU - HHAP R6](#)