

Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC)

The Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council was created in 2017 to oversee the implementation of “[Housing First](#)” policies, guidelines, and regulations to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in California. The Council's mission is to develop policies, identify resources, benefits, and services to prevent and work toward ending homelessness in California.

The Council consists of up to nineteen members, representing ten state agency heads or their designees, seven members appointed by the Governor representing statewide organizations and homeless advocacy groups, one stakeholder appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one stakeholder appointed by Speaker of the Assembly.

The signing of SB850 on June 27, 2018 by Governor Brown augment SB1380 and made significant changes to the mandates of the council.

- Elevates and moves HCFC to the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH)
- Provides permanent staff under BCSH to support HCFC.
- Designates the Secretary of BCSH as Chair of HCFC.
- Adds two additional representatives to HCFC (Dept of Transportation and young adult with lived experience who resides in California)
- Establishes the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) for purposes of providing localities with one-time flexible block grant funds to address their immediate homelessness challenges

On September 27, 2018, Governor Brown signed SB918, known as the Homeless Youth Act of 2018. This added additional mandates to the Council, including setting specific, measurable goals aimed at preventing and ending homelessness among youth in the state.

And on July 31, 2019, Governor Newsom signed AB101, which established the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) for the purpose of providing localities with one-time block grant funds in the amount of \$650million to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address their immediate homelessness challenges.

HCFC PRIORITIES

- Implement HEAP-\$500 million one-time block grant
- Implement Housing First Policy
- Implement SB 918-Homeless Youth Act
- Implement HHAP-\$650 million one-time block grant
- Explore development of a state-level homeless data integration system.
- Facilitate coordination between state departments that have funding and programs to address homelessness.
- Initiative to develop a data-driven, evidence-based, high-level strategic plan for the state.

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