

## Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

The Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) is a \$500 million block grant program designed to provide direct assistance to cities and counties to address the homelessness crisis throughout California. HEAP is authorized by Senate Bill (SB) 850, which was signed into law by Governor Brown in June 2018. This overview provides a program timeline with key milestones and delineates when stakeholders may expect program deliverables. <https://www.bcsb.ca.gov/hcfc/>

<b>Program Overview</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$500 million one-time block grant</li> <li>• Intended to provide localities with funding to address their immediate homelessness challenges</li> </ul>		
<b>Eligible Applicants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 43 Continuums of Care</li> <li>• 11 Largest Cities, with populations of 330,000 or more (as of January 2018)</li> </ul>		
<b>Funding Allocations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 150 million to CoC based on point-in-time count</li> <li>• 200 million to CoC base on percent of homeless population</li> <li>• 150 million to large city based on population</li> </ul>		
<b>Key Elements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required a crisis shelter declaration to be a direct recipient of HEAP funds</li> <li>• Required a demonstration of collaboration</li> <li>• Mandated that at least 5% of the allocation <b>MUST</b> be used to establish or expand programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness</li> <li>• Eligible applicants to determine how to expend funds</li> <li>• Eligible uses must align with Housing First Policy</li> <li>• 50% obligated by January 1, 2020, 100% fully expended by June 30, 2021</li> <li>• 100% of funds were disbursed within 60 days of a completed application</li> </ul>		
<b>Lessons Learned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Streamlined application and disbursement processes</li> <li>• Technical Assistance was critical (Office Hours, 1:1, workshops, roundtables)</li> <li>• Local government liaison dedicated to supporting collaboration, partnership, and alignment of resources</li> </ul>		
<b>HEAP Funds</b>	<b>Spending Category</b>	<b>Amount Allocated</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
	Capital Improvements	\$179,082,283.92	36%
	Services	\$193,419,247.85	39%
	Rental Assistance/Subsidies	\$63,636,959.69	12%
	Homeless Youth	\$33,196,685.12	7%
	Administrative	\$20,809,237.78	4%
	Other (mobile hygiene, etc)	\$8,855,585.64	2%