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EveryOne Home and the County of Alameda are pleased to release the following Request for Information for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program:

COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, REQUEST FOR INFORMATION NO. HCSA-0120

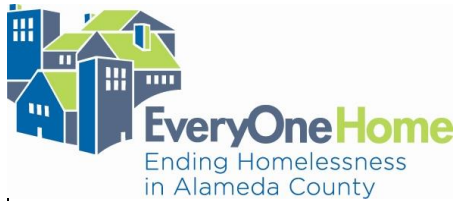
Alameda County's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program

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The intent of this Request for Information (RFI) is to gather information from local jurisdictions, service providers, and other groups on potential projects that could be deployed quickly to serve people experiencing homelessness in Alameda County. The information gathered will inform the development and scope of Alameda County and the Oakland, Berkeley/Alameda County Continuum of Care (CoC) applications for one-time funds provided under the state of California's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP).

For the CoC funds totaling \$9,449,958, the EveryOne Home HUD CoC Committee has approved the following uses, allocations, and additional program guidance for 2020 HHAP CoC funds:

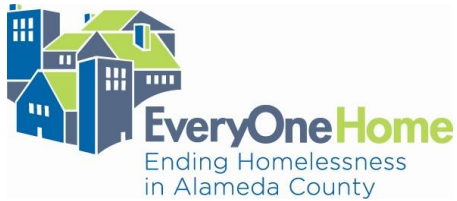
HHAP CoC Uses/Allocations		
Housing Solutions	\$ 7,000,000	
Any combination of permanent housing solutions (Eligible use categories: Rental Assistance /Rapid Rehousing, Operating Subsidies and Reserves, Delivery of Permanent Housing)	\$ 2,000,000	
Housing problem solving activities (Eligible use category: Prevention and Shelter Diversion to Permanent Housing)	\$ 5,000,000	
<i>Suggested 60% proportion of HPS Staffing</i>		\$ 3,000,000
<i>Suggested 40% proportion of HPS Financial Assistance</i>		\$ 2,000,000
Systems Support	\$ 748,965	
Activities could include HPS training, HRC support, CE management entity, or other system support (Eligible use category: Systems Support to Create Regional Partnerships)	\$ 748,965	
Strategic Homelessness Planning	\$ 283,499	
3% for CoC strategic planning and system performance activities, including system modeling and planning for youth/YHDP (Eligible use category: Strategic Homelessness Planning)	\$ 283,499	



Youth 8%		\$ 755,997	
Any eligible uses as long as it in consultation with and responsive to Youth Action Board recommendations (Eligible use category: Youth Set-Aside) Proposals encouraged to consider budgets that combine CoC/County/City of Oakland funds totaling \$3,037,075		\$ 755,997	
Admin 7%		\$ 661,497	
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	TOTAL	\$ 9,449,958	

The HUD CoC Committee requests information on potential projects that can meet the following additional program guidance from the HUD CoC Committee:

1. Up to \$2,000,000 for Rental Assistance /Rapid Rehousing, Operating Subsidies and Reserves, and/or Delivery of Permanent Housing, intended to provide permanent housing solutions.
2. Up to \$5,000,000 for prevention and diversion to permanent housing, intended to establish a coordinated, countywide Housing Problem Solving intervention as a critical component of Alameda County’s Coordinated Entry and housing crisis response system. As this is the first major countywide investment in Housing Problem Solving, the CoC is interested in projects that can demonstrate countywide coverage with a strong centralized management or collaborative structure, staff training and capacity building, and financial management and reporting practices that will result in the development and implementation of a consistent, standard, and replicable HPS practice in Alameda County. Housing Problem Solving projects will be expected to:
 - a. Cover the entirety of the CoC geographic area
 - b. Serve homeless and imminently homeless households
 - c. Conduct Housing Problem Solving as a part of the Coordinated Entry process, refer or match households to deeper housing resources as appropriate and available
 - d. Offer core services of housing problem solving conversations with trained specialists, flexible financial assistance, and referrals. Suggested ratio of 60% housing problem solving staff to 40% financial assistance.
 - e. Practice according to, and contribute to the development of, standards and policies of the Alameda County Housing Crisis Response System Manual: <http://everyonehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/V.2019.12.09-AC-System-Manual.pdf>



- f. Collect data and produce reports using the HMIS; or other CoC/County approved data collection and reporting methods if the HMIS does not have the data collection and reporting capabilities.

3. Up to \$748,965 for systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system. Uses could include housing problem solving training, housing resource center or coordinated entry access point operating support, coordinated entry management entity, or other system support.

4. A minimum of \$755,997 for youth specific services, intended to support projects in any eligible category. Providers are encouraged to propose countywide projects with budgets up to the combined total of CoC, County, and City of Oakland HHAP youth allocations--\$3,037,075--as there could be opportunities for pooled funding. Youth projects will be expected to:
 - a. Work in consultation with the Youth Action Board. The Youth Action Board (YAB) was formed in 2018 in response to the federal Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project funding opportunity which requires a leadership body of homeless and formerly homeless youth to drive the creation of a plan to prevent and end youth homelessness.

For the full draft of HUD CoC Committee approved recommendations for CoC HHAP funds, go to <http://everyonehome.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/200120-HUD-CoC-HHAP-Overview-and-Recommendations.pdf>
