

KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

CalAIM | Housing and Homelessness Incentive
Program 2022-2024 | Public Funding Request for
Applications (RFA)

Kern Health Systems | Guide for HHIP Application
2022

Purpose and Program Objectives

The Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) aims to improve health outcomes and access to whole person care services for individuals and/or families who are experiencing or are at-risk of homelessness by addressing housing insecurity and instability as a social determinant of health for the Medi-Cal population.

The goals of HHIP are to:

1. Reduce and prevent homelessness; and
2. Ensure Medi-Cal Managed Care Plans (MCPs) develop the necessary capacity and partnerships to connect their members to needed housing services.

DHCS has defined individuals who are experiencing homelessness and/or are at risk of homelessness as:

- An individual or family who lacks adequate nighttime residence;
- An individual or family with primary residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used for habitation;
- An individual or family living in a shelter;
- An individual exiting an institution into homelessness;
- An individual or family who will imminently lose housing in the next 30 days;
- Unaccompanied youth and homeless families and children and youth defined as homeless under other federal statutes; and/or
- Individuals fleeing domestic violence

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Areas of Funding Priorities and Allocation

KHS HHIP funding is housing-focused and advances whole-person-care & housing-first approaches to be adopted within the local homelessness response system, including outreach and emergency shelter, short-term interventions like rapid re-housing, and long-term interventions like supportive housing. KHS strongly encourages applicants to prioritize the use of HHIP incentive funds to assist individuals and/or families experiencing homelessness and/or housing instability to move into safe, stable housing, with a particular focus on rehousing individuals who have recidivated and/or need mental health support services.

HHIP Applicants must outline and describe clear pathways of assistance to connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at risk of being homeless to permanent housing options. Individuals and families who are assisted with these funds must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing, or other services for which these funds are used.

Due to nuanced disparities of housing in Kern County, KHS acknowledges the need for transitional and comprehensive wrap-around services as a continuum of whole-person care. To successfully reduce homelessness through HHIP, KHS expects applicants to address social determinants of health as it relates to homelessness and housing instability by one or more of the following examples:

- Strategically use these funds to reduce, prevent, or end homelessness and housing instability in Kern County.
- Projects that address homelessness in outlying rural areas of Kern County which include but are not limited to: East Kern, West Kern, North Kern, and South Kern.

- Projects that demonstrate a commitment to address inequities and disparities in homeless populations and achieve equitable provision of wrap-around services for those who are disproportionately impacted by homelessness, are at risk of homelessness, experiencing housing instability, and/or recidivated to homelessness – particularly for marginalized communities, the aging and/or disabled population, individuals who identify as LGBTQ, and/or veterans and their families who do not qualify for veteran’s health care services.
- Projects that provide housing-related services that are *Housing-First* (which means prioritizing stable and appropriate housing for all homeless people regardless of circumstance or behavior), per Health and Safety Code Section 50220.5 (g) and delivered in a low barrier, trauma informed, and culturally responsive manner.
- Projects that safely and reasonably keep partners, families, pets, and possessions together.
- Projects that establish a mechanism for people with lived experiences of homelessness to have meaningful and purposeful opportunities to inform and shape all levels of planning and implementation, including through potential employment opportunities.

Kern Health Systems has identified the following areas of funding as opportunities to support providers and community-based organizations in addressing the unique housing needs with the expansion or development of housing-related services in Kern County.

Please note: All applications must describe how the organization or provider will focus on and incorporate social determinants of health in the selected areas of funding opportunities below.

Area of Funding Opportunity	Purpose	Eligible Use and Expected Outcomes	Allocation of Available Funding
Outreach	Healthcare and social services developed, provided, and delivered directly to unsheltered homeless individuals in their own environment.	Street Medicine – Must provide Street Medicine to MCP members (individuals and/or families) experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness during each measurement period. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	\$2,000,000.00
Outreach	To add appropriate mental and behavioral health support services in shelters and non-congregate housing for individuals, youth, and families.	Mental & Behavioral Health Support Services – Must have mental health professionals at shelters or providing appropriate mental and behavioral health support services to MCP members (individuals and/or families) experiencing homelessness or at risk of experiencing homelessness during each measurement period. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	\$2,000,000.00
Prevention & Diversion	Help residents maintain or regain housing without having to enter emergency shelter. A strategy to reduce the length of time in homelessness and supports people experiencing a housing	Prevention & Diversion Program – Must have an evidenced-based program plan with measured outcomes to reduce homelessness for MCP members (individuals and/or families), experiencing a housing crisis identify and access safe alternatives to emergency shelter during each measurement period. This opportunity may be designed particularly for marginalized communities, the aging and/or disabled population, individuals who identify as LGBTQ, and/or	\$1,000,000.00

	crisis identify and access safe alternatives to emergency shelter.	veterans and their families who do not qualify for veteran's health care services. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	
Permanent Housing	To support housing services dedicated to those experiencing homelessness.	Must be solely dedicated to the construction, building, and/or revamping of existing buildings and/or units for MCP members (individuals and/or families) experiencing homelessness by end of program year 2023. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	\$5,000,000.00
Sheltering	To support the expansion of emergency shelter access to rural communities in Kern by revamping or purchasing hotels specifically for the use of emergency shelter in rural Kern.	Expansion to develop Family/Individual Hotel Emergency Shelters for MCP (individuals and/or families) experiencing housing crisis in rural Kern. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	\$3,000,000.00
Sheltering	To support the building, construction, and/or expansion of non-congregate housing and shelter for homeless youth.	Expansion to develop Non-Congregate Shelter/Housing for YOUTH experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	\$2,000,000.00
Sheltering	To support the building, construction, and/or expansion of non-congregate family units for families.	Expansion to develop Non-Congregate Shelter/Housing for FAMILIES experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	\$2,000,000.00
Sheltering	To support the building, construction, and/or expansion of non-congregate individual units.	Expansion to develop Non-Congregate Shelter/Housing for INDIVIDUALS experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Please outline number of FTEs required for this request if applicable.	\$2,000,000.00
System Supports	To support HMIS system and improve throughput of CES system and support integration with CalAIM. To support Administration of HMIS system and improve throughput of CES system and support integration with CalAIM strategic planning.		KHS In-Kind

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These areas of funding opportunities provide the basis for Kern Health System's Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) and guide the distribution of contributions to the community. These identified areas allow KHS the ability to maximize efforts and resources that have meaningful impact while also strengthening relationships with providers and community-based organizations that are dedicatedly working to improve our community's health and

wellness. KHS will maintain focused efforts on building regional coordination and a unified regional response to reduce and prevent homelessness for its members.

Eligibility Guidelines

Kern Health Systems will consider applications from organizations and providers that serve underserved populations in Kern County who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness and address social determinants of health. Requests must target underserved populations and meet one or more of the funding opportunities described above. Organizations are strongly encouraged to outline a project or program that most closely aligns with one of the priority areas, needs, and strategies identified. Please see Project Work Plan in application packet.

Those interested in receiving HHIP funds who are not eligible applicants should apply directly to their local CoCs, large cities, and counties through applicable local selection processes. KHS encourages interested parties to collaborate with local eligible applicants to determine the best use of funds. KHS also encourages applicants and/or interested parties to consider how these funds are accessible to smaller and non-traditional organizations that have historically served unhoused communities but may not have previously participated formally in the CoC and may not be a part of the homelessness provider community.

Applicants are encouraged to engage with KHS prior to submitting their applications to ensure they submit a complete application. KHS will also provide technical assistance to applicants as they determine how to best utilize their funding to reduce and end homelessness. Submitted applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as they are received until the deadline. KHS will continue to rely on evidence-based and promising-practice models to ensure the efficacy of processes, fidelity of programs, and sustainability of interventions as measures for replicable success.

Please note: The funding recipient may be required to indemnify, defend and hold KHS and KHS’ officers, directors, employees, agents, and authorized representatives harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, charges, damages, penalties, awards, claims, or costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees of counsel retained by KHS, expert fees, costs of staff time, and investigation costs) of whatever kind or nature such as a claim for damages arising as a result of Provider undertaking Incentive Funding activities pursuant to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any loss by KHS due solely to the acts or omissions of Provider in the performance of this Agreement, or any loss related to the purchase, maintenance, or use of any instrumentality, e.g. a motor vehicle, for which KHS provided any portion of the funds used to purchase said instrumentality.

The following timeline applies to the application and award process:

KHS Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Timeline:

Publication of HHIP Funding Application	September 1, 2022
Application Responses Due	September 30, 2022 by 5pm.
Application Review Period	October 3, 2022 through October 14, 2022
Notice of Award Letters	October 17, 2022
Funding Contract Agreement Finalized	October 31, 2022
Funding Contract Agreement Effective Date	November 1, 2022

Table 1 Kern Health Systems Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program Timeline with Process and estimated due dates

Attachment A:

Terms & Definitions:

Interim Housing (Sheltering)	Any program whose primary purpose is to provide temporary shelter for people experiencing homelessness, in general or for specific populations, and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements. Interim housing can include congregate shelter, bridge housing, temporary scattered-site arrangements, and transitional housing programs, among others.
Supportive Housing (Permanent Housing)	Supportive housing is permanent housing for a specific target population—generally people with disabilities/special needs and long histories of homelessness—that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the resident to retain the housing, improve their health status, and maximize their ability to live and, when possible, work in the community.
Outreach	Programs that that identify and engage people living in unsheltered locations, such as in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, encampments, and on the streets, reaching people who might not otherwise seek assistance or come to the attention of the homelessness service system. Outreach and engagement programs help to ensure that people’s basic needs are met while also supporting people to access and navigate pathways toward housing stability.
Prevention/Diversion	Programs that seek to prevent people from losing current housing or to prevent the need for services from the homelessness response system through a rapid return to housing, usually without expectation of ongoing support.
System Supports	Systems that support and streamline throughput processes.
Street Medicine	Street medicine refers to a set of health and social services developed specifically to address the unique needs and circumstances of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, delivered directly to them in their own environment. The fundamental approach of street medicine is to engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness exactly where they are and on their own terms to maximally reduce or eliminate barriers to care access and follow-through. <i>Health care services provided at shelters or mobile/recreational vehicle (RV) sites do not qualify as street medicine, as it requires people to visit a health care facility at a specified location.</i>
Kern Health Systems - Managed Care Plan (MCP) MCP Member	Kern Health Systems, known as Kern Family Health Care, was established in 1993 as a managed care health plan , and is the largest health plan in Kern County. An MCP Member is a person who qualifies for a Managed Care Plan because they qualify for Medi-Cal. A person(s) may also qualify for Medi-Cal through Social Security because they are receiving SSI/SSP.

Table 2 Description of Terms & Definitions

HHIP RFA Application

Please find attached.

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Kern Health Systems: CalAIM Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP)

Application - Part A

Section 1: Funding Area – Request Information: *Please note this is an Incentive Payment Program which means funding will be disbursed on a milestone completion basis. Any payment(s) to a provider will be tied to achieving milestones, or defined progress towards goal(s) required by terms of the project and the HHIP application.*

To continue with the application, please summarize your proposal for the funding areas for which you are requesting funding. You may replicate, expand, or omit as needed for each funding area.

A. PROJECT TITLE:			
B. FUNDING AREA(S) OF OPPORTUNITY:		TOTAL FUNDING AMOUNT REQUESTED:	\$
C. TYPE OF PROJECT:		<input type="checkbox"/> NEW	<input type="checkbox"/> ENHANCEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> EXPANSION
D. DESCRIPTION OF NEED:			
E. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Please provide a project description including how it will develop or advance housing and homelessness services. <i>The review committee will closely review and may request additional documentation before making their final decision.</i>			

Section 2: Basic Organization Information

Organization Name:	
Organization Type:	
Organization Mailing Address:	
Tax Identification Number (TIN):	
National Provider Identifier (NPI) (i.e., Type 2 NPI) *Please indicate if your organization does not have an NPI with "N/A"	
Completed By:	
Date:	
Title:	
E-mail Address:	
Phone Number:	

Please indicate whether you are a CURRENT or PROSPECTIVE provider for the following services:		
Street Medicine (Outreach)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective
Mental & Behavioral Health Support Services (Outreach)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective
Prevention & Diversion Services/Programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective
Permanent Housing (Supportive Housing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective
Family/Individual Hotel Emergency Shelter (Interim Housing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective
Non-Congregate Shelter/Housing: YOUTH (Interim Housing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective
Non-Congregate Shelter/Housing: FAMILIES (Interim Housing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective
Non-Congregate Shelter/Housing: INDIVIDUALS (Interim Housing)	<input type="checkbox"/> Current	<input type="checkbox"/> Prospective

Attestation:

Please attest if your organization has or will be requesting funding from other Managed Care Organizations (MCOs), foundations, or other sources to support this project: YES NO

If yes, please provide the following information regarding other funding sources. Add additional lines or attachments as necessary.

Source	Amount	Description	Is request approved?	
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO
			<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO

PROJECT WORKPLAN: Please use this Project Work Plan to outline your project milestone(s)/goal(s), objective(s), and funding amount tied to the specified goal(s). Please also include an evaluation of how you will measure, track, and report the progress or challenges of your milestone(s)/goal(s). You may replicate, expand, or omit as needed for each milestone/goal and funding area entered. *Please Note: KHS reserves the right to modify funding allocations.*

PROJECT WORK PLAN			
Milestone/Goal:		Funding Amount Tied To Milestone/Goal:	\$
Objective(s):			
Project activities that support the identified goal and objective(s):			
Responsible staff/ partners: Below, please list the staff that will be responsible for meeting this milestone/goal.		Timeline	
		Start Date	End Date
Project Evaluation for Milestone/Goal: Please describe your project goals and how you will evaluate success:			
Sustainability Plan for Milestone(s)/Goal: Please describe how the milestone(s)/goal outlined above will support the project's sustainability.			

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PART B: Section 3: Project Budget

Please complete and include with your submission:

- Kern Health Systems: CalAIM HHIP Application - Part B (**PDF version is required for submission.** Excel version is available for use).

In addition to Part A and Part B of the CalAIM HHIP Application, please include the requested additional documentation with your submission:

- Most Recent Fiscal Audit
- 501(c)(3) or Tax Status Designation

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Please Note: The funding recipient may be required to indemnify, defend and hold KHS and KHS' officers, directors, employees, agents, and authorized representatives harmless from and against any and all losses, liabilities, charges, damages, penalties, awards, claims, or costs and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees of counsel retained by KHS, expert fees, costs of staff time, and investigation costs) of whatever kind or nature such as a claim for damages arising as a result of Provider undertaking Incentive Funding activities pursuant to this Agreement, including, but not limited to, any loss by KHS due solely to the acts or omissions of Provider in the performance of this Agreement, or any loss related to the purchase, maintenance, or use of any instrumentality, e.g. a motor vehicle, for which KHS provided any portion of the funds used to purchase said instrumentality.

KHS Housing & Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP) Application Packet Checklist:

<input type="checkbox"/> Application Part A Section 1
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Part A Section 2
<input type="checkbox"/> Application Part B Section 3 (Budget PDF Document)
<input type="checkbox"/> Most Recent Fiscal Audit
<input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) or tax status designation
<input type="checkbox"/> Send by Email to HHIP@khs-net.com on 09/30/2022 by 5pm with attachments listed above. Late submissions will not be accepted.

END OF APPLICATION



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