

B. Carter Consent Calendar BSS 11/15/2022 # 19

Table 4. Outcome Goals

Outcome Goal #1a: Reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness		
Annual estimate of number of people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness	Change in # of People	Change as % of Baseline
368	60	16%
<p><b>Baseline Data:</b></p> <p>Underserved Populations and Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Homelessness</p> <p>Describe any underserved and/ or disproportionately impacted population(s) that your community will especially focus on related to this Outcome Goal and how this focus has been informed by data in your landscape assessment:</p> <p>Homelessness in El Dorado County disproportionately affects Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) populations at a significantly higher rate than is represented in the general Census population. According to the general Census, El Dorado County's population is 1% Black &amp; African American, however there are 3.1% of persons experiencing homelessness are Black or African American. Similarly, American Indian or Alaska Natives comprise only 1.3% of the general population but comprise 2.5% of the homeless population and 8% of the highest vulnerability unsheltered population. However, when evaluating racial disparity in access to services, the 2022 HMS data suggests that for the most part, services are being utilized by all races equitably. For example, Black or African Americans make up 4% of persons experiencing homelessness and 3% of persons accessing programs. Native Americans compose 3% of all persons experiencing homelessness and 3% of persons accessing programs. Goal The County &amp; CoC are focused on reducing the disparities of homeless Black or African American and American Indian or Alaska Natives individuals by the addition of the following services: a) Increase homeless services and intake data points to reach more individuals, including minority populations and capture data more closely. b) Develop In-County 60-bed Navigation Center/Emergency Shelter. c) Provide Wraparound services and Case Management at the Shelter. d) Add Coordinated Entry Access Points in underserved or marginalized communities. e) Increase CoC Board representation, and cultural competency for BIPOC, LGBTQ+, Transitional Age Youth (TAY), youth, and persons with Lived Experiences. f) Increased targeted outreach and prevention and diversion activities. g) Focus on minority populations that reflected a higher representation in unsheltered population in the 2022 PIT Count than El Dorado County Census population and h) increase referrals to services for populations with ongoing population-level and services level discrepancies.</p>		
<p>Target Annual Estimate of # of people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness</p> <p>428</p>		
<p>Outcome Goals July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025</p> <p>Describe the trackable data goal(s) related to this Outcome Goal:</p> <p>Note: Meeting the trackable data goals for the underserved populations is not required for eligibility for Bonus Funds.</p> <p>Track Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data including the By Name List and the total number of persons referred to and accessing services throughout the County/CoC region. This will be verified by biennial Point-in-Time (PIT) Count numbers and tracking the decrease in the total number of people experiencing homelessness.</p>		

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<p>Up to <b>5 percent</b> of an applicant's program allocation may be expended for the following uses that are intended to meet federal requirements for housing funding:</p> <p>(1) <b>Strategic homelessness plan</b>, as defined in section 578.7(c) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p> <p>(2) <b>Infrastructure development</b> to support coordinated entry systems and Homeless Management Information Systems.</p>	<p>Up to <b>5 percent</b> of an applicant's program allocation may be expended for the following uses that are intended to meet federal requirements for housing funding:</p> <p>(1) <b>Strategic homelessness plan</b>, as defined in Section 578.7(c) of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p> <p>(2) <b>Infrastructure development</b> to support coordinated entry systems and Homeless Management Information Systems.</p>	<p>The applicant shall not use more than <b>7 percent</b> of a program allocation for <b>administrative costs</b> incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.</p>	<p>The applicant shall not use more than <b>7 percent</b> of a program allocation for <b>administrative costs</b> incurred by the city, county, or continuum of care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this subdivision, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.</p>

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**CHAPTER 6.5. Housing First and Coordinating Council [§265 - 8267.2] ( Chapter 6 5 added by Stats 2016 Ch 847 Sec 2 )**

**8265.** For purposes of this chapter:

- (a) "Council" means the California Interagency Council on Homelessness, formerly known as the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council established pursuant to Section 8257.
- (b) "Core components of Housing First" means all of the following:
  - (1) Tenant screening and selection practices that promote accepting applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
  - (2) Applicants are not rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, criminal convictions unrelated to tenancy, or behaviors that indicate a lack of "housing readiness."
  - (3) Acceptance of referrals directly from shelters, street outreach, drop-in centers, and other parts of crisis response systems frequented by vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.
  - (4) Supportive services that emphasize engagement and problem solving over therapeutic goals and service plans that are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals.
  - (5) Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of permanent housing tenancy.
  - (6) Tenants have a lease and all the rights and responsibilities of tenancy, as outlined in California's Civil, Health and Safety, and Government codes.
  - (7) **The use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not a reason for eviction.**
  - (8) In communities with coordinated assessment and entry systems, incentives for funding promote tenant selection plans for supportive housing that prioritize eligible tenants based on criteria other than "first-come-first-serve," including, but not limited to, the duration or chronicity of homelessness, vulnerability to early mortality, or high utilization of crisis services. Prioritization may include triage tools, developed through local data, to identify high-cost, high-need homeless residents.
  - (9) Case managers and service coordinators who are trained in and actively employ evidence-based practices for client engagement, including, but not limited to, motivational interviewing and client-centered counseling.
  - (10) **Services are informed by a harm-reduction philosophy that recognizes drug and alcohol use and addiction as a part of tenants' lives, where tenants are engaged in nonjudgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use, and where tenants are offered education regarding how to avoid risky behaviors and engage in safer practices, as well as connected to evidence-based treatment if the tenant so chooses.**
  - (11) The project and specific apartment may include special physical features that accommodate disabilities, reduce harm, and promote health and community and independence among tenants.
- (c) "Homeless" has the same definition as that term is defined in Section 91.5 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- (d) (1) "Housing First" means the evidence-based model that uses housing as a tool, rather than a reward, for recovery and that centers on providing or connecting homeless people to permanent housing as quickly as possible, Housing First providers offer services as needed and requested on a voluntary basis and that do not make housing contingent on participation in services.
- (2) (A) "Housing First" includes time-limited rental or services assistance, so long as the housing and service provider assists the recipient in accessing permanent housing and in securing longer term rental assistance, income assistance, or employment.
  - (B) For time-limited, supportive services programs serving homeless youth, programs should use a positive youth development model and be culturally competent to serve unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age. Providers should work with the youth to engage in family reunification efforts, where appropriate and when in the best interest of the youth. In the event of an eviction, programs shall make every effort, which shall be documented, to link tenants to other stable, safe, decent housing options. Exit to homelessness should be extremely rare, and only after a tenant refuses assistance with housing search, location, and move-in assistance.
- (e) "State programs" means any programs a California state agency or department funds, implements, or administers for the purpose of providing housing or housing-based services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness, with the exception of federally funded programs with requirements inconsistent with this chapter.