



AT HOME Pilot Program

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We have a homelessness crisis in California. Everyone is frustrated, and rightfully so: The public is demanding progress and results.

Frustration and finger-pointing will never solve the problem. Instead, we must confront two fundamental barriers to reducing homelessness:

- *The lack of clearly defined responsibilities for each level of government (state, county, city)*
- *The state's unreliable, one-year-at-a-time funding approach*

This proposal tackles the first barrier and calls on the state to address the second.



GOAL: Pioneer a new statewide model to address and prevent homelessness.

STATE FUNDING

- **Keep what's working:**
Permanently extend \$1 billion per year in HHAP funding, with the increased accountability requirements now being implemented
- **New commitment:**
\$75 million/year for five years to implement the pilot program

METRICS

We'll measure results by tracking the numerical and percentage changes in:

- Homeless populations
 - Overall homeless count
 - Key sub-populations (i.e. sheltered/unsheltered)
- Shelter/transitional/permanent supportive housing
 - Approved
 - Operational
- Californians receiving services or financial support
 - Homeless
 - At risk of becoming homeless

➔ *We will adjust measures in coordination with the state to fit local focus.*

5-YEAR PILOT PROPOSAL

WHERE: COUNTIES AND CITIES THAT JOINTLY OPT-IN

- Must have strong existing working relationships on housing/homelessness.
 - Will include geographically diverse counties of varying population sizes.
- ➔ *We expect there will be up to eight applications from interested county-city partnerships.*

COUNTY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide necessary health and human services.
- Ensure access for homeless individuals, as tied into broader county safety net services.

CITY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Site and fund operations at homeless shelters and transitional housing.
 - Site permanent supportive housing facilities.
- ➔ *All siting must be coordinated with the county to ensure locations tie into safety net services.*



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ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR PILOT PARTICIPANTS:

Streamline Housing Process and Requirements:

- Cities and counties will identify the appropriate locations in their respective jurisdictions where homeless and supportive housing projects would be eligible for:
 - By-Right
 - CEQA exemption
 - Pre-approved plans developed by counties and cities in pilot areas
 - Facilitates approval of initial plans for homelessness/supportive housing projects that meet specific criteria developed by participating counties and cities.
 - Final approval contingent upon complete project applications that meet state laws and local ordinances.
 - Full property tax exemption to fast-track projects that are not financially feasible:
 - Units for homeless or at-risk populations must account for 50% or more of a project.
 - Ex: transitional housing project that is 50% for homeless and those at-risk of homelessness and 50% for workforce or market rate units.
 - Full exemption sunsets after five years, reverting back to partial exemption.
 - RHNA credit:
 - Each supportive housing unit that a jurisdiction approves will receive a 2-unit credit.
 - Each jurisdiction will receive a 2-unit credit for every 10 beds of shelter approved.
- ➡ *Those two credits are split equally between the city and county for joint projects.*



Eliminate Bureaucracy:

- Unified homelessness application and reporting for braided funds (HHAP, Encampment Resolution Funding, etc.).
- ➡ *Expedites funding and services in communities by eliminating numerous lengthy, stand alone applications and reporting requirements.*

