

**SAN FRANCISCO  
LOCAL HOMELESS COORDINATING BOARD**



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Secretary Alexis Podesta  
Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program  
California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council  
State of California Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 350-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Podesta:

The Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB) is pleased to submit this letter in support of the San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing's (HSH) proposal to the State of California's Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program. LHCB endorses HSH's proposal to develop new emergency shelters, navigation centers, and other evidence-based solutions to homelessness in San Francisco.

LHCB is the governing body for the San Francisco Continuum of Care (CoC CA-501). While HSH is the administrative entity for the City, County, and Continuum of Care of San Francisco, LHCB serves as the lead independent body for coordinating homeless policy, McKinney funding, and San Francisco Continuum of Care implementation. LHCB is a nine-member advisory body appointed by the Board of Supervisors, Mayor, and the Controller.

In partnership with HSH, LHCB works to ensure a unified homeless strategy that is supported by the Mayor, the Board of Supervisors, City departments, nonprofit agencies, people who are homeless or formerly homeless and the community at large. Operating within a "Housing First" model, LHCB envisions developing a continuum of services whose ultimate goal is to prevent and eradicate homelessness in the City and County of San Francisco. All efforts of the LHCB are aimed at permanent solutions, and the range of services is designed to meet the unique and complex needs of individuals who are threatened with or currently experiencing homelessness.

Previously in 2018, LHCB served as an integral partner for the successful planning and implementation of State funding through the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP). In 2020, LHCB is once again actively participating in the community planning process for San Francisco's allocation of HHAP funding. For this funding round, LHCB encourages the State of California to fund new emergency shelters and navigation centers to help ensure that vulnerable unhoused San Franciscans have a safe place to stay while they access Coordinated Entry, problem solving, and permanent housing options.

We are excited to partner with HSH and participate in a State funded initiative to address the underlying causes of homelessness in our local community. We strongly support HSH's vision for community engagement, partnership, and systems coordination.

Sincerely,

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