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| **HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM (HEAP)** |
| **PROGRAM OVERVIEW** | * $500 million one-time block grant established in the 2018-2019 State of California budget
* Intended to provide localities with funding to address their immediate homelessness challenges
* 50% obligated by January 1, 2020 and 100% fully expended by June 30, 2021
* Additional guidance can be found on the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council [website](https://www.bcsh.ca.gov/hcfc/aid_program.html)
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| **ELIGIBILE APPLICANTS** | * 43 Continuums of Care
* 11 Largest Cities, with populations of 330,000 or more (as of January 2018)
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| **KEY FUNDING REQUIREMENTS** | * A crisis shelter declaration to be a direct recipient of HEAP funds, additional requirements in HEAP Program Guidance
* A demonstration of collaboration
* At least 5% of the allocation MUST be used to establish or expand programs to meet the needs of youth experiencing homelessness
* Eligible applicants to determine how to expend funds
* All state-funded programs providing housing or housing-based services to people experiencing homelessness to incorporate the core components of Housing First as enumerated in Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8255.
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| **ELIGIBLE USES** | **Services:** Street outreach, health and safety education, criminal justice diversion programs, homelessness prevention activities, and other service activities. **Rental assistance or subsidies:** Housing voucher, rapid re-housing programs, flexible housing subsidy funds, and eviction prevention strategies. **Capital improvements:** Emergency shelter, navigation centers, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, small/tiny houses, and improvements to current structures that serve homeless individuals and families. **Other:** Safe parking, handwashing stations, mobile showers, etc. |
| **FUNDING ALLOCATION** | San Diego City and County Continuum of Care (RTFH):  | $18,821,668.48 |
| City of San Diego: | $14,110,397.95 |
| **GRANT STATUS** | * HCFC disbursed HEAP funds in a one-time disbursement and RTFH received its allocation in
* RTFH conducted community and stakeholder engagement sessions during 2018-2019.
* RTFH awarded all HEAP funds
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| **COVID-19 RESPONSE** | * The state of California has allowed flexibility to allow grantees to use HEAP funds to address COVID-19 needs, however, eligible uses, ineligible uses, expenditure requirements, and statutory requirements must still be adhered to.
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