

Executive Summary

California's Big City Mayors represent the 13 largest cities in the state and nearly 11 million residents. The Big City Mayors have risen to the challenge of addressing California's homelessness crisis, taking a number of actions to reduce unsheltered homelessness and connect more people to housing with HHAP funding, including:

- Standing up capacity for nearly **16,000** shelter beds, and interim and permanent housing units;
- Serving over **120,000** clients with shelter, permanent housing, rapid rehousing and services;
- Placing nearly **20,000** clients into temporary and permanent housing interventions;
- Created over **5,000** new homes through **Homekey**;
- Setting aggressive accountability goals to reduce unsheltered homelessness by **14,000** individuals and increase people exiting to permanent housing to house nearly **35,000** people by 2025.

We thank the State for its tremendous leadership in working with California's Big City Mayors by approving this desperately needed funding and for their partnership in taking on this life saving work.

Together, we can end homelessness.



Los Angeles, San Diego, San Jose, San Francisco, Fresno, Sacramento, Long Beach, Oakland, Bakersfield, Anaheim, Stockton, Riverside, Irvine

15,755



Increased
Bed Capacity

121,170



People Served

5,101



Homes Created
with Homekey

The Ask

The California Big City Mayors need increased and sustained funding to meet the need posed by California's homelessness and housing affordability crises. We respectfully ask for:

\$2 Billion
in Annual Ongoing
Funding Through HHAP

\$1.5 Billion
in Additional Homekey
to Fund All Applications

*"I just can't believe this is happening.
Gosh, you couldn't even get on a
housing list before."*

Connie, City of Stockton Homekey Resident

Leave No Home on the Table

California's Big City Mayors have created 5,101 new homes through Homekey. Currently, Homekey Round 3 is accepting applications and has \$736 million available, and California's big cities are looking to apply **to create at minimum 2,328 new homes.** The California Big City Mayors coalition is asking the Governor and legislature to consider allocating **\$1.5 billion in additional funding for Homekey,** to ensure no housing units are left on the table and all applications can be awarded.

Getting It Done

California's large cities are leading the way on accountability. Collectively our cities have submitted Local Homelessness Action Plans proposing to **reduce unsheltered homelessness by 16% overall or 13,963 people by 2025.** Additionally, our cities are committed to **increasing exits to permanent housing by 16% or an additional 4,657 people, increasing the total people housed by our cities each year to 34,735 by the goal year of 2025.**

ACCOUNTABILITY FRAMEWORK

As the State debates the proper approach for accountability around HHAP, other state homelessness funds, and overall on making progress on homelessness and reducing encampments, we ask you to consider the following:

- **Keep the Uses for HHAP Funding FLEXIBLE.**
- **FOCUS** goal setting on reducing unsheltered homelessness, and exiting more people to permanent housing.
- **RELEASE** \$360 million in bonus funds that have already been budgeted by the legislature.
- Track and report data on uses that **INCREASE BED AND UNIT CAPACITY.**
- **REQUIRE** disbursement of HHAP funding by no later than January 1.
- Consider granting **LAND USE WAIVERS** to city projects funded by HHAP.
- **STABILIZE** allocations so that funding doesn't sharply shift.
- **CLARIFY** that all HHAP recipients can and should focus investments where the biggest impact can be made, in big cities.

