

**HOMELESS HOUSING, ASSISTANCE, AND PREVENTION PROGRAM ROUND 6
JOINT APPLICATION AND REGIONALLY COORDINATED HOMELESSNESS
ACTION PLAN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN
THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO AND THE MENDOCINO COUNTY HOMELESS
SERVICES CONTINUUM OF CARE**

BACKGROUND

The State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (“HCD”) issued the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (“HHAP”) Round 6 (HHAP-6) Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) dated February 24, 2025, as authorized by Section 13 of AB 166 (Chapter 48, Statutes of 2024; Health & Safety Code (HSC) Section 50239, et seq.), which was signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom on July 2, 2024. Through this NOFA, block grants have been made available to all California Counties and all California Continuums of Care (hereinafter referred to collectively as “jurisdictions”) to address homelessness within their geographic coverage areas.

PURPOSE OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Geographic coverage areas or regions, defined by HCD as a county and the Continuum of Care (CoC) within it, are required to apply together for HHAP-6 and jointly complete a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (“RCHAP”). The COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, hereinafter referred to as the “COUNTY”, and the MENDOCINO COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES CONTINUUM OF CARE, hereinafter referred to as the “COC,” are the eligible applicants and are defined as one region. The COUNTY and the COC may receive their allocation directly from the Council and serve as their own Administrative Entity, or they may designate an eligible applicant in their region to serve as their Administrative Entity. This indicates to the Council which eligible applicant will contract with the State to receive and administer allocations.

Through this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the COUNTY and the COC agree:

1. to submit a joint application for HHAP-6 funds through the RCHAP.
2. the COUNTY will administer the COC’s allocation of HHAP-6 funds as the Administrative Entity for the COC.
3. Members of the COC will be included in procurement processes for HHAP-6 subrecipients and budget amendments.

This MOU sets forth the roles and responsibilities of the COUNTY and COC for the submission of the Plan, local administration of funds, and oversight of fiscal and programmatic aspects of the use of HHAP-6 funds and local collaboration on the implementation of the Plan.

DECLARATIONS

1. The COUNTY and COC have a shared interest in addressing and remediating homelessness within Mendocino County.
2. The COUNTY and COC have a longstanding history of collaborating on the development and implementation of plans and strategies for addressing homelessness.
3. The COC serves as the regional collaborative entity that makes funding determinations for many homeless assistance programs and supports the homeless service system of care in Mendocino County.
4. The intent of HHAP-6 funding is to support local jurisdictions in their unified response to reduce and address homelessness.
5. The COUNTY and the COC are each eligible to apply for allocations of HHAP-6 funding.
6. The COUNTY and the COC are required to submit a joint application for HHAP-6 funds.
7. A RCHAP has been developed collaboratively by the COUNTY and the COC.
8. The COC has designated the COUNTY to serve as the Administrative Entity for HHAP-6 funds received by the COC.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

The Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan shall be reflected in a MOU committing each signatory to participation in, and to comply with, the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan. This MOU is intended to fulfill these statutory requirements.

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This MOU commits the COUNTY and COC to uphold, participate in, and comply with the actions, roles, and responsibilities of each eligible applicant in the region as described in the attached HHAP-6 RCHAP (Exhibit A) and summarized below.

1. Commitments to the roles and responsibilities of the COUNTY and the COC as they pertain to outreach and site coordination, siting and use of available land, development of shelter, interim and permanent housing options, coordination of and connection to service delivery, policies for addressing encampments, Housing Element compliance and implementation, Prohousing designation, housing law violations, surplus land, and Housing Element Annual Progress Reports. See Section 3.a. in the HHAP-6 RCHAP.
2. Commitments to Key Actions the COUNTY and the COC will take to improve the system performance measures and ensure racial and gender equity in service delivery, housing placements, housing retention, and any other means to affirm equitable access to housing and services for racial and ethnic groups

overrepresented among residents experiencing homelessness. See Section 3.b. in the HHAP-6 RCHAP (Exhibit A).

The COUNTY hereby agrees to:

1. Uphold, participate in, and comply with the actions, roles, and responsibilities of each eligible applicant and jurisdiction in the region as described in the Plan. The Plan is attached to this MOU as Exhibit A.
2. Coordinate activities necessary to apply for and receive HHAP-6 funds, including coordinating and submitting the RCHAP.
3. Accept disbursement of and administer the COC's HHAP-6 allocation totaling \$943,276.82.
4. Verify and retain documentation of HHAP-6 uses and expenditures as required by the State of California and the HHAP-6 program.
5. Respond appropriately to any program-specific audit or monitoring requests from the HHAP-6 program, the County, or any other relevant authority.
6. Generate and submit all fiscal and programmatic reports required by the HHAP-6 program, submitting these to the COC Governing Board for review prior to submission to the funding program.

This MOU shall commence upon the date signed and shall terminate on June 30, 2029, or until all obligations to the HHAP-6 program have been fulfilled.

By signature below, the undersigned representatives for each partner entity confirm that they are authorized to enter into this MOU on behalf of their respective agency and agree to the terms set forth herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF

DEPARTMENT FISCAL REVIEW:

By: DeNeese Parker
DeNeese Parker, Social Services Director

Date: Mar 10, 2026

Budgeted: No
Budget Unit: N/A
Line Item: N/A
Org/Object Code: N/A
Grant: Yes
Grant No.: TBD - HHAP-6 CoC and County Allocations

COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

By: _____
BERNIE NORVELL, Chair
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Date: _____

ATTEST:

DARCIE ANTLE, Clerk of said Board

By: _____
Deputy

I hereby certify that according to the provisions of Government Code section 25103, delivery of this document has been made.

DARCIE ANTLE, Clerk of said Board

By: _____
Deputy

INSURANCE REVIEW:

By: Darcie Antle
Risk Management

Date: 03/06/2026

MENDOCINO COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES CONTINUUM OF CARE

By: Paul Davis
Paul Davis, MCHSCoC Governing Board Chair

Date: Mar 10, 2026

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR:

Mendocino County Homeless Services
Continuum of Care
747 South State Street
Ukiah, CA 95482
707-961-0172 ext. 11
paul@mendocinochc.org

By signing above, signatory warrants and represents that he/she executed this Agreement in his/her authorized capacity and that by his/her signature on this Agreement, he/she or the entity upon behalf of which he/she acted, executed this Agreement

COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
By: Lori Paul
COUNTY COUNSEL

Date: 03/06/2026

EXECUTIVE OFFICE/FISCAL REVIEW:

By: Jana Kern
Deputy CEO or Designee

Date: 03/06/2026

Signatory Authority: \$0-25,000 Department; \$25,001- 75,000 Purchasing Agent; \$75,001+ Board of Supervisors
Exception to Bid Process Required/Completed N/A- MOU
Mendocino County Business License: Valid
Exempt Pursuant to MCC Section: Located within city limits in Mendocino County

Section 3. Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan

Guidance

Applicants must submit a Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan (Plan) that fully complies with HSC section 50240(c). This Plan shall lay out a strategic approach to address homelessness within the region, emphasizing collaborative efforts among participating applicants.

In developing the HHAP 6 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plans, regions should build upon their approved HHAP 5 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plans. This means regions should leverage and update information from their approved HHAP 5 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan in corresponding sections of the proposed HHAP 6 Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan.

3.a. Regional Partners’ Roles and Responsibilities

3.a.1. Outreach and Site Coordination

Eligible Applicant	Describe roles and responsibilities in outreach to individuals experiencing, or at risk of experiencing, homelessness in the region, and in coordination on siting of services, shelters, and interim and permanent housing in the region
Mendocino County CoC	<p>Mendocino CoC (CA-509) will support Outreach Activities to people experiencing homelessness through funding allocations and develop community-wide policy and procedure guidelines for the provision of Street Outreach services. HHAP Round 4 funds are used to support 3 Outreach Worker contracts for Homeless Outreach Team staffing. One project is dedicated to providing Street Outreach to persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness on the Mendocino Coast, and CA-509 is seeking ways to expand Street Outreach services to serve the entire jurisdiction. HHAP Rounds 4 and 5 will be allocated to, where possible, implement strategies that improve infrastructure needs such as public restrooms, personal storage of important documents/items, safe outdoor spaces, and accessible transportation. These infrastructure supports will be embedded as best practices into the CoC Street Outreach Written Standards, which are currently being developed. CA-509 will support Outreach Activities to people at risk of experiencing homelessness through collaboration with the Front Door for Families Program, Family Resource Centers, Food Banks, Soup Kitchens, and other similar providers to provide education on available resources and to provide HHAP funding for Homelessness Prevention services. These aforementioned providers can refer people at risk of homelessness to the HHAP-funded providers for service coordination and possible financial assistance. One impactful HHAP-funded project is the Housing Needs Flex Fund operated by Mendocino County Social Services, which provides flexible bridge funding through financial assistance for homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing. Local housing navigators have direct access to submitting HNFF requests when serving someone who has not been prioritized through the Coordinated Entry System but has identified an immediate solution to resolve their housing crisis. CA-509 will also expand the mandatory training topics for CoC/ESG/HHAP grantees/recipients to provide education and training on person-centered and trauma-informed care, cultural humility, unconscious bias, equity, historical trauma, long-term trust-building, and honoring diverse Tribal practices to improve staff empathy and confidence when engaging all persons experiencing homelessness. These training courses should be part of onboarding and include annual refreshers to maintain relevance and reinforce best practices. Adopting train-the-trainer models</p>

	<p>across agencies can promote sustainability and consistency in service delivery. Client feedback mechanisms will also be implemented to evaluate whether providers are demonstrating cultural competence in practice. Additionally, CA-509 will provide outreach workers and housing navigators who bring lived experience and cultural competency with job readiness training to support long-term employment goals, prioritizing individuals who reflect the demographics of the communities they serve. To ensure consistency and effectiveness, CA-509 will implement standardized training protocols and expand its Learning Management System to include a shared resource library that contains materials to support coordinated service delivery and clear referral pathways. Embed these navigators in trusted community hubs, such as health clinics, schools, and tribal centers. As visible and trusted figures, position outreach workers as ambassadors of the homelessness strategy and advocates for peer-led service models within the broader community. This increases accessibility and trust.</p> <p>It is essential to develop collaborations across Tribal and non-Tribal agencies, which are demonstrated to lead to stronger outcomes. CA-509 is actively developing collaborations with Tribal Nations and the agencies and providers that serve them, which will focus on developing creative solutions from tribal communities, such as housing additions, blended funding, and negotiated hotel rates that are necessary to address common barriers to housing such as overcrowding, lack of ADA-compliant units, and discriminatory rental practices. These collaborations must be rooted in cultural humility and respect for tribal sovereignty and the need for reciprocal engagement—not data extraction expectations without working to establish a relationship with each Tribe and provider. These collaborations will explore ways to support maintaining families within Tribal communities and resisting forced displacement by providing greater flexibility in funding to address immediate and culturally specific needs using peer leadership, lived experience, and Tribal-led models.</p>
Mendocino County	<p>Mendocino County, in partnership with local first responder organizations, facilitates the Heads-Up Project. The goal of the project is to create a pathway for law enforcement and first responder agencies to connect individuals to behavioral health and social services rather than jail. Approximately 30% of Heads Up referrals are for literally homeless individuals. Response occurs through contracted Homeless Outreach Team members working in partnership with Mobile Co-Response teams staffed by behavioral health staff, and the Mobile Outreach and Prevention Services (MOPS) Team serves our outlying rural and isolated communities.</p> <p>Action 4.3d of Mendocino County’s Housing element states the County’s Department of Social Services (MCDSS) coordinates homeless services via the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care (CoC). MCDSS works with the CoC to implement a coordinated approach to homelessness, meeting monthly to identify and obtain funding to assist families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. PBS continues to monitor CoC meetings for opportunities to provide support.</p>

3.a.2. Siting and Use of Available Land

Eligible Applicant	Describe how the Eligible Applicant will coordinate efforts to identify and promote use of available land for the production of interim or permanent housing in the region
Mendocino County CoC	<p>As Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) is a non-legal entity, it cannot deed land or enter into development agreements, and the Mendocino County Social Services Department serves as its Administrative Entity. As such, CA-509 will support efforts for the siting of land and promote its use for the production of interim and permanent housing through advocacy, community engagement, and policy reform. CA-509 is made up of 38 organizations and individuals in Mendocino County who are vested in addressing homelessness in our community. These members have appointed a Governing Board that is responsible for ensuring CA-509 meets its regulatory responsibilities established in 24 CFR 578, which includes establishing and consistently following written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance. These written standards are actively being revised for multiple reasons, including adding land acquisition and development necessary to expand services to address the full scope of the homelessness crisis. CA-509 will advocate for the integration of other communities within the jurisdiction for the production of interim and permanent housing options outside of the largest populated regions and collaboration across sectors, geographies, and communities when jurisdictions are planning housing development projects. CA-509 will collaborate with tribal leadership and encourage local jurisdictions to follow suit, to co-design housing models that honor cultural values, support multigenerational living, and reinforce Tribal Sovereignty. Additionally, building partnerships with Native-led organizations will ensure that outreach, intake, and supportive services remain culturally grounded and respectful of Tribal communities. CA-509 will implement the Critical Time Intervention (CTI) model system-wide in all its Rapid Re-Housing and Permanent Housing projects to assist individuals to remain stably housed. This process will also implement a system to track and re-engage individuals after housing placement. Create follow-up protocols, including a formal review process at 6, 12, and 24 months post-housing to monitor stability and offer continued support. Leverage technology, including text alerts and digital check-ins, to maintain engagement with formerly homeless individuals. Additionally, offer opportunities for peer mentorship and support groups to combat social isolation and promote long-term housing retention. CA-509 will revise its Rapid Re-Housing Written Standards to accommodate these expanded protocols and timelines to ensure the standards allow for added flexibility for support extensions.</p>
Mendocino County	<p>Mendocino County publishes a list of surplus land to be made available for purchase to housing developers in its Housing Element Annual Progress Report (Table H). The Housing Element, published on Mendocino County's website, includes a Residential Sites Inventory of parcels identified as potentially supportive of more dwelling units.</p>

3.a.3. Development of Shelter, Interim and Permanent Housing Options

Eligible Applicant	Describe your engagement with housing developers, including developers of permanent supportive housing, to coordinate the financing of interim and permanent housing
Mendocino County CoC	<p>As Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) is a non-legal entity, it cannot deed land or enter into development agreements, and the Mendocino County Social Services Department serves as its Administrative Entity. As such, CA-509 will support the coordination of financing for the development of interim and permanent housing options by allocating funds awarded to CA-509 to develop new interim housing sites and affordable housing units for people experiencing homelessness. CA-509 will further support the improvement of site and service operations, including equity considerations, through project monitoring and performance measurement. CA-509 will provide letters of support for funding requests submitted by local Jurisdictions and Developers to produce additional interim and permanent housing options in Mendocino County. CA-509 will also engage in the reformation of policies directing the operations of interim and permanent housing options. To better engage with developers and to garner public support for interim permanent supportive housing, CA-509 is developing a strategic communication campaign that highlights both individual and system-level successes—such as family reunifications, job placements, and housing retention—to combat stigma and change the narrative around homelessness. To implement this campaign, CA-509 will partner with local media outlets, schools, and faith-based organizations to amplify these messages as well as host public events like Homelessness Awareness Week or Housing First Celebration Days to engage the broader community and recognize milestones. One of the primary objectives of this campaign is to bridge the divide between public perception and the reality of homelessness. To bridge this gap, CA-509’s public website includes snapshots from and links to the HDIS data dashboards. CA-509 is also partnering with a consultant for HMIS Administration support that includes a Data Quality Scorecard that will allow HMIS project administrators to better evaluate their HMIS data quality. System-wide and project-focused Data Quality Scorecards will be shared publicly to better inform the public on the impact of homeless services. CA-509 will continue to explore ways to ensure these data sources are transparent, accessible, and share real-time or quarterly data on housing placements, service utilization, and outcomes. To humanize the numbers, include personal stories that reflect the lived experiences of those served.</p>
Mendocino County	<p>Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) is utilizing funding from the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing, Mental Health Services Act, Behavioral Health Services Act, and Transitional Rents to identify flexible, voucher-based interim and permanent housing options for persons with serious mental illnesses who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Additionally, BHRS is expanding access to behavioral health care, including tailored services for those adjusting to independent living. Services include structured post-housing support groups that focus on life skills, conflict resolution, and trauma recovery, as well as regular wellness checks and social engagement. BHRS equips all staff with basic training in mental health screening and referral processes to ensure early identification and intervention for those in need.</p> <p>Mendocino County has implemented an AB-210 Homeless Multi-Disciplinary Personnel Team Protocol. Mendocino County is partnering with Mendocino County CoC (CA-509), the only other Eligible Applicant in the jurisdiction, to</p>

implement a Homeless Multi-Disciplinary Team Case Conference, when requested, to facilitate communication between homeless service providers, housing developers and property managers, coordinated entry list managers and matching team, healthcare and behavioral health providers, and other service providers outside of CA-509's HMIS and CES processes that do not meet the needs of HIPAA-compliant organizations. Through improved communication, Mendocino County hopes to decrease the time it takes to move people off the streets and into interim and permanent housing.

In FY 2024-25, Mendocino County utilized \$6,591,778 of Multifamily Housing Program Disaster Relief (MHP-DR) funds in collaboration with the City of Ukiah to support the development of 71 new affordable housing units at Acorn Valley Plaza. While this project is not dedicated to nor gives preference to persons experiencing homelessness, a significant portion of new tenants exited homelessness when they moved into Acorn Valley Plaza. This was a result of high visibility of site construction, significant marketing of the project, and outreach to Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) service providers before the project began accepting pre-applications.

Mendocino County remains available and eager to work with existing and new affordable housing developers to support new opportunities. Mendocino County continues to offer technical expertise to all interested parties wishing to learn more about supportive housing and what incentives may be available. Interest has generally been limited. Planning and Building Services provides a list of financial resources for housing on their website at <https://www.mendocinocounty.gov/departments/planning-building-services/grants-and-financial-resources>.

3.a.4. Coordination of and Connection to Service Delivery

Eligible Applicant	Describe how the Eligible Applicant is coordinating, connecting, and delivering services - including Mental Health Services Act or Behavioral Health Services Act within the region - to individuals experiencing homelessness, or at risk of experiencing homelessness.
Mendocino County CoC	<p>Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) will lead local HHAP funding planning processes for housing and service delivery. CA-509 will continue to oversee the Coordinated Entry System and monitor client flow through the homeless services system using Stella M to identify areas of improvement. CA-509 will continue its outreach to local community leaders and providers on how to engage in the CoC planning processes, refer persons experiencing homelessness to the homeless services system, and include new PSH projects in the Coordinated Entry System (e.g., NPLH). For the last three years, CA-509 has made drastic improvements and expansion of its Coordinated Entry System, which has more than tripled the rate of CoC PSH tenant-based rental assistance lease-up rates. CA-509 will provide HMIS access and administrative and training support to MHSA and BHSA providers in compliance with AB 977 and other State legislation and regulations.</p> <p>CA-509 is exploring ways to improve procurement processes for homeless-related funding to expand communication of funding opportunities to more eligible entities, including all CoC member organizations and every Tribal Government in the region. CA-509 has implemented minimum outcome thresholds in all its subawards of funding through HHAP Rounds 3-5 so as to increase the outcome and funding utilization accountability and transparency. CA-509 will have discussions of project-specific and system-wide performance during public forums and meetings to increase transparency, communication, and accountability in funding use.</p> <p>Every stakeholder group, including people experiencing homelessness, expressed during public Stakeholder Engagement Sessions the need for improved supports in securing income (e.g. SSI, employment). To address this, CA-509 is advocating for improvements in the General Assistance and Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) to better assist people with SSI/SSDI applications and essential supports while awaiting benefits issuance. CA-509 will continue to pursue building a partnership with the Workforce Alliance of the North Bay. CA-509 is pursuing this partnership to identify and develop employment pathways for justice-involved people experiencing homelessness. CA-509 seeks this partnership to build collaborations with employers and day labor agencies to identify income instability early and connect individuals to emergency resources before a crisis escalates.</p> <p>CA-509 is working on improving its information handouts and online resources, which are designed to help people experiencing homelessness navigate complex systems, including the Behavioral Health Services Act and other Behavioral Health services. CA-509 is actively collaborating with local Cal AIM Community Supports providers to implement improved housing navigation strategies that bring a holistic approach to care coordination and address systemic breakdowns in case management, follow-up, and aftercare. Through these partnerships, CA-509 will seek to identify potential ways homeless service providers can access sustained administrative support resources.</p> <p>CA-509 is in the contract development process with a local consultant with lived experience of homelessness to coordinate the development of a CoC</p>

	<p>Lived Expertise Advisory Board (LEAB) comprised of people who are or have recently experienced homelessness. The LEAB will facilitate meaningful engagement of individuals with lived experience by providing compensation in the form of stipends, gift cards, or job roles that align with CoC activities. Their contributions should be integrated into decision-making processes, not limited to storytelling or advisory input. Employment pathways such as community cleanup and peer outreach can serve as both workforce development opportunities and valuable components of the homelessness response system, reinforcing the importance of their lived expertise in shaping CoC governance. The LEAB will provide feedback and recommendations on existing CoC policies, service delivery methods, and many other areas. The LEAB will be tasked with identifying where to implement or expand peer support roles and provide feedback on potential ways the local system can support expansion of volunteer and entrepreneurial opportunities.</p>
<p>Mendocino County</p>	<p>Mendocino County Department of Social Services, through its Special Projects Team, assists local residents who have lost any vital documents to obtain new ones, including birth certificates, social security cards, and identification. This service was developed in response to feedback from housing navigators and care managers that the lack of vital documents is a barrier to employment attainment and housing placement, especially for people born outside of California.</p> <p>Mendocino County’s Behavioral Health Department intends to release a local Request for Proposals in the fall of 2025 through their BHSA allocation, specifically soliciting local CBOs to provide interim shelter, services, and support to homeless individuals eligible for behavioral health services.</p>

3.a.5. Policies for Addressing Encampments

Eligible Applicants without a current and formal policy to address encampments that fully or partially complies with the Cal ICH Guidance on Addressing Encampments must complete the following:

Eligible Applicant	Describe existing efforts to address encampments	Does the Eligible Applicant actively commit to adopt a policy that complies with the Cal ICH Guidance on Addressing Encampment?	Provide a specific timeline, including dates, for future adoption of formal policies that comply with the Cal ICH Guidance on Addressing Encampments.
Mendocino County CoC	Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) is supporting encampment protocol development with the County of Mendocino and other local jurisdictions by providing technical assistance on Cal ICH guidance, facilitating stakeholder engagement feedback, and sharing best practices from other rural California counties. CA-509 is working to ensure local encampment policies comply in part or in whole with the Cal ICH Guidance on Addressing Encampments, and center Housing First principles, with performance metrics for accountability. CA-509 Governing Board is actively reviewing the Cal ICH Guidance on Addressing Encampments for adoption by all CoC, ESG, and HHAP-funded Street Outreach providers.	Yes	Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) will discuss adopting encampment engagement policies using the Cal ICH Guidance on Addressing Encampments. A Sample policy for addressing encampments based on the Cal ICH Guidance was presented to the CA-509 Governing Board at its September 15, 2025, meeting. Once a policy is approved, CA-509 encampment policies will be integrated into all CoC, ESG, and HHAP-funded street outreach projects and adopted as best practices in the forthcoming CoC Street Outreach Written Standards. CA-509 will also engage with local jurisdictions in collaboration with other Eligible Applicants in the jurisdiction (County of Mendocino) to adopt similar encampment policies, especially for local law enforcement agencies.
Mendocino County	Mendocino County, in partnership with local first responder organizations, facilitates the Heads-Up Project. The goal of the project is to create a pathway for law enforcement and first responder agencies to connect individuals to behavioral health and social	Yes	Mendocino County hopes to establish a countywide coordination protocol that outlines a formal policy regarding addressing encampments within its jurisdiction by September 30, 2026. A draft coordination protocol is being developed using guidance from

	<p>services rather than jail. Approximately 30% of Heads Up referrals are for literally homeless individuals. Response occurs through contracted Homeless Outreach Team members working in partnership with Mobile Co-Response teams staffed by behavioral health staff, and the Mobile Outreach and Prevention Services (MOPS) Team serves our outlying rural and isolated communities.</p>		<p>Mendocino County CoC and Cal ICH. Below is a timeline for the milestones to achieve this goal:</p> <p>By April 30, 2026: Complete outreach and engagement with Mendocino County Sheriff's Office to determine preferred pathway to compliance. Pathway options include 1) review and revision of MCSO Standard Operating Procedures to meet HHAP 6 expectations; 2) development of a compliant standalone Encampment Coordination Protocol that would establish outreach and engagement efforts in advance of an enforcement action; or 3) development of an Encampment Ordinance to be approved by Board of Supervisors.</p> <p>By May 31, 2026: Draft policy document completed and circulated for feedback amongst stakeholders.</p> <p>By June 30, 2026: Final policy document submitted for routing, review and approval through the County's Contract Management system. (Cobblestone) This step will only be necessary if pathway 2 or 3 is selected.</p> <p>By September 30, 2026: Final policy documents approved by Board of Supervisors, if necessary.</p>
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3.a.6. Housing Element Compliance

Large City or county Eligible Applicant	Is this Eligible Applicant's Housing Element Compliant?	If not compliant, provide a timeline for all relevant milestones to achieve compliance (refer to Guidance and Example timeline and milestones for required level of detail).
Mendocino County	Yes	N/A

3.a.7. Housing Element Implementation

Large City or county Eligible Applicant	Has this Eligible Applicant implemented all programs in their adopted Housing Element on the timelines identified therein?	If not, provide a specific timeline and plan with dates to implement the past due programs.
Mendocino County	No	HCD reviewed high-priority programs from the County through the HEI program. HCD sent a letter of Inquiry to the County requesting timeline for completion of Programs 3.1C, 3.5A, 3.5C, 4.2B, and 6.2D on October 8th. Mendocino County provided responses November 10th. Responses are under review and will be completed in December.

3.a.8. Prohousing Designation

Large City or county Eligible Applicant	Current Prohousing Designation Status	For Eligible Applicants that have not yet applied, list the Prohousing Policies (as described in the Prohousing application) that they have adopted or plan to adopt in the future.
Mendocino County	Plans to apply for Prohousing Designation.	<p>The City of Ukiah is the only jurisdiction in Mendocino County officially listed as having the Prohousing designation.</p> <p>Mendocino County has not yet applied for Prohousing Designation but is considering it. Mendocino County has adopted several key policies that align with state Prohousing criteria:</p> <p>Mendocino County has adopted a compliant Housing Element and has submitted legally sufficient Annual Progress Reports every year thus far in this (6th) RHNA cycle). Mendocino County’s inland zoning is quite permissive, allowing residential uses by right on nearly every parcel; no rezoning was necessary to remain in compliance with Gov Code 65583, subdivision (c)(1), and 65584.09, subdivision (a) – there are sufficient sites to accommodate over 150% of the RHNA targets (however, constraints related to water availability and fire risk remain serious concerns). As far as Mendocino County is aware, it is in full compliance with the housing laws referenced in the “Threshold Requirements Checklist” of the Prohousing Designation Program</p>

Application linked above.

Mendocino County has not yet reviewed its treatment of homeless encampments on public property in the context of the Prohousing Designation but intends to do so.

In addition to state ADU requirements, Mendocino County allows for other alternatives to accommodate higher densities in single family areas, including “Second Residential Units.”

Most residential development projects are allowed by-right, and so only subject to ministerial building permit approvals, statutorily exempt from CEQA, that generally take 6-8 weeks. Many coastal residential developments are only subject to streamlined, ministerial permit processes as well (SFDs in Categorical Exclusion Zones are not subject to CDPs, and ADUs are typically subject to Ministerial CDPs). Mendocino County intends to seek even more streamlining for coastal residential projects in its LCP update; the inland zoning code is already highly streamlined and nearly free of subjective standards.

It is not the practice of Mendocino County to require more than three hearings for a project. Barring an appeal or continuation, typically at most one is required (with a second required in the Town of Mendocino). Projects with ground disturbance may also be subject to one or two reviews at Archeological Commission meetings, but it is not clear if these count as public hearings within the context of the Prohousing Designation Application and in any event Mendocino County intends to disband the Archeological Commission and replace it with a more streamlined process.

3.a.9. Housing Law Violations

Eligible Applicant	Does this Eligible Applicant have any potential or actual housing law violations with HCD's Housing Accountability Unit or the Attorney General's Housing Justice Team?	If yes, provide a specific timeline and plan with dates to resolve the issue.
Mendocino County	No	N/A

3.a.10. Surplus Land

Eligible Applicant	Has this Eligible Applicant made a central inventory of all surplus land and all lands in excess of their foreseeable needs as required by Government Code section 54230?	If not, the Eligible Applicant must provide a specific timeline and plan with dates to create such an inventory.
Mendocino County	Has a central inventory.	N/A

3.a.11. Annual Progress Report

Eligible Applicant	Has this Eligible Applicant submitted a timely and complete annual progress report for at a minimum, the past two years?
Mendocino County	Yes

3.b. System Performance Measures Improvement Plan

Key Actions to Improve the Region's CA SPMs

Key Action 1.

Key Action
Fully fund all existing HHAP-6 eligible Interim Housing projects at the current capacity through June 30, 2029

Identify the CA SPM(s) that will be improved by this Key Action and how.

CA SPM	Specific description of how the Key Action will improve this CA SPM
1b. The number of people experiencing unsheltered homelessness	By maintaining our existing Interim Housing capacity, we will continue to make progress in connecting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness with interim housing beds.

Clear metric for how success of the Key Action will be measured
There will be no reductions in the number of year-round, non-overflow emergency shelter beds identified in the 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Housing Inventory Counts

Lead entity for the Key Action
Mendocino County CoC
Collaborating entity/ies
Mendocino County, Ford Street Project, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, Redwood Community Services, Project Sanctuary, Fort Bragg Police Department, City of Fort Bragg, City of Ukiah.

Milestones for the Key Action	Target dates for milestones
The 2026 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) will demonstrate that all existing, year-round, non-overflow, site-based, Housing First-compliant emergency shelter beds will be maintained	1/31/2026
The 2027 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) will demonstrate that all existing, year-round, non-overflow, site-based, Housing First-compliant emergency shelter beds will be maintained	1/31/2027
The 2028 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) will demonstrate that all existing, year-round, non-overflow, site-based, Housing First-compliant emergency shelter beds will be maintained	1/31/2028
The 2029 Housing Inventory Count (HIC) will demonstrate that all existing, year-round, non-overflow, site-based, Housing First-compliant emergency shelter beds will be maintained	1/31/2029

Target date for completing the Key Action
6/30/2029

Funding Sources for Key Action	Description of how the funding will contribute to the achievement of the Key Action	For HHAP 6-funded Key Actions only: Eligible use category to fund this Key Action.
Emergency Solutions Grant	100% of ESG Funds support the operation of the Building Bridges Emergency Shelter and a Rapid Re-Housing Project operated by the same provider, which is the largest congregate shelter in the jurisdiction	
Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) Program Round 3	Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing: Support will be provided to local shelters, including one year-round non-congregate shelter for DV survivors, and one weather-based non-congregate shelter so these beds remain available to unsheltered households	
HHAP-3	System Supports: Funding is being used to support services coordination through Coordinated Entry System referrals conducted by Redwood Community Services. Funding is also being used to support existing CES List Management services, which has decreased the length of time people experience homelessness between project intake and housing move-in and increased the number of successful housing placements into existing Permanent Supportive Housing projects.	
HHAP-4	Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing: Support will be provided to local congregate shelters so these beds remain available to unsheltered households	
HHAP-4	Services Coordination: Funding provided to Redwood Community Services to operate the Homeward Bound Projects, which provides transportation assistance to persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness to relocate to areas outside of the jurisdiction, only after verification of housing and personal supports has been confirmed.	
HHAP-4	Street Outreach: Funding used to fund 2 part-time Independent Contractors and one non-profit organization to provide street outreach services to engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to assist with care coordination and referral to emergency shelter projects.	
HHAP-4	System Supports: Funding is being used to support services coordination through Coordinated Entry System referrals conducted by Redwood Community Services. Funding is also being used to support existing CES List Management services, which has decreased the length of time people experience homelessness between project intake and housing move-in and increased the number of successful housing placements into existing Permanent Supportive Housing projects.	

HHAP-5	Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing: Funding used to support operating subsidies of local shelters, including one year-round non-congregate shelter for DV survivors, and one weather-based non-congregate shelter so these beds remain available to unsheltered households	
HHAP-5	Services Coordination: Funding is being used to support existing CES List Management services, which has decreased the length of time people experience homelessness between project intake and housing move-in and increased the number of successful housing placements into existing Permanent Supportive Housing projects.	
HHAP-5	Street Outreach: Funding used to fund 2 part-time Independent Contractors and one non-profit organization to provide street outreach services to engage people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to assist with care coordination and referral to emergency shelter projects.	
HHAP-6	Operating Expenses - Interim Housing: Operating expense support will be provided to local congregate shelters, including one year-round non-congregate shelter for DV survivors, and one weather-based non-congregate shelter so these beds remain available to unsheltered households	Operating Expenses - Interim Housing
HHAP-6	YSA: Operating Subsidies – Interim Housing: Funding used to support operating subsidies of an existing family emergency shelter	YSA - Operating Expenses - Interim Housing
CalWORKs	The CalWORKs Temporary Housing Assistance Program provides motel vouchers for up to 16 nights for CalWORKs-eligible families experiencing homelessness.	
Mental Health Services Act and Behavioral Health Services Act.	Mental Health Services Act Full Service Partner funding is used to provide a wide variety of services to eligible participants, including interim housing interventions when needed.	
Disability Benefits Advocacy (Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP))	The HDAP projects operated by Mendocino County Department of Social Services and Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority provide non-congregate shelter services (motel vouchers) to people experiencing homelessness zero cash income whom the program is providing SSI and/or SSDI application assistance.	
HHAP-6	HHAP 6 Administrative funds will be used to support the administrative work necessary to execute and monitor funding contracts for year-round, non-overflow emergency shelter beds identified in the 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Housing Inventory Counts. Funding will also be used to support administrative activities related to the 2026, 2027, 2028, and 2029 Housing Inventory Counts.	Administrative Costs (no more than 7 percent of allocation)

Identify at least one equity improvement area that will be addressed by the Key Action.

Equity Area	Description of how the Key Action will address system performance disparities and ensure racial and gender equity in this area (choose one at a minimum, or more)
Service Delivery	Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority (NCIHA) is a Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) that works on behalf of 5 Federally Recognized Tribes in Mendocino County to carry out housing-related programs. NCIHA serves as the Vice Chair of the Mendocino County CoC Governing Board and is working to become a Coordinated Entry System Front Door location. Through their role on the CoC Governing Board, they have networked with other CoC member organizations and established collaborations to coordinate services for common clients. As a CES Front Door location, the number of CES referrals for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness who identify as Native American will increase. As Native Americans and Alaska Natives are the most overrepresented demographic experiencing unsheltered homelessness in Mendocino County, these relationships and referrals will increase the service connections and housing placements for Native Americans.

Key Action 2.

Key Action

Expand the role of housing Navigators to include coordination of care and access to services with other systems, including but not limited to the medical, behavioral health, employment, and justice systems

Identify the CA SPM(s) that will be improved by this Key Action and how.

CA SPM	Specific description of how the Key Action will improve this CA SPM
3. The number of people exiting homelessness into Permanent Housing	Coordinating services beyond housing will increase exits to permanent housing by facilitating access to additional housing opportunities, resources, and supports, such as increased income and addressing justice system obligations

Clear metric for how success of the Key Action will be measured

Increase in the number of persons experiencing homelessness screened into the Coordinated Entry System by Cal AIM Community Supports Providers

Lead entity for the Key Action

Mendocino County

Collaborating entity/ies

Mendocino County CoC, Partnership Healthplan of California, Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, Mendocino County Adult Probation, Geo Reentry, Redwood Community Services, Mendocino Coast Hospitality Center, Ford Street Project, North Coast Opportunities, Adventist Health

Milestones for the Key Action	Target dates for milestones
Facilitate the establishment of a meaningful relationship between the Mendocino County CoC and Partnership Healthplan of California (the only Medi-Cal Managed Health Plan in the jurisdiction)	12/31/2025
Train all Cal AIM Community Supports Housing Navigators located in Mendocino County on how to refer clients experiencing homelessness to the CES	6/30/2026
Develop and implement a Housing Stabilization Plan template for use by all CES participating partners to complete with people experiencing homelessness, which will address areas beyond housing needs, including but not limited to medical and behavioral health care, income and employment, education, financial literacy, and justice system navigation and compliance.	6/30/2027
Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) will develop training curriculum available in person and through its Learning Management System to provide access to on-demand and pre-recorded trainings on the Coordinated Entry System, Homeless Management Information System, and Best Practices, including trauma-informed care, motivational interviewing, and solution-focused interviewing, among others.	6/30/2028

Target date for completing the Key Action

6/30/2028

Funding Sources for Key Action	Description of how the funding will contribute to the achievement of the Key Action	For HHAP 6-funded Key Actions only: Eligible use category to fund this Key Action.
HHAP-4	Rapid Re-Housing: Funding is used to rapidly exit persons experiencing homelessness to permanent housing while continuing to provide wraparound supportive services to assist the household to become self-sufficient.	
HHAP-5	Rental Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing: Funding is used to rapidly exit persons experiencing homelessness to permanent housing while continuing to provide wraparound supportive services to assist the household to become self-sufficient.	
Project Homekey	Permanent Housing and Innovative Solutions: Mendocino County owns and operates a 49-unit Project Homekey site called Live Oak Apartments.	
CalWORKs	Rental Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing: The CalWORKs Housing Support Program (CWHSP) provides rapid re-housing assistance and eviction protection assistance to households with at least one member enrolled in the CalWORKs program. CWHSP program staff will participate in the development of a communally-used Housing Stabilization Plan template.	
CalFresh	Supportive Services: The CalFresh program provides opportunities for homeless households to increase self-sufficiency by accessing CalFresh benefits to purchase food, thereby freeing up income to sustain rent. Housing Navigators will be invited to be trained and engaged as CalFresh Advocates, and thus assist their clients in applying for and maintaining their CalFresh benefits.	
Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP)	Increased Income increases the variety of housing people are eligible for and increases their likelihood of permanent housing placement. For persons who are permanently disabled, Supplemental Security Income/State Supplemental Program (SSI/SSP) is a lifeline to achieving self-sufficiency. Several CoC member organizations have been trained to use SSI/SSDI Outreach, Advocacy, and Recovery (SOAR) model and assist people experiencing homelessness to complete the applicable applications and navigate the review and approval or denial/appeal processes. The online SAMHSA SOAR TA Center has been defunded and shut down, but alternative training methods are available through the CoC as the CoC Coordinator has completed the SOAR Train-the-Trainer curriculum and provides mentorship, guidance, and training as requested by CoC members and service providers.	

In-home supportive services	In-home Supportive Services are utilized by persons with disabilities to aid with household tasks and responsibilities and promote independence for people who might otherwise require long-term hospitalization or institutionalization. IHSS is widely used by PSH tenants and people with lived expertise of homelessness to retain housing they would otherwise be in jeopardy of losing due to decompensation of medical or behavioral health conditions.	
Adult protective services	Adult Protective Services (APS) investigates reports of elder and dependent adult abuse, neglect, and self-neglect, which often is related to or impacts the victim’s housing situation. APS has coordinated services, care, and support to aid victims in self-resolving their housing crisis. In situations where the victim does not have the resources to self-resolve, Home Safe funds are used to fund interventions such as massive cleanup due to hoarding behaviors, payment of rent arrears, security deposits, and other homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services.	
Child welfare	Rental Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing: Mendocino County participates in a robust Bringing Families Home program that provides rapid re-housing assistance and eviction protection assistance to households engaged with child welfare services. BFH is a viable and active source of support for households working with Housing Navigators to resolve their homelessness.	
Disability benefits advocacy	The HDAP projects operated by Mendocino County Department of Social Services and Northern Circle Indian Housing Authority provide rapid re-housing services to people experiencing homelessness zero cash income whom the program is providing SSI and/or SSDI application assistance.	
Medi-Cal program	Care Coordination: Numerous health care and homeless service providers in Mendocino County participate in the CalAIM program, through Medi-Cal, to provide Community Supports to homeless individuals. The CalAIM program provides core funding to the community’s housing navigators to complete their important work.	
Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program/ Building Homes and Jobs Act	Capital Costs, Operating Subsidies, and Supportive Services: Mendocino County’s PLHA allocation is currently used for an operating subsidy and supportive services at Mendocino County’s Project Homekey site – Live Oak Apartments. This project provides 49 units of interim and permanent housing to households experiencing homelessness, with a priority for seniors, veterans, families with children, and those experiencing chronic health conditions.	

Mental Health Services Act and Behavioral Health Services Act	Mental Health Services Act Full Service Partner funding is used to provide a wide variety of services to eligible participants, including permanent supportive housing interventions when needed. This is in the form of both site-based and tenant-based rental assistance. Several site-based projects provide on-site service coordination and supportive services to residents. Medi-Cal-funded Transitional Rent assistance will be available to MHSA FSP participants in site- and tenant-based housing opportunities.	
Multifamily Housing Program	Funding was used in FY24-25 to support the development of the Acorn Valley Plaza, providing 71 new units of low-income and affordable housing. MHP funds increased access to permanent housing by increasing the low-income and affordable housing stock and creating attrition in other housing units that may be more appropriate to meet the unique needs of people experiencing homelessness	
Childcare and development	Coordination of programs with HHAP-funded projects: At least one HHAP-funded contractor is also a major provider of childcare services through both Head Start and home-based daycare programs. This contractor, North Coast Opportunities, effectively and easily coordinates outreach and information sharing about their Rapid Rehousing services with the child care programs they also manage and vice versa.	
HHAP-6	HHAP 6 Administrative funds will be used to support coordination and collaboration with local Cal AIM Community Supports Providers, Enhanced Care Management Providers, and the only Managed Care Provider Partnership Healthplan of California regarding the provision of housing trio services through the Coordinated Entry System. Funds will also support the development of a revised local Strategic Plan, including outreach and engagement with people with lived experience for Strategic Plan development and participation on the soon-to-be-established Lived Expertise Advisory Board or Team.	Administrative Costs (no more than 7 percent of allocation)
HHAP-6	Projects that receive HHAP 6 Operating Expenses - Interim Housing funds will be required to provide housing case management services to all participants to help them exit to permanent housing more quickly.	Operating Expenses - Interim Housing
HHAP-6	Projects that receive HHAP 6 YSA: Operating Expenses - Interim Housing funds will be required to provide housing case management services to all participants to help them exit to permanent housing more quickly.	YSA - Operating Expenses - Interim Housing

Identify at least one equity improvement area that will be addressed by the Key Action.

Equity Area	Description of how the Key Action will address system performance disparities and ensure racial and gender equity in this area (choose one at a minimum, or more)
Housing Placements	Advocacy for diversified and sustained funding to build organizational capacity to serve a more diverse population, building equity within both service delivery and housing placements. Continue to foster collaboration between local governments to establish dedicated funding streams or revolving resources that can fill critical service gaps and ensure continued progress toward ending homelessness.

Key Action 3.

Key Action

Reduce first-time instances of homelessness for those exiting institutional settings, including, but not limited to jails, prisons, and hospitals by establishing discharge protocols that identify housing interventions for people who would otherwise be discharged from institutions into homelessness.

Identify the CA SPM(s) that will be improved by this Key Action and how.

CA SPM	Specific description of how the Key Action will improve this CA SPM
2. Number of people accessing services who are experiencing homelessness for the first time	Discharge planning by local institutions for people who were experiencing homelessness when they entered an institution and people who are at risk of homelessness upon release will reduce the rate of people who experience homelessness for the first time.

Clear metric for how success of the Key Action will be measured

Reduction in the number of people experiencing homelessness for the first time in the 2028 CA System Performance Measure 2, as reflected in HDIS.

Lead entity for the Key Action

Mendocino County

Collaborating entity/ies

Mendocino County CoC, Mendocino County Sheriff's Department, Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, Mendocino County Adult Probation, Partnership Healthplan of California, Geo Reentry, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Adventist Health, and Anchor Health Management.

Milestones for the Key Action	Target dates for milestones
Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) representation on the weekly Mendocino County Sheriff's Department's jail discharge planning case conferencing.	01/01/2026
Mendocino County CoC (CA-509) to establish jail discharge planning case conferencing protocols to include its roles and responsibilities in providing service coordination and referral for persons at risk of being discharged from jail to homelessness.	06/30/2026
Mendocino County Sheriff's Department to finalize and implement a Memorandum of Understanding between all participating parties that commits participating agencies to a coordinated approach to discharge planning for those jail inmates experiencing homelessness and/or with complex needs. MOU is in draft form as of August 2025. Full implementation expected in January 2026.	1/1/2026

Target date for completing the Key Action

12/31/2028

Funding Sources for Key Action	Description of how the funding will contribute to the achievement of the Key Action	For HHAP 6-funded Key Actions only: Eligible use category to fund this Key Action
Medi-Cal program	<p>Medi-Cal funding is newly available through the CalAIM program to support housing navigation, housing tenancy support, and housing deposits to certain target populations. One of those populations of focus includes justice-involved individuals. As such, CalAIM-funded services have provided an infusion of support to collaborative efforts to reach this population.</p> <p>Mendocino County is enjoying a recent acceleration of collaboration and communication with our County Jail, who has significantly expanded their interest in reducing recidivism by addressing issues related to homelessness, substance abuse, and poor health for their inmates.</p>	
Parolee or probation programs that are intended to prevent homelessness upon release	<p>Although the Mendocino County Adult Probation Department has not yet established a program specifically designed to prevent homelessness upon release, the Mendocino County Probation Department commits staff and funding through contracted services with Geo Re-Entry Group to an established Jail Discharge Planning Collaborative that meets on a weekly basis to case conference soon-to-be-released inmates who are homeless and/or have complex needs. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) funds the Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP) program for parolees to provide non-medical detoxification services, residential treatment, Sober Living Environments (SLE), and outpatient services. At this time, parolees released in Mendocino County must access all services through STOP in neighboring Lake County.</p>	
Mental Health Services Act and Behavioral Health Services Act	<p>Mendocino County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHSA), the local Mental Health Department, has operated a Jail In-reach/Discharge Planning since FY 14/15, which is funded by MHSA to engage individuals with Behavioral health conditions within 60 days of release to support their connection to outpatient services upon release. The Jail Discharge planner attempts to build engagement, obtain authorization for communication between treatment providers, works with Jail Medical teams, and supports the client's transition from jail (if willing to accept) to connection with outpatient treatment providers upon release. CalAIM implementation last year allows in-reach activities to occur within 90 days of release, expansion to Behavioral Health, both of which will also require and allow for expanded staff time dedicated to this activity as well as expansion to Juvenile Hall for</p>	

	<p>youth discharge planning where there are youth not engaged with treatment.</p> <p>Redwood Community Services (RCS), a community-based organization, also continues the BHRS established protocol of a 60-day Crisis Follow-up for anyone seen in Mental Health Crisis or acutely hospitalized by Crisis. Individuals are eligible for 60 days of post-crisis contact support and connection to ongoing outpatient resources. This is a voluntary program, clients can refuse. For those that are not Medi-Cal beneficiaries/recipients under the MHP/BHRS level of care, Mendocino County Mental Health Treatment Act provides gap funding until the person transitions to care via their insurance preferred provider.</p> <p>For transition from LPS Conservatorship and long-term residential care related to LPS conservatorship, individuals are stepped down from higher to lower level of care, with the expectation that prior to return to independent living, they are living in the community without patient supports to support them. A placement coordinator works with the Conservatorship office to monitor level of care and transition as appropriate. These individuals often are supported through FSP or BHBH once they are ready for independent living, if they accept that ongoing support.</p>	
HHAP-6	HHAP 6 Administrative funds will be used to support County and CoC engagement with the local jail and hospitals by establishing discharge protocols that identify housing interventions for people who would otherwise be discharged from institutions into homelessness, in alignment with State and Federal laws.	Administrative Costs (no more than 7 percent of allocation)
HHAP-6	Interim Housing Operators that receive HHAP 6 funds will be required to participate in collaborative processes with local institutions to develop discharge protocols that identify housing interventions for people who would otherwise be discharged from institutions into homelessness. This will be to better inform the collaborative processes by providing perspectives from frontline providers.	Operating Expenses - Interim Housing
HHAP-6	YSA: Interim Housing Operators that receive HHAP 6 funds will be required to participate in collaborative processes with local institutions to develop discharge protocols that identify housing interventions for people who would otherwise be discharged from institutions into homelessness. This will be to better inform the collaborative processes by providing perspectives from frontline providers.	YSA - Operating Expenses - Interim Housing

Identify at least one equity improvement area that will be addressed by the Key Action.

Equity Area	Description of how the Key Action will address system performance disparities and ensure racial and gender equity in this area (choose one at a minimum, or more)
Housing Retention	According to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) recidivism data dashboard, between FY 2009-09 and FY 2019-20, a total of 115 persons were released to Mendocino County. Of those 115 people, 62 were white (54%), which indicates the remaining 53 people were non-white (46%). (White was the only Race/Ethnicity category reported for Mendocino County in the data.) During the same time period, 24 people returned to CDCR custody. Of these 24 people, 8 were white (33.3%), which indicates the remaining 16 individuals were non-white (66.7%). This data indicates there is a large disparity in the rate of release and the recidivism rates. To help reduce this divide, Cal AIM Community Supports and Enhanced Care Management services will be implemented by local governmental and community-based reentry service providers to provide housing and other social supports to aid in housing retention. Housing was the number one protective factor expressed by stakeholders during public meetings and feedback sessions and has been shown to greatly reduce recidivism rates across all populations and regions.