

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Program

Round 3: County Behavioral Health Agencies — Strategic Enhancements

DHCS Welcome

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Round 3

County Behavioral Health Agencies — Strategic Enhancements Program Overview



Agenda

- Overview of Round 3 RFA
- Track 1: Implementation
- Track 2: Start-up Infrastructure
- Budget Template
- Application Process
- Q&A



Overview



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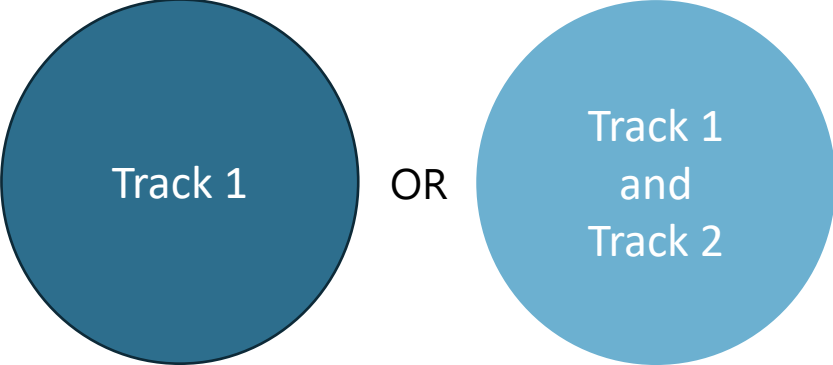


The third round of BHBH Program funding will provide \$265 million to county behavioral health agencies that have a BHBH Program contract executed under the first round of funding.



Purpose: expanded implementation of bridge housing services for Californians experiencing homelessness and who have serious behavioral health conditions (serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder)

Counties can apply for:



Timeline

Event	Date
Round 3: County BHAs – Strategic Enhancements RFA released	Tuesday, January 16, 2024
Application open	Friday, February 2, 2024
County BHA applications due	Wednesday, April 10, 2024 – 4:00 PM
County BHA conditional awards announced	July 2024
Contracts/contract modifications executed	Within 60 days of county BHA's receipt of initial contract/contract modification language

Who Can Apply for Round 3?

- » Round 3 is competitive funding for County BHAs only.
- » Eligible county BHAs must have an **executed contract for BHBH Program Round 1 funding** prior to the application deadline of April 10, 2024.
- » Two Tracks:
 - Track 1: BHBH Operations – Strategic Enhancements (Required)
 - Track 2: BHBH Start-up Infrastructure (Optional)

***Note:** Tribal Entities RFA Round 2B was also just released

Award Process

- » Successful applicants will be notified by email of a conditional award
- » All award decisions are final
- » Contracting process may entail either a contract modification to the county BHA's existing BHBH Program contract or a new contract with AHP



Funding Distribution

Total: \$265 million

Size	Counties	Track 1: Operations	Track 2: Start-up Infrastructure
Small	<i>Amador, Calaveras, Colusa, Del Norte, El Dorado, Glenn, Humboldt, Imperial, Inyo, Kings, Lake, Lassen, Madera, Mendocino, Modoc, Napa, Nevada, San Benito, Shasta, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Tuolumne, Yuba</i>	Up to \$1.5 million	Up to \$1.5 million
Medium	<i>Butte, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Placer, San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Yolo</i>	Up to \$5 million	Up to \$2 million
Large	<i>Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Orange, Riverside, Sacramento, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Ventura</i>	Up to \$10 million	Up to \$5 million
X-Large	<i>Los Angeles</i>	Up to \$55 million	Up to \$14 million

Tracks and Allowable Expenditures Reminder

» Track 1: Operations

- Shelter, interim housing, rental assistance programs, and/or auxiliary funding for assisted living and housing navigation
- Up to 5% may be spent on outreach and engagement

» Track 2: Start-up Infrastructure

- The purchase and renovation of existing structures
- **Must include a Track 1 application** to support operations

Track 1 BHBH Program Operations Projects



Application Questions: Track 1 BHBH Program Operations Projects

- » Applicant organization information
- » Application summary (up to 300 words) for public use
- » Experience (including accomplishments achieved through BHBH Program Round 1 funding to date)
 - Round 1 milestones/successes
 - Bed-nights provided and unduplicated individuals served
 - Status of start-up infrastructure project

Application Questions: Track 1 Operations Projects

» Proposed strategic enhancements

- Goals/objectives
- Categories applying for
- Total bed-nights anticipated
- Is this an expansion of a BHBH Round 1 project, new, or both?
- Timeline of milestones
- Outreach activities
- Description of housing navigation to be provided

Application Questions: Track 1 BHBH Program Operations Projects

» BHBH Program Requirements

- PWLE, Housing First, CARE Program participants, and Emergency Solutions Grants Minimum Habitability Standards/CoC Housing Quality Standards

» Additional questions

- Would you consider further expansion of BHBH in your community if DHCS were to make additional funds available for that purpose?
- Do you anticipate needing additional funds to serve the CARE Program population?

Application Questions: Tracks 1 and 2 Operations Projects

» Bonus Points: Serving Special Populations

- People at risk of being in or exiting the criminal justice system
- Children and youth involved with the juvenile justice system or the child welfare system
- People with a primary diagnosis of substance use disorder (SUD).
- Counties that did not receive BHBH Program Round 1 funding
- Collaboration with a Federally Recognized Tribe or Tribal entity
- Round 1 bed availability (Track 2)

Track 2 Start-up Infrastructure



Track 2: Start-Up Infrastructure and Requirements

- » County BHAs applying for this funding must demonstrate that they can support the corresponding operations. Therefore, those counties must also meet the requirements outlined in Track 1, in addition to:
 - Completing all bridge housing start-up infrastructure activities and making beds available within 1 year of contract execution
 - Limiting costs to a maximum of \$75,000/bed
- » Applicants needing less than \$25,000 for minor renovations or applications may request these funds as a Track 1 direct cost instead of applying for Track 2.

Application Questions: Track 2 Start-up Infrastructure Projects

- Briefly describe each proposed site, the proposed start-up infrastructure necessary, and any work completed to date.
- When will these beds be made available?
- Provide a BHBH Program Plan Section 3: County BHBH Program Start-Up Infrastructure Round 3 Supplement, including all project details.*
- If your operations application is selected for funding, but your start-up infrastructure application is not selected for funding, how would your county adapt its plans?

Download the RFA 3 Program Plan Template



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BHBH Program Round 3: County Behavioral Health Agencies — Strategic Enhancements RFA

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is pleased to continue to partner with county behavioral health agencies in the implementation of the BHBH Program and to announce the release of the latest Request for Applications (RFA) for BHBH Program funding: County Behavioral Health Agencies — Strategic Enhancements. This third round of BHBH Program funding will provide \$265,000,000 to county behavioral health agencies (BHAs) for use in the expanded implementation of bridge housing services for Californians experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions (a serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder). Available maximum funding is based on county size.

County BHAs that have a signed contract on or before April 10, 2024, are eligible to apply

Program Plan Template



California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)

County Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Round 3 Funding

Start-Up Infrastructure Program Plan*

*This template should solely be used for the purpose of answering the [Round 3: County Behavioral Health Agencies – Strategic Enhancements Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#), Track 2: Startup Infrastructure Project Section, Question 3: “Provide a county BHBH Program Start-Up Infrastructure Program Plan, including all project details.”

Please enter the following:

County Name:

Infrastructure Project Manager (Or Lead Contact Person) Name:

E-Mail:

Phone #:



Start-up Infrastructure Program Plan Template Questions

- » Summary of project(s)
- » Project-specific information and details
- » Timelines of start-up infrastructure

Budget Template Demonstration



The Application Process



Completing the Application

- » You will complete the application in a fillable form on an online portal hosted by SurveyMonkey Apply.
- » **Round 3 is competitive:** County BHAs must respond to all questions.
- » Proposals must clearly describe the rationale for the selection of the chosen intervention(s).
- » Applicants must complete the BHBH Program application and submit it only through the SurveyMonkey Apply BHBH Program Round 3 portal.

Completing the Application

- » Before beginning the application, please review the application questions in RFA Attachment D.
- » Budget instructions can be found in RFA Attachment E.
- » The budget must use the Excel template accessible on the BHBH Program website. A budget narrative is also required.
- » You will receive a confirmation upon application submission. Note: if you do *not* receive an email, make sure you fully submitted the application.



Questions?



Reminder

Submit all funding and application-related questions to the Round 3 [Help Desk](#).



Thank you!