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MCP Resource Guide
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In accordance with the [Home and Community Based Services Spending Plan](#), the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is implementing the Housing and Homeless Incentive Program (HHIP) from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2023. HHIP aims to improve health outcomes and access to whole person care services by addressing housing insecurity and instability as a social determinant of health for the Medi-Cal population. The goals of HHIP are to:

1. Reduce and prevent homelessness; and,

2. Ensure Medi-Cal managed care plans (MCPs) develop the necessary capacity and partnerships to connect their members to needed housing services.

The following resources are intended to support MCPs' efforts to collaborate with stakeholders and successfully implement the HHIP. Additional program information will be available on the [DHCS HHIP webpage](#). Please contact DHCS at DHCSHHIP@dhcs.ca.gov with any questions.

Recommended Steps for MCPs

February	1. Review available state housing funds and programs and recommended strategies for health care stakeholder to address homelessness[1,2]
March	2. Complete the HHIP Letter of Intent (due March 25, 2022) 3. Connect with local housing agencies in your service area – including Continuums of Care (CoCs) – to learn about their existing efforts and current needs and engage with HHAP Round 3 applicants [3,4]
April	4. Invite housing and HHAP stakeholders to participate in developing your Local Homelessness Plan for HHIP development process
May	5. Expand partnerships with housing agencies and HHAP leads in your service area
June	6. Submit one Local Homelessness Plan (LHP) per county to DHCS (due June 30, 2022)

Recommended Resources for MCPs

- [1] [BCSH Putting the Funding Pieces Together](#)

- [California Interagency Council on Homelessness Action Plan](#)

- [2] [CHCF Homelessness Response 101 for Health Care Providers and Stakeholders](#)

- [3] [BCSH Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program Webpage](#)

- [HUD Introduction to CoC Program](#)

- [4] [HUD California CoC Contacts](#)