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**Imperial County Department of Social Services
Imperial Valley Continuum of Care**



**Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program (HHAP Round 5)
Request for Proposals (RFP) Application
Revised January 16, 2026**

Applications due on February 18, 2026

The Imperial County Department of Social Services is pleased to announce the availability of funds for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Round 5 program. HHAP Round 5 block grant programs are administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and designed to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges throughout the state. Spending must be informed by a best practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and ensuring those individuals and families maintain their permanent housing.

Applications are due on February 18, 2026, by 4:00 PM (PST).

Eligible Use Categories HHAP Round 5	
\$3,267,503.09	
Eligible Activities:	
1.	Rapid Rehousing – Costs that support operating a rapid rehousing type housing service, including rental subsidies, landlord incentives, move-in expenses, and services to increase housing retention.
2.	Prevention and Shelter Diversion – Costs that support eligible populations access safe alternatives to shelter and/or remain safely housed, including homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and problem-solving and diversion support programs.
3.	Delivery of Permanent Housing and Innovative Solutions – Costs that support the provision of permanent housing, including acquisition, improvement, renovation, maintenance, and services for people in permanent housing programs.
4.	Operating Subsidies - Permanent Housing – Costs that support operations in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, including operating costs, property tax abatements, and subsidies supporting ongoing operation and maintenance.
5.	Street Outreach – Costs that support Outreach programs, including services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, evidence-based street engagement services, intensive case management services, assertive community treatment, housing navigation, harm reduction services, coordination with street-based health care services, and hygiene services for unsheltered individuals and people living in encampments.

I. Primary Application Information (Lead Agency)

Organization Name	
Mailing Address	
City, State, Zip	
Contact Person/Title	

Phone Number / Fax	
Email	
Type of Organization	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Gov't/Pub <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Organization Website	
UEI (DUNS) Number	
FEIN/ Tax ID	

Will the organization have at least 12 months of prior operational experience from the release date of this RFP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has your organization received and managed State/Federal funds?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Does your organization have any outstanding financial audit findings?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If yes, please explain:	

Please complete the chart below with the most recent State/Federal grant awards for your organization.			
Grant Year(s) Start-End Date (MM/YYYY – MM/YYYY)	Grant Number	Activity Type: Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Rapid Re-Housing, Housing Navigation, Permanent Supportive Housing, Landlord Engagement, Homeless Prevention, Interim Sheltering, Coordinated Entry System Supports, Transitional Housing, Other (please list)	Grant Amount
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

II. Partner Organizations

List all subrecipients and their role in project (if applicable)		
Organization Name	UEI Number	Role

III. Proposed Project

Name of proposed project						
Project address						
Select all areas that will be served						
<input type="checkbox"/> Bombay Beach	<input type="checkbox"/> Calipatria	<input type="checkbox"/> Holtville	<input type="checkbox"/> Ocotillo	<input type="checkbox"/> Seeley		
<input type="checkbox"/> Brawley	<input type="checkbox"/> El Centro	<input type="checkbox"/> Imperial	<input type="checkbox"/> Palo Verde	<input type="checkbox"/> Westmorland		
<input type="checkbox"/> Calexico	<input type="checkbox"/> Heber	<input type="checkbox"/> Niland	<input type="checkbox"/> Salton City	<input type="checkbox"/> Winterhaven		

IV. Proposed Budget

HHAP Round 5 Allocation			
Available: \$3,267,503.09		Available for YSA: \$375,762.86	Expenditure Deadline: June 30, 2028
Eligible Activity	Available	Total Applying For	Required YSA Amount
1. Rapid Rehousing	\$ 314,026.40		
2. Prevention and Diversion	\$ 256,994.63		
3. Delivery of Permanent Housing	\$2,284,682.21		
4. Operating Subsidies	\$367,135.18		
5. Street Outreach	\$44,664.67		
Total HHAP Round 5 Allocation	\$3,267,503.09		
	Total:		

V. Proposal

Proposal
Attach a summary of your proposal to include the following sections. Each section should be a maximum of two (2) pages. Please refer to RFP evaluation and scoring tool for further detail.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Applicant Capacity and Commitment to Housing First (20 points) b) Project Design and Approach (20 points) c) Financial Capacity, Feasibility and Sustainability (18 points) d) Past Performance (15 points) e) Coordination and Collaboration (22 points) f) Implementation & Timeliness (10 points)
Proposal should include detailed description of the following:

a) Applicant's experience with Partner Organizations and how the partnerships will collaborate to achieve the project's/program's success.

b) Applicant's experience of receiving and managing grants from County, State, and Federal sources.

c) Applicant's commitment to IVCCC's Written Standards (or equivalent), along with their experience using HMIS or similar databases to collect client data and report on outcomes.

d) For housing providers: are you currently participating in the Coordinated Entry System (CES)? If not, please describe your plan to become a CES participant.

e) Efforts to address the needs of disproportionately impacted communities of color and individuals whose English is not their primary language.

f) Applicant's summary of most recent audit, including recommendations and the accounting principles applied.

g) The intended use of grant funds, including a comprehensive budget. Please list all committed funding sources and any other pending awards or notifications.

h) Outline your agency's plan for future sustainability of the proposed program and/or service.

VI. Project Details

1. Check any specific population(s) expected to be served through this project	
<input type="checkbox"/> Adults With Children <input type="checkbox"/> Adults Without Children <input type="checkbox"/> Chronically Homeless Veterans <input type="checkbox"/> Domestic Violence Survivors <input type="checkbox"/> Homeless Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Individuals With Co-occurring Disorders (Substance Use & Mental Health)	
2. Indicate the predicted performance outcomes listed below. If not applicable, mark N/A or zero.	
a) Number of unsheltered persons to become sheltered:	
b) Number of homeless persons to be entering permanent housing:	
c) Number of chronically homeless persons served:	
d) Number of persons without children served:	
e) Number of veterans served:	
f) Number of domestic violence survivors served:	
g) Number of individuals with co-occurring disorders served:	
h) Persons in families with children served:	
Total:	
3. Number of persons to be served by facility or program:	

VII. Housing First

Housing First-oriented programs are designed to be low or no barriers and client-centered, emphasizing client choice. Housing is not viewed as a reward or incentive for achieving specific goals or participating in a specific program, which is necessary for helping family or individual stabilize and meaningfully access services, which are offered as needed on a voluntary basis. In practice, this means that programs connect participants to permanent housing as quickly as possible with few to no preconditions, behavioral contingencies, or other barriers at enrollment or throughout the program.

Health and Safety Code Section 50220.8(g) mandates that all recipients of state homelessness funding shall comply with Housing First as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

By selecting components below, I hereby acknowledge the proposed project will comply with Housing First, as noted in the Health and Safety Code Section 50220.8(g).

- Access to programs is not contingent on sobriety, completion of treatment, or participation in services.
- Applicants are not rejected based on poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, criminal convictions, or behaviors perceived as indicators of a lack of "housing readiness".
- People with disabilities are offered tenancy that includes special physical features designed to accommodate their needs, reduce harm, and promote health and independence among tenants.
- Applicants receive supportive services that prioritize engagement and problem-solving rather than solely focusing on therapeutic goals.
- Participation in services and programs is not a condition for permanent housing tenancy but is offered to clients as an additional support.
- Tenants have a lease and enjoy all the rights and responsibilities associated with tenancy.
- Substance use in and of itself, without other lease violations, is not considered grounds for eviction.
- Housing providers accept referrals directly from shelters, street outreach programs, and other components of crisis response systems that serve vulnerable individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Funding supports tenant selection plans for supportive housing that prioritize eligible tenants based on criteria other than "first-come, first-served", including but not limited to, the duration or chronicity of homelessness, vulnerability to early mortality, and high utilization of crisis services.
- Service providers utilize evidence-based practices for client engagement that emphasizes housing goals and plans.
- Services are guided by a harm-reduction philosophy that acknowledges drug and alcohol use and addiction as part of tenant's lives. Tenants are engaged in nonjudgmental communication regarding drug and alcohol use and are provided education on avoiding risky behaviors and adopting safer practices. Additionally, tenants are connected to evidence-based treatment if they choose to pursue it.