



# Monterey/San Benito County Leadership Council

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## LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPROVES ALMOST \$12 MILLION DOLLARS FOR MONTEREY/SAN BENITO COUNTY HOMELESS PROGRAMS

**Monterey/San Benito Counties, California**—On May 29, 2019, the Leadership Council approved almost \$12 million dollars of HEAP support to fund 12 homeless projects throughout Monterey and San Benito Counties. Local programs supported by the grants offer a variety of housing and services including youth programs, emergency shelter construction/rehabilitation and operating funds, capital improvements, transitional housing, rental assistance programs, housing navigation, street outreach and permanent supportive housing.

The Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) was established by statute by the State of California Business, Consumer Housing Agency to provide California Homeless Continuums of Care (CoC) with flexible grant funds to address immediate homelessness challenges. The Leadership Council (LC) serves as the local Homeless CoC Care Board of Directors and is responsible for setting HEAP priorities and approving projects. LC membership representation includes, but is not limited to; public officials, philanthropy, youth, veterans, faith communities, affordable housing developers, housing advocacy groups, the Housing Authority, community members and county departments such as the Department of Health and Department of Social Services. Through the LC, the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) serves as the local designated CoC representative and HEAP program Administrative Entity.

Katherine Thoeni, the Executive Officer of the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers had this to say, *“Monterey and San Benito Counties join other Continuums of Care throughout California in thanking the State of California Business, Consumer Housing Agency for these precious resources. The grants awarded will assist homeless individuals and families receive the assistance needed in order to achieve self-sufficiency.”* She went on to add, *“Continued and expanded support of homeless efforts are critically needed in our community.”*

A full listing of approved project immediately follows:

### San Benito County

San Benito County	Housing Navigation and Rapid Rehousing Assistance	\$ 75,000.00
San Benito Youth Alliance	Combination of emergency shelter vouchers,	\$280,663

	outreach/engagement and counseling	
San Benito County	Street Outreach Program throughout San Benito County	\$415,435
San Benito County	Increase inventory through 14 new transitional tiny homes	\$1,100,000

**Monterey County**

Community Human Services	Youth Street Outreach Program, substance abuse counseling, family reunification/emergency shelter/transitional housing.  Anticipates 20% will obtain permanent housing	\$ 857,331
Community Human Services in partnership with the Gathering for Women	Capital improvements for new emergency shelter located at 1292 Olympia Ave., Seaside. 38 beds for women and children.	\$1,287,658
Community Homeless Solutions	Capital improvements for 14 family transitional housing units to be converted to permanent supportive housing	\$260,728
Salinas/Monterey County	To build (construction) new homeless emergency shelter in for single women men and families. Will have space to store minimal belongings and accommodations for pets.	\$6,018,100
CCCIL	Combination of rental assistance (six month maximum), move in costs, application fees,	\$579,250

	utility arrears payments, landlord mitigation.	
Housing Resource Center	Combination of rental assistance (6 month max), move in costs, case management and landlord mitigation.	\$310,000
Salinas/Monterey County	Operating and supportive services for current Salinas Warming Shelter otherwise scheduled for closure.	\$395,822
Community Human Services	Operating and supportive services for new emergency shelter located in Seaside.	\$300,000

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