



Key Highlights of Governor Newsom's Homelessness/Mental Health Budget Proposal and Executive Order

Q&A

1) What is the California Access to Housing and Services Fund?

\$750M to seed and create a statewide flexible housing fund to pay rent and operating subsidies, and stabilize Board and Care facilities/homes. Philanthropy and private sector will be invited to co-invest in this fund to ensure ongoing sustainability.

- The state is **replicating the success of LA County's Flexible Housing Subsidy**, which was launched in 2014, seeded with \$1M from Supervisor Ridley-Thomas and \$4M from Hilton Foundation, which leveraged \$14M from LA County DHS.
- From 171 people housed in 2015, the LA County Flexible Housing Subsidy has grown with pooled public-private investment (including Measure H and LA Care) to **house 6,917 people in 2019 alone**.

2) What is Medi-Cal Healthier CA for All?

\$695M (including federal funds) to expand the use of state and matching federal funds, which could be used for supportive services to help people find housing and retain housing, and for services in recuperative care settings. This fund will grow to \$1.4B over five years.

- The state is **replicating the success of LA County's Whole Person Care pilots**, which uses local funds and leverages state and federal funds to provide integrated services to vulnerable clients who are high users of county systems due to homelessness, justice-involvement, and physical and behavioral health issues.
- **As of June 2019, and since January 2017, 31,723 people served across 16 pilots (including Sobering Center in Skid Row)**.

3) What is the Community Care Collaborative Pilot?

\$25M to implement, in three pilot Counties, diversion and treatment for justice-involved people with mental illness who are incompetent to stand trial. This fund will invest \$364M over six years.

- The state is **replicating the success of LA County's Office of Diversion and Re-entry**, which was set up in 2015 via motion by Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, and at that time \$100M was set aside by the County to implement its programs.
- ODR already receives state funding to divert to treatment inmates who are deemed incompetent to stand trial.
- **As of November 2019, ODR had diverted 4,305 people from jail to community-based treatment settings.**

4) What is the Scope of the Governor's Executive Order?

- Establish **California Access to Housing and Services Fund** (see above).
- **Identify State Land for Temporary Housing** and Short-Term Uses:
 - Caltrans to share lease template used to repurpose property on a short-term emergency basis.
 - State agencies to assess short-term use of fairgrounds and identify vacant decommissioned hospitals and health care facilities.
- **Supply 100 travel trailers and complementary modular tent structures** to provide temporary housing and delivery of health/social services.
- **Create multi-agency strike team** to assist localities to effectively capitalize on identified land and implement solutions.

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