

# PROVIDER Bulletin



## KERN HEALTH SYSTEMS

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### CalAIM | Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program 2022-2024 Public Funding Request for Applications (RFA)

Dear Providers,

Kern Health Systems (KHS) recognizes the current housing and homelessness crisis our plan members and community are encountering and understands that without safe and appropriate housing services, their health and wellbeing are at risk.

KHS has a responsibility to our membership to assist in addressing this crisis and is pleased to announce the Housing and Homelessness Incentive Program (HHIP). This incentive program is an opportunity offered to KHS contracted Network Providers and Community Based Organizations (CBO) to deliver a variation of housing services over the two-year program period. These incentive funds are intended to assist in housing & homeless services and resources for members who are at-risk of or are currently experiencing homelessness and/or housing instability.

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.

It is important to note that this is an Incentive Payment Program and differs from a traditional grant. As such, funding will be disbursed on a milestone-completion basis. Any payment(s) to a provider will be tied to achieving milestones, or defined progress towards goal(s) required and outlined by terms of the project and the HHIP application.

The Request for Application Guide and Application (RFA) will be made available online at <https://www.kernfamilyhealthcare.com> on September 1, 2022. The guide describes the application process and requirements for funding eligibility. The guide also includes a description of the priority areas listed below as well as other pertinent information to support application completion.

| Priority Areas            |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Outreach               | 4. Sheltering      |
| 2. Prevention & Diversion | 5. System Supports |
| 3. Permanent Housing      |                    |

For questions, technical assistance, or support regarding the HHIP application process please feel free to contact:

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