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**California Department of Housing and Community Development Awards
\$4.75 Million to Homeless Shelters to Provide Shelter, Food, and Basic Veterinary Services
for Pets Owned by Individuals Experiencing Homelessness**

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) awarded \$4.75 million to homeless shelters throughout California from the Pet Assistance and Support program. This funding provides shelter, food, and basic veterinary services for pets owned by individuals experiencing homelessness, along with the staffing and liability insurance necessary to provide those services. This program was authorized by the 2019 Budget Act (amended by Section 16 of Senate Bill 109).

“Pets provide comfort, companionship, and even protection. To many people, pets are considered loyal family members,” said HCD Director, Gustavo Velasquez. “Thanks to this program, pet owners who are experiencing homelessness no longer have to choose between keeping their companion or having a safe place to lay their head at night.”

These awards follow the launch of Governor Newsom’s latest homelessness initiatives, including new programs and funding in response to the COVID-19 health emergency. [Project Roomkey](#) places individuals experiencing homelessness into hotels, motels, and trailers and provides additional funding to local governments and Continuums of Care (regional or local planning bodies that coordinate housing and services funding for homeless families and individuals) for shelter support. Governor Newsom also issued an [executive order](#) putting a temporary hold on evictions for renters affected by COVID-19 and reached an agreement with financial institutions to give [relief options for homeowners](#) struggling to pay their mortgage.

Because of this one-time funding from the Pet Assistance and Support program, the shelters listed below can reduce one of the barriers many people face when trying to find a safe place to sleep, relax, and recharge. Pet owners seeking shelter will have a safe place to stay, food, and services for both themselves and their pets.

For additional information, visit the [Pet Assistance and Support program webpage](#) or email PetAssistanceSupport@hcd.ca.gov.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is dedicated to the preservation and expansion of safe and affordable housing, so more Californians have a place to call home. Our team works to ensure an adequate supply of housing for

Californians and promotes the growth of strong communities through its leadership, policy and program development. For more information, please visit www.hcd.ca.gov and follow us on Twitter, @California_HCD; Facebook, @CaliforniaHCD; and LinkedIn.

Pet Assistance and Support Program Funding Awards

\$4.75 Million Awarded – June 1, 2020

Project Sponsor	Project Name	City	County	Amount
Alliance for Community Transformations	Connections Emergency Shelter	Mariposa	Mariposa	\$150,857
Foothill House of Hospitality dba "Hospitality House"	Utah's Place	Grass Valley	Nevada	\$198,540
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Anaheim Emergency Shelter Pet Assistance Support Program	Anaheim	Orange	\$176,800
The Salvation Army	The Salvation Army Bell Shelter Pet Assistance and Support Program	Bell	Los Angeles	\$200,000
Alliance for Community Transformations	Mountain Crisis Services	Mariposa	Mariposa	\$105,777
Illumination Foundation	Critter Companion Care at La Mesa	Anaheim	Orange	\$200,000
Illumination Foundation	Critter Companion Care at Fullerton Shelter	Fullerton	Orange	\$200,000
Retraining the Village	Pet Par	Madera	Madera	\$196,507
Betty Kwan Chinn Homeless Foundation	Betty's Blue Angel Village	Eureka	Humboldt	\$200,000
Five Keys Schools and Programs	Five Keys' PET SERVICES at Embarcadero SAFE Navigation Center (a.k.a. "Em-BARK-adero")	San Francisco	San Francisco	\$197,000
Five Keys Schools and Programs	Five Keys' PET SERVICES at Bayshore Navigation Center (a.k.a. "Bark-shore")	San Francisco	San Francisco	\$197,000
Volunteers of America Los Angeles- Pomona Hope for Home Services Center	Pomona Hope for Home Services Center	Pomona	Los Angeles	\$199,000
County of Santa Barbara Behavioral Wellness Department	Navigation Respite Center	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	\$193,082
People Assisting the Homeless (PATH)	PATH: A Bridge Home – The Sunset Shelter	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	\$199,952

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Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Santa Rosa	Family Support Center Pet Assistant Project	Santa Rosa	Sonoma	\$200,000
County of Kern	Kern County Navigation Center	Bakersfield	Kern	\$130,152
Contra Costa County Health, Housing & Homeless Services	Concord Shelter Pet Assistance and Support Integration	Concord	Contra Costa	\$174,388
Testimonial Community Love Center	Testimonial Community Love Center Pet Assistance Program	Los Angeles	Los Angeles	\$174,388
St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc. (dba Father Joe's Villages)	Father Joe's Villages' Paul Mirabile Center Interim Housing Shelter	San Diego	San Diego	\$174,388
St. Vincent de Paul Village, Inc. (dba Father Joe's Villages)	Father Joe's Villages' Joan Kroc Center Housing Programs	San Diego	San Diego	\$174,388
HomeFirst Services of Santa Clara County	BRC Animal Support Services	San Jose	Santa Clara	\$174,388
County of Monterey	Salinas Homeless Shelter	Salinas	Monterey	\$100,000
County of Orange	Yale Transition Center	Santa Ana	Orange	\$149,898
SHELTER Solano, Inc.	SHELTER Solano	Fairfield	Solano	\$100,000
Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission	Hope of the Valley Rescue Mission - A Bridge Home (North Hollywood)	North Hollywood	Los Angeles	\$200,000
Mercy House Living Centers	The HomeAid Family CareCenter	Orange	Orange	\$143,892
Mercy House Living Centers	The Arch	Ventura	Ventura	\$122,461
Mercy House Living Centers	Bellflower Emergency Services Shelter	Bellflower	Los Angeles	\$117,142
			Total	\$4,750,000

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