



# Upcoming Housing Grant Opportunities

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# Overview

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- Upcoming Grant Opportunities for Housing for Homeless Persons
  - Federal
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# Upcoming Federal Housing Grant Opportunities From Stimulus

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- **American Rescue Plan Act**

- Enacted March 11, 2021
- Funds for
  - \$5 billion nationwide for HOME Program to create housing for persons experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness
    - Approximately \$3 million expected for SLO County; timeline not certain
    - Program summary: <https://endhomelessness.org/help-is-on-the-way-the-american-rescue-plan-act-becomes-law/>
    - HUD HOME program: [https://www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/comm\\_planning/home](https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/home)
    - HUD Factsheet on ARPA HUD funding: [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Main/documents/Factsheet\\_Housing\\_Provisions\\_American\\_Rescue\\_Plan\\_Act-2021.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/Main/documents/Factsheet_Housing_Provisions_American_Rescue_Plan_Act-2021.pdf)

# Upcoming Federal Opportunity via the State

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- **Section 811**

- Project-based housing vouchers for persons with disabilities
- Passed through via California Dept. of Housing and Community Development (HCD)
- Recent announcement that surplus funds are available on an over-the-counter basis
  - No official application deadline, but a project's Rental Assistance Contract (RAC) with CalHFA must be executed no later than September 30, 2021.
- <https://www.calhfa.ca.gov/multifamily/section811/nofa/index.htm#roundii>

# Upcoming State Opportunities for Housing

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## Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program Round 1

- Local Requests for Proposal (RFP) to be released by County of SLO Department of Social Services in April 2021
  - Eligible activities include capital projects for permanent housing; operating subsidies and reserves; supportive services for permanent supportive housing; delivery of permanent housing and innovative solutions, including hotel/motel conversions
- Approximately \$3.1 million available for local applications
  - Approximately \$268K must be set aside for projects that assist homeless youth
- Program guidance: [https://www.bcsd.ca.gov/hcfc/documents/hhap\\_program\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.bcsd.ca.gov/hcfc/documents/hhap_program_guidance.pdf)

# Upcoming State Opportunities for Housing (cont.)

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## Project Homekey

- In the Governor's budget for FY21-22
- Provides funding for acquisition and conversion of motels and other properties into permanent housing
  - Example from prior round: Motel 6 acquisition by HASLO for permanent housing and emergency shelter
- CA Legislative Analyst Office's summary of the Housing and Homeless proposals in the Governor's budget: <https://lao.ca.gov/Publications/Report/4152>
- Eligible activities may change before passage; unclear whether awards will be competitive or formula-based

# State Funding Opportunities for Housing (Continued)

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## No Place Like Home

- Loans for development of permanent housing for persons who are homeless or at risk and are in need of mental health services
- Counties are eligible applicants but can apply with housing development sponsors
- Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) anticipated October 2021
- Last Round of Competitive Funds
- Anticipated \$400-\$500 million
- Program Information: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/nplh.shtml>
  
- Current status from prior rounds
  - NPLH Competitive Round 3: Pending announcement: 1 application submitted
  - NPLH Competitive Round 2: \$10.8 million awarded to local project, waiting on contract from state
  - NPLH Noncompetitive: Submitted application: pending agreement from HCD

# State Funding Opportunities for Housing (Continued)

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## Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program

- Draft guidelines for Round 6 released March 15, 2021: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/vhhp/docs/vhhp-round-6-draft-guidelines-clean-version.pdf>
- Funding for acquisition, construction or conversion of properties for affordable housing or transitional housing
  - Requirements for set-asides for homeless veterans; income requirements

# Future Potential Opportunities

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- Youthbuild
- Federal infrastructure stimulus (includes supplemental CDBG, public housing funding, competitive grants for communities that remove certain zoning barriers to affordable housing)
- Annual County Action Plan
- Continuum of Care Grant