



BHBH Program Tribal Entities Request for Applications (RFA) — Round 2B Informational Webinar

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DHCS Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

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“We acknowledge and recognize that, from time immemorial, Native people have lived, cared for, and have been the traditional stewards of this land that we now call California.

We acknowledge the painful past; and the many atrocities placed upon Native people and commit to moving forward in a respectful manner that does not cause more harm.

We commit to celebrating the victories of Native people, advocating for culturally appropriate services, and supporting the education of ourselves and others on the history, resilience, and importance of caring for the land, air, waters, animals, and all living things.

We also commit to building authentic, mutual, and lasting relationships with Tribes and Tribal communities and we honor all Native people who work tirelessly towards justice and healing.”





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Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHHB) Program Overview

California's Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) will provide a total of \$1.5 billion in funding to county behavioral health agencies and tribal entities to operate bridge housing settings to address the immediate housing needs of people experiencing homelessness who have serious behavioral health conditions, including a serious mental illness (SMI) and/or substance use disorder (SUD).



Purpose and Priorities

- **The BHBH Program provides funding for operational and supportive services, not covered under other funding sources, to expand bridge housing implementation.**
- **The following priorities drive the implementation of the BHBH Program:**
 - **This is a critical need, and the focus is on immediate solutions.**
 - **Collaboration will complement ongoing state, county, and Tribal efforts to address homelessness.**
 - **BHBH Program settings will provide supportive services and housing navigation to assist people who have serious behavioral health conditions and are experiencing homelessness.**

BHBH Program Timeline



| Round | Eligibility | Timeline |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Round 1 | County behavioral health agencies RFA | County awards currently in process |
| Round 2 | Tribal Entities RFA Two tracks: Planning and Implementation | Tribal awards currently in process |
| Round 2B | Tribal Entities Round 2B RFA Two tracks: Planning and Implementation | Proposals due on a rolling basis with two preliminary deadlines: April 17, 2024, and June 19, 2024 |
| Round 3 | County behavioral health agencies RFA | Currently open until April 10, 2024 |



BHBH Program Round 2 Tribal Entity Awardees



Inner-Tribal Treatment



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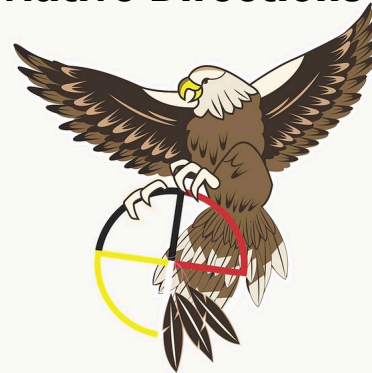
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FRIENDSHIP HOUSE



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Agenda

- ✓ **Tribal Entities RFA – Round 2B**
- ✓ **Track 1: Planning**
 - ✓ Overview
 - ✓ Program Requirements
 - ✓ Allowable Uses of Funds
- ✓ **Track 2: Implementation**
 - ✓ Overview
 - ✓ Program Requirements
 - ✓ Allowable Uses of Funds
- ✓ **How to Apply**
- ✓ **Next Steps**
- ✓ **Resources**

Tribal Entities RFA – Round 2B

Tribal Entities RFA – Round 2B

This round of BHBH Program funding will make available more than \$20,000,000 to eligible California applicants for use in the planning and implementation of bridge housing services for individuals in Tribal communities who are experiencing **homelessness** and have **serious behavioral health conditions** (serious mental illness and/or substance use disorder).



Definition of Homelessness

An **individual** or **family** experiencing **homelessness** is **defined** as any of the following:

- Lacking a fixed, regular, and **adequate nighttime residence**;
- With a **primary residence** that is a public or private place **not designed** for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- **Living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter, designed to provide temporary living arrangements**;
- **Exiting an institution into homelessness (regardless of length of stay in the institution)**;
- Who will **imminently lose housing** in the next 30 days;
- **Fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and other dangerous, traumatic, or life-threatening conditions** relating to such violence.

Definition of Serious Behavioral Health Condition

Individuals with serious mental illness and/or substance use disorders are eligible for services through BHBH programs:

- ✓ The individual is experiencing significant impairment, **or there is a reasonable probability**, of significant deterioration in an important area of life functioning

AND

- ✓ The individual has at least one diagnosis, **or a suspected diagnosis**, from the current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM)* for a mental disorder or a substance-related and addictive disorder, with the exception of Tobacco-Related Disorders and Non-Substance-Related Disorders

For further details on BHBH Program definitions, see RFA Attachment C.

Timeline for Tribal Entities RFA – Round 2B

| Timeline | Details |
|---|---|
| Tribal Entities RFA – Round 2B released | February 13, 2024 |
| SurveyMonkey Apply portal opened | March 1, 2024 |
| Ongoing training and technical assistance available | Help Desk |
| Rolling applications due dates | April 17, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. PT June 19, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. PT |
| Conditional awards announced | Within 90 days of application deadlines |
| Contract executed | Within 60 days of conditional awardee's receipt of initial contract |

Eligible Applicants

- **Eligible applicants in California include:**

- Federally recognized Indian Tribes
- Tribal organizations
- Urban Indian organizations
- Health care program operated by an Indian Tribe, a tribal organization, or an Urban Indian organization

(defined in [Sections 1603](#) and [5304](#) of USC Title 25)

- **Other eligible applicants include organizations with written support from an eligible tribal entity (listed above) for a proposed BHBH program benefitting a tribal community.**
 - Written support may be in the form of a **tribal or board resolution, memorandum, or other legally binding agreement**
 - Examples: Tribally Designated Housing Entities, nonprofits 501(c)(3) corporations, or for-profit businesses

Questions About Eligibility

If you're unsure whether your organization is an **eligible applicant**, please submit a written explanation how you meet the eligibility criteria:

BHBH Program Help Desk

Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) Program Tribal Entities RFA –Round 2B Help Desk

Please use this help desk request form for any technical or program issues.
Please submit one request per question.

Eligible entity *

Contact Name *

Please provide contact information for the individual submitting the help desk ticket.

Title *

Email *

Phone Number

Technical or program issue? *

- Program Question
 Technical Question

How can we help you?

Please use this space as needed to ask a question about the BHBH Program, RFA, or application process, or to provide related information.

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Track 1 and Track 2: Overview

Total BHBH
Program
Funding:
\$20M

Track 1: Planning Grant

- **Funding Request:** \$150,000
- Term: through April 30, 2025

Track 2: Implementation Grant

- **Maximum Funding Request:** \$5M
- Term: through March 31, 2027

If you want to do both planning and implementation:

- Apply under **Track 2: Implementation**

Track 1: Planning

Purpose of Track 1: Planning Grants

The Planning Grant is to assist Tribal communities in developing a plan for how to best serve individuals with a serious behavioral health condition who are experiencing homelessness.

Planning grants will be awarded in amounts of \$150,000.

Track 1

Planning activities may include, but are not limited to:



Relationship building

Community engagement and/or community assessments

Identifying potential housing sites

Action planning to expand access to housing and behavioral health care

Building partnerships

Subcontracting with experts

Track 1: Minimum Requirements



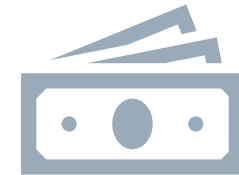
Track 1: Planning Grants - Allowable Uses of Funds



Expressly intended for **planning, predevelopment,** and **capacity building.**



May not be used for **direct services** or **housing.**



Allowable Costs

Personnel
Subcontractors or consultants
Other direct costs
Indirect costs

Track 2: Implementation

Purpose of Track 2: Implementation Grants

This track is intended to support grantees in launching and operating a BHBH program to address the immediate housing needs of individuals in their communities experiencing homelessness and serious behavioral health conditions, including SMI and/or SUD.

Applicants may request any amount up to \$5 million in funding.

- Larger projects including BHBH start-up infrastructure are eligible; eligible applicants that have small projects focused on addressing the immediate housing needs of a **few individuals** are also encouraged to apply.
- *Applicants who are interested in both planning and implementation activities should **only** apply under Track 2: Implementation Grant.*

Possible Settings

Bridge housing settings may be existing facilities, leased or owned by either a tribal entity or a provider/partner, that can be converted for use faster than a new capital project.

Eligible applicants are encouraged to explore innovative models using existing real estate that can be leased or quickly converted to create new BHBH program settings.



Tiny homes

Master-leased units or buildings

Office, school, or warehouse conversions



Hotels and motels

Converted churches and other community settings

Duplexes or large single-family homes



Modular buildings

Converted SNFs, assisted living, hospital conversions, etc.

Scattered-site individual units

Bridge Housing Activities

For purposes of the BHBH Program, “bridge housing” is defined as short- and mid-term residential options and serves as a bridge to longer-term housing.



SHELTER/ INTERIM
HOUSING



RENTAL
ASSISTANCE



HOUSING
NAVIGATION
SERVICES



AUXILIARY FUNDING
IN ASSISTED
LIVING SETTINGS



IMPLEMENTATION
AND PLANNING



OUTREACH AND
ENGAGEMENT



START-UP
INFRASTRUCTURE

Track 2: Administrative Requirements Overview



Track 2: Allowable Uses of Funds



Implementation

Planning
Pre-development
Capacity Building
Reporting



Bridge Housing

Shelter/Interim Housing
Rental Assistance
Auxiliary Funding in Assisted
Living Settings
Navigation Services
Outreach and Engagement



Allowable Costs

Personnel
Subcontractors or
consultants
Other direct costs
Indirect costs
Start-Up Infrastructure

Bridge Housing Start-up Infrastructure

The primary purpose of the BHBH Program is not construction, but the operation of bridge housing and supports for individuals experiencing homelessness; however, some funds may be spent on start-up infrastructure.

Examples of allowable start-up infrastructure costs include:

- ✓ the initial purchase of furniture, equipment, and appliances
- ✓ minor renovations to make necessary accessibility modifications for people who have behavioral health conditions
- ✓ the purchase and placement of tiny homes and related utility hookups and supportive facilities
- ✓ costs related to facility renovations, including allowable adaptive reuse
- ✓ bridge housing, as long as the start-up is expected to be completed and the bridge housing brought online within one year of contract execution

**All of these allowable expenditures must fit within the \$75,000 per-bed limit.
See RFA Attachment B, pages 24-27, for additional requirements.**

Requesting an Exception to the Budget Specifications

The BHBH Program is committed to supporting the successful implementation of the BHBH program in a manner that meets the needs of the communities served. In recognition of this, applicants may choose to request an exception from some of the requirements.

The following are the only funding requirements for which applicants may request an exception. No other exceptions will be approved:

- \$75,000 per-bed limit on BHBH start-up infrastructure
- BHBH start-up infrastructure completion within one year of contract execution

How to Apply



Tribes & Tribal Entities



Request for Applications (RFA) 2B Documents and Resources

- + [Round 2B Request for Applications](#) >
- + [Track 1 Planning Grant](#) >
- + [Track 2 Implementation Grant](#) >
- + [Resources](#) >
- + [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) >

[Review Full RFA](#)

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BHBH Program Tribal Entities

BHBH Program Tribal Entities RFA - Round 2B

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Applicants are invited to join the BHBH Program [Tribal Entities RFA — Round 2B Informational Webinar](#) on March 14, 2024, at 11 am. Please register for the Tribal Entities RFA — Round 2B Informational Webinar. The application will be accessible starting on March 1, 2024.

Application Procedures



Application Portal

The BHBH Program application uses a fillable form on an online application portal hosted by [SurveyMonkey Apply](#).

You will be asked to upload documents including:

- organizational chart
- budget
- budget narrative
- necessary supporting documentation

We recommend downloading the application and drafting responses prior to working in SurveyMonkey Apply.

Application Procedures



Accommodations

DHCS will provide assistive services such as reading or writing assistance and conversion of the RFA, questions and answers, RFA addenda, or other Administrative Notices to Braille, large print, audiocassette, or computer disk as needed. To request copies of written materials in an alternate format, please send an email to BHBHinfo@ahpnet.com or call (323) 545-6202.

➤ **SurveyMonkey Apply Portal and Budget Demonstrations**

Request for Applications (RFA) 2B Documents and Resources

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[RFA2- Resource Materials \(Closed\)](#)

[Help Desk](#)

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DHCS has engaged Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), a consulting and research firm focused on improving health and human services systems, to serve as the BHBH Program administrative entity. AHP and partners will offer technical assistance throughout the course of this grant.

Tribal Entity BHBH Program Round 2 Awards

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) is pleased to announce that it has awarded over \$30 million in Behavioral Health Bridge

Questions and Scoring

| Area | Track 1: Planning (points) | Track 2: Implementation (points) |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Community/Need for Assistance | 10 | 10 |
| Experience | 30 | 25 |
| Proposed Planning Process/ Proposed Implementation | 35 | 35 |
| Project Management/ Project Management and Sustainability | 20 | 25 |
| Budget (pass/fail) | 5 | 5 |
| Total | 100 points | 100 points |

Next Steps

Resources



[BHBH Program Tribal Entities website](#)



[BHBH Resource Library](#)



[Help Desk](#)



[Survey Monkey Application](#)

Q & A



Thank You