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AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, AND SCOPE OF WORK

1. **Authority**

This Standard Agreement (“Agreement”) is an agreement regarding Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Round 5 (HHAP-5 or Program) funds.

- A. The State of California established HHAP-5 pursuant to the provisions in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Health and Safety Code (HSC) section 50230) of Part 1 of Division 31 of the HSC. (Amended by Stats. 2023, Ch. 40, Sec. 17 (AB 129) effective July 10, 2023).
- B. The Program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) in the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (Agency). HHAP-5 provides flexible block grant funds to Continuums of Care, large cities (population of 300,000+) and counties to build on the regional coordination created through previous HCD grant funding and support local jurisdictions in their unified regional responses to reduce and end homelessness.
- C. This Standard Agreement/Contract for Funds along with all its exhibits (Agreement) is entered into by HCD and a Continuum of Care, a city, or a county (Grantee) under the authority of, and in furtherance of the purpose of, the Program. In signing this Agreement and thereby accepting this award of funds, the Grantee agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the [Notice of Funding Availability](#) (NOFA) dated September 29, 2023, under which the Grantee applied, HCD guidance and directives and the requirements appearing in the statutory authority for the Program cited above.

2. **Purpose**

HHAP-5 is established for the purpose of organizing and deploying the full array of homelessness programs and resources comprehensively and effectively, and to sustain existing federal, state, and local investments towards long-term sustainability of permanent housing and supportive services. The general purpose of the Program is to (1) reduce homelessness by expanding or developing local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those

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individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing; and (2) continue to build on regional coordination developed through previous rounds of HHAP funding (See HSC section 50230 et seq.).

HHAP funding shall:

- A. Be available to applicants for the purpose of reimbursement for planning and preparing the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plans required for the HHAP-5 application.
- B. Continue to build regional collaboration between Continuums of Care, counties, and cities in a given region, regardless of population, and ultimately be used to develop a unified regional response to homelessness by fostering robust regional collaboration and strategic partnerships aimed at fortifying the homeless services and housing delivery system. This should be achieved through the formulation of data-driven and cross-system plans designed to allocate resources in alignment with the state's priorities for homeless housing solutions. This means implementing strategies that create and sustain regional partnerships and prioritize permanent housing solutions.
- C. Ensure the long-term sustainability of housing and supportive services, by strategically pairing these funds with other local, state, and federal resources to effectively reduce and ultimately end homelessness. Grantees are encouraged to follow the guidance provided in [“Putting the Funding Pieces Together: Guide to Strategic Uses of New and Recent State and Federal Funds to Prevent and End Homelessness”](#).
- D. Demonstrate sufficient resources dedicated to long-term permanent housing solutions, including capital and operating costs.
- E. Demonstrate a commitment to address racial disproportionality in homeless populations and achieve equitable provision of services and outcomes for Black, Native and Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islanders and other People of Color who are disproportionately impacted by homelessness.
- F. Establish a mechanism for people with lived experience of homelessness to have meaningful and purposeful opportunities to inform and shape all

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levels of planning and implementation, including through opportunities to hire people with lived experience.

- G. Fund projects that provide housing and services that are Housing First compliant, per HSC section 50234(f), and delivered in a low barrier, trauma informed, and culturally responsive manner. Individuals and families assisted with these funds must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving interim or permanent housing, or other services for which these funds are used.
- H. Include the State as an integral partner through the provision of technical assistance, sharing of best practices, and implementing an accountability framework to guide the structure of current and future state investments.

3. **Definitions**

The following HHAP-5 program terms are defined in accordance with HSC section 50230, subdivisions (A) – (X):

- A. “Agency” means the Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency.
- B. “Applicant” means a Continuum of Care, city, county, or a region for purposes of the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan requirements pursuant to this chapter.
- C. “City” means a city or city and county that is legally incorporated to provide local government services to its population. A city can be organized either under the general laws of this state or under a charter adopted by the local voters.
- D. “Continuum of Care” means the same as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development at Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- E. “Coordinated Entry System” means a centralized or coordinated process developed pursuant to Section 578.7 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 10, 2019, designed to coordinate homelessness program participant intake, assessment, and provision of referrals. In order to satisfy this subdivision, a centralized or

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coordinated assessment system shall cover the geographic area, be easily accessed by individuals and families seeking housing or services, be well advertised, and include a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.

- F. “Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan” means the regionally coordinated homelessness action plan described in Section 50233.
- G. “Council” means the associated staff within the Interagency Council on Homelessness, formerly known as the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council created pursuant to Section 8257 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- H. “Department” means the Department of Housing and Community Development.
- I. “Emergency shelter” has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (e) of Section 50801.
- J. “Grantee” means an eligible applicant that has received its initial Round 5 base allocation or total Round 5 base allocation, as applicable.
- K. “Homeless” has the same meaning as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as that section read on January 10, 2019.
- L. “Homeless Management Information System” means the information system designated by a Continuum of Care to comply with federal reporting requirements as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The term “Homeless Management Information System” also includes the use of a comparable database by a victim services provider or legal services provider that is permitted by the federal government under Part 576 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
- M. “Homeless point-in-time count” means the most recently available point-in-time count data as reflected in the Annual Homeless Assessment Report released by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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- N. “Homeless youth” means an unaccompanied youth between 12 and 24 years of age who is experiencing homelessness, as defined in Section 725(2) of the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 11434a(2)). “Homeless youth” includes unaccompanied youth who are pregnant or parenting.
- O. “Housing First” has the same meaning as in Section 8255 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, including all of the core components listed therein.
- P. “Jurisdiction” means a city, county, Continuum of Care, or tribe, as defined in this section.
- Q. “Memorandum of Understanding” has the same meaning as defined in subdivision (f) of Section 50233.
- R. “Navigation center” means a Housing First, low-barrier, service-enriched shelter focused on moving homeless individuals and families into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities while case managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter, and housing.
- S. “Program” means Round 5 of the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program, or Round 5, established pursuant to this chapter.
- T. 1) “Base program allocation” means the portion of program funds available to expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges pursuant to the allowable uses specified in Section 50236.
- 2) “Homekey supplemental allocation” means the portion of program funds available to eligible jurisdictions as supplementary Homekey resources, as defined in Section 50237.
- U. “Recipient” means a jurisdiction that receives funds from HCD for the purposes of the program.
- V. 1) Except as set forth in paragraph 2) below, “region” means the geographic area served by a county, including all cities and Continuum of Care within it. A region that has a Continuum of Care that serves multiple counties may submit a plan that covers multiple

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counties and the cities within them, or the Continuum of Care may participate in the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan of each individual county that is part of the Continuum of Care along with the cities within the county.

- 2) All Continuums of Care within the County of Los Angeles shall be considered part of a single region, along with the county and big cities within the county.
- W. “Small jurisdiction” means a city that is under 300,000 in population as of January 1, 2022, according to data published on the internet website of the Department of Finance.
- X. “Tribe” or “tribal applicant” means a federally recognized tribal government pursuant to Section 4103 of Title 25 of the United States Code that is located in California.

Additional definitions for the purposes of the HHAP-5 program:

Allocations:

“Initial HHAP-5 Base Allocation”: fifty percent (50%) of the eligible city, county, or Continuum of Care’s HHAP-5 allocation.

“HHAP-5 Planning Allocation”: one hundred percent (100%) of the eligible city, county, or Continuum of Care’s HHAP Round 5 planning allocation.

“Initial Supplemental Funding Allocation”: one hundred percent (100%) of the eligible city, county, or Continuum of Care’s share of the one hundred (\$100) million Supplemental Allocation.

“Remainder Disbursement”: the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the eligible city, county, or Continuum of Care’s HHAP- 5 base allocation.

“Obligate”: means that the Grantee has placed orders, awarded contracts, received services, or entered into similar transactions that require payment using HHAP-5 funding. Grantees, and the subrecipients who receive awards from those Grantees, must obligate the funds by the statutory deadlines set forth in this Exhibit A.

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“Expended”: means all HHAP-5 funds obligated under contract or subcontract have been fully paid and receipted, and no invoices remain outstanding.

4. Scope of Work

- A. The Scope of Work (“Work”) for this Agreement shall include uses that are consistent with HSC section 50234, subdivision (a) (1), and section 50236, and any other applicable laws.
- B. HHAP-5 Planning Allocation funds are for the purpose of planning for and preparing the Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan required as part of the HHAP-5 regional application. Any Planning Allocation funds that are not spent on the preparation of the HHAP-5 application must be expended consistent with the purpose and requirements of the HHAP-5 program, as described below.
- C. Provided that before proposing to use HHAP-5 resources to fund new interim housing solutions, the applicant first demonstrates that the region has dedicated sufficient resources from other sources to long-term permanent housing solutions, including capital and operating costs, allowable uses of HHAP-5 base program allocation funds include all of the following:
 - 1) Permanent housing solutions, including all of the following:
 - a) Rental subsidies, including to support placement of individuals in Community Assistance, Recovery and Empowerment (CARE) Court.
 - b) Landlord incentives, such as security deposits, holding fees, funding for needed repairs, and recruitment and relationship management costs.
 - c) Move-in expenses.
 - d) Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units serving people experiencing homelessness, including programs such as Homekey, new or existing residential care facilities, funded by the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program or the

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Community Care Expansion Program. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.

- e) Homelessness prevention through rental assistance, rapid rehousing, and other programs, so long as they prioritize households at imminent risk of homelessness or households with incomes at or below thirty percent (30%) of the area median income, who pay more than fifty percent (50%) of their income in housing costs, and who meet criteria for being at highest risk of homelessness through data-informed criteria.
 - f) Problem-solving and diversion support programs that prevent people at risk of or recently experiencing homelessness from entering unsheltered or sheltered homelessness.
 - g) Services for people in permanent housing, so long as the services are trauma-informed and practice harm reduction, to include intensive case management services, assertive community treatment services, critical time intervention services, other tenancy support services, evidence-based employment services, coordinating mental health, substance use, and primary care treatment, or other evidence-based supportive services to increase housing retention.
 - h) Capital for permanent housing that serves people experiencing homelessness, including conversion of underutilized buildings or existing interim or transitional housing into permanent housing.
- 2) Interim housing solutions, including all of the following:
- a) Navigation centers that are low barrier, as defined in Sections 65660 and 65662 of the Government Code, to include any of the following:
 - b) Operating expenses in existing congregate shelter sites.

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- c) Operating expenses in new or existing non-congregate shelter sites and transitional housing for youth.
 - d) Motel or hotel vouchers.
 - e) Services provided to people in interim housing, to include trauma-informed and evidence-based intensive case management services, housing navigation, connecting people to substance use or mental health treatment, public benefits advocacy, and other supportive services to promote stability and referral into permanent housing.
 - f) Capital funding to build new non-congregate shelter sites, including for construction, rehabilitation, and capital improvements to convert existing congregate sites into non-congregate sites.
 - g) Capital funding for clinically enhanced congregate or non-congregate shelter sites.
 - h) Youth-focused services in transitional housing.
- 3) Service provisions and systems support including all of the following:
- a) Services for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness, including street outreach, including, but not limited to, persons experiencing homelessness from encampment sites and those transitioning out of encampment sites funded by the program known as the Encampment Resolution Funding Grant consistent with HSC Section 50251 to access permanent housing and services. This includes evidence-based engagement services, intensive case management services, assertive community treatment, housing navigation, harm reduction services, coordination with street-based health care services, and hygiene services for people living in encampments and unsheltered individuals.
 - b) Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other

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services needed to promote housing stability in supportive housing.

- c) Systems support for activities necessary to create regional partnerships and maintain a homeless services and housing delivery system, particularly for vulnerable populations, including families and homeless youth.
 - d) Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers and increase privacy.
 - e) Any new interim sheltering funded by Round 5 funds must be low-barrier, comply with Housing First practices as provided in Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 8255) of Division 8 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and prioritize interventions other than congregate shelters.
- 4) In addition to the eligible uses described above, the Grantee's expenditure of its entire HHAP-5 Base Allocation must also comply with the following:
- a) At least ten percent (10%) of the funds shall be spent on services for homeless youth populations.
 - b) Not more than seven percent (7%) of funds may be used for administrative costs incurred by the city, county, or Continuum of Care to administer its program allocation. For purposes of this Agreement, "administrative costs" does not include staff or other costs directly related to implementing activities funded by the program allocation.

Grantee shall perform the work only in the areas as identified, and in accordance with any guidance from HCD.

5) **Contract Coordinator**

HCD's Contract Coordinator for this Agreement is HCD's Grants Program Design Section Chief or their designee. Unless otherwise instructed, any notice, report, or other communication requiring an original Grantee signature for this Agreement shall be sent to the HCD Contract Coordinator electronically.

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The Representatives during the term of this Agreement will be:

	PROGRAM	GRANTEE
ENTITY:	California Department of Housing & Community Development	
SECTION/UNIT:	Policy and Program Support	
ADDRESS:	651 Bannon St SW, Suite 400 Sacramento, CA, 95811	
CONTRACT COORDINATOR	Jeannie McKendry	
PHONE NUMBER:	(916) 490-9589	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	HPDHomelessnessGrants@hcd.ca.gov Jeannie.McKendry@hcd.ca.gov	

All requests to update the Grantee information listed within this Agreement shall be emailed to the HPD Homelessness Grants general email box at HPDHomelessnessGrants@hcd.ca.gov. HCD reserves the right to change their representative and/or contact information at any time with notice to the Grantee.

6) **Effective Date, Term of Agreement, and Deadlines**

- A. This Agreement is effective upon approval by HCD (indicated by the signature provided by HCD in the lower left section of page one, Standard Agreement, STD. 213), and when signed by all parties. Funds will be disbursed in accordance with Section 4 of Exhibit B.
- B. This Agreement shall terminate on June 30, 2029.
- C. On or before January 1, 2026, a Grantee shall submit to the Department an updated Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, which shall include updates on the metrics and key actions to improve these metrics, which shall be reviewed and approved by HCD pursuant to HSC 50235 subdivision (h). A Grantee shall contractually obligate no less than seventy-five percent (75%) and shall expend no less than fifty percent

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(50%) of their initial fifty percent (50%) HHAP-5 base allocation disbursement by June 30, 2026. This excludes both the HHAP-5 planning and Initial Supplemental Allocations. Upon demonstration by a recipient Grantee that it has complied with both of these requirements, the Department shall disburse to that recipient the remaining fifty percent (50%) of its HHAP-5 base allocation pursuant to HSC Section 50235.

- 1) Grantee will demonstrate compliance with these obligation and expenditure requirements through monthly fiscal reports and by completing a certification documentation in the form and manner provided by HCD.

D. If a Grantee has obligated less than seventy-five percent (75%) or expended less than fifty percent (50%) of their initial fifty percent (50%) HHAP-5 base allocation by June 30, 2026, the Grantee shall not contractually obligate or expend any remaining portion of its initial HHAP-5 base allocation, and HCD shall not allocate to the recipient the remaining fifty percent (50%) of its HHAP-5 base allocation, unless both of the following occur:

- 1) On or before June 30, 2026, the Grantee submits an alternative disbursement plan to HCD that includes an explanation for the delay.
- 2) HCD approves the alternative disbursement plan.

If a Grantee does not satisfy these requirements, HCD shall have the discretion to allocate the unused funding in a manner prescribed by HCD.

If the funds identified in the approved alternative disbursement plan are not fully expended by December 31, 2027, the funds shall be returned to HCD to be allocated as supplemental awards in accordance with Health and Safety Code Section 50237.

E. All HHAP-5 funds, including base allocations, planning allocations, and supplemental funding, shall be expended by June 30, 2028.

F. Any funds, including planning allocations and supplemental funding, not expended by June 30, 2028, shall revert to, and be paid and deposited in, the General Fund pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 50235 subdivision (m).

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G. HCD may request additional information from applicants, as needed, to meet other applicable reporting or audit requirements.

7) **Capacity and Authority to Contract**

A. By signing this Agreement, the Grantee is certifying that it has the capacity and authority to fulfill the obligations enumerated in this agreement. The Grantee further represents that it is authorized to execute this Agreement.

B. Each person executing this Agreement on behalf of an entity, other than an individual executing this Agreement on their own behalf, represents that they are authorized to execute this Agreement on behalf of said entity.

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BUDGET DETAIL AND DISBURSEMENT PROVISIONS

1. **Payee**

Name: [Legal Grantee Name] Amount: \$ [HHAP-5 Award Amount]

2. **Budget Detail & Changes**

A. The Grantee agrees that HHAP-5 funds shall be expended on uses that support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges. Such activities must be informed by a best-practices framework focused on moving people experiencing homelessness into permanent housing and supporting the efforts of those individuals and families to maintain their permanent housing.

B. The Grantee shall expend the HHAP-5 funds on eligible activities as detailed in HSC 50234, subdivision (a)(1)(A) and 50236 and as described in the grantees latest approved HHAP-5 funding plan.

C. Any changes to the Grantee’s budget must be approved in writing by HCD prior to incurring expenses.

3. **General Conditions Prior to Disbursement**

- A. All Grantees must submit the following forms prior to this HHAP-5 allocation being released:
- 1) Request for Funds Form (“RFF”).
 - 2) STD 213 Standard Agreement form and Exhibits A through E.
 - 3) STD 204 Payee Data Record or Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form.

4. **Disbursement of Funds**

A. **Initial Disbursement**

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- 1) The Initial Disbursement of the HHAP-5 allocation includes the initial HHAP-5 base allocation, HHAP-5 planning allocation, and initial supplemental allocation. These funds will be disbursed to the Grantee upon receipt, review and approval of the completed Standard Agreement and RFF by HCD.
- 2) The Initial disbursement of HHAP-5 funds will be disbursed in one allocation, and issued to the Grantee, identified on the Payee Data Record Form or Government Agency Taxpayer ID Form.

B. Remainder Disbursement

- 1) HCD will disburse the remaining fifty percent (50%) of HHAP-5 base allocation upon demonstration by a Grantee that it has complied with the requirement to contractually obligate and expend a minimum amount of its initial Round 5 base allocation, as described below, and receives approval for the submitted Updated Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan that includes updates on measures and illustrates the advancement of key actions outlined in the original Regionally Coordinated Action Plan to improve those measures, as outlined in Section 50235(h).
 - a) A Grantee shall contractually obligate no less than seventy-five percent (75%) and shall expend no less than fifty percent (50%) of their initial fifty percent (50%) HHAP-5 base allocation by June 30, 2026. This excludes both the HHAP-5 planning allocation and the supplemental allocation. Upon demonstration by a grantee that it has complied with this requirement and receives approval for the submitted Updated Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, HCD shall disburse to that recipient the remaining fifty percent (50%) of its HHAP-5 program allocation pursuant to Section 50234.
 - b) If a Grantee has obligated less than seventy-five percent (75%) or expended less than fifty percent (50%) of their initial fifty percent (50%) HHAP-5 program allocation by June 30, 2026, the Grantee shall not contractually obligate or expend any remaining portion of its initial HHAP-5 program allocation, and HCD shall not allocate to the recipient the

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remaining fifty percent (50%) of its HHAP-5 program allocation, unless both of the following occur:

- i. On or before June 30, 2026, the Grantee submits an alternative disbursement plan to HCD that includes an explanation for the delay.
 - ii. HCD approves the alternative disbursement plan. If HCD cannot approve an alternative disbursement plan, HCD will provide the Grantee with guidance on the revisions needed in order to approve the alternative disbursement plan.
- c) HCD may withhold the remaining fifty percent (50%) of HHAP-5 program allocation funds from a jurisdiction that repeatedly failed to take action as specified in its Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan, or that took actions adverse to achieving the plan objectives provided pursuant to Section 50233, until such time the jurisdiction demonstrates to HCD they are in substantial compliance with the requirements of HSC 50235 subdivision (h).

5. Expenditure of Funds

All HHAP-5 funds must be spent consistent with the intent of the Program and the eligible uses identified in HSC section 50234, subdivision (a)(1)(A) and 50236 and in alignment with the Grantee's latest, approved funding plan.

6. Ineligible Costs

- A. HHAP-5 funds shall not be used for costs associated with activities in violation of any law or for any activities not consistent with the intent of the Program and the eligible uses identified in HSC section 50234, subdivision (a)(1)(A) and 50236.
- B. HCD reserves the right to request additional clarifying information to determine the reasonableness and eligibility of all uses of the funds made available by this Agreement. If the Grantee or its funded subrecipients use HHAP-5 funds to pay for ineligible activities, the Grantee shall be required to reimburse these funds to HCD.

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- C. An expenditure which is not authorized by this Agreement, or by written approval of the Contract Coordinator or his/her designee, or which cannot be adequately documented, shall be disallowed and must be immediately repaid to HCD by the Grantee. A Grantee shall be prohibited from applying for future HHAP funds until they have repaid these funds to HCD.
- HCD, at its sole and absolute discretion, shall make the final determination regarding the allowability of HHAP-5 fund expenditures.
- D. Program funds shall not be used to supplant existing local funds for homeless housing, assistance, or prevention. HHAP funds cannot replace local funds that are committed to an existing or developing homeless assistance program. However, if funds previously supporting a service or project end or are reduced for reasons beyond the control of the Grantee and services or housing capacity will be lost as a result of these funds ending, HHAP funds may be used to maintain the service or program. Examples include, but are not limited to, a time-limited city and/or county tax or one-time block grant.
- E. Program funds shall not be used to supplant existing Encampment Resolution Funding Grant funds provided under HSC section 50251.

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HHAP GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. **Termination and Sufficiency of Funds**

A. Termination of Agreement

HCD may terminate this Agreement at any time for cause by giving a minimum of 14 days' notice of termination, in writing, to the Grantee. Cause shall consist of violations of any conditions of this Agreement, any breach of contract as described in [paragraph 6 of this Exhibit D](#); violation of any federal or state laws; or withdrawal of HCD's expenditure authority. Upon termination of this Agreement, unless otherwise approved in writing by HCD, any unexpended funds received by the Grantee shall be returned to HCD within thirty (30) days of HCD's notice of termination.

B. Sufficiency of Funds

This Agreement is valid and enforceable only if sufficient funds are made available to HCD by legislative appropriation. In addition, this Agreement is subject to any additional restrictions, limitations or conditions, or statutes, regulations, or any other laws, whether federal or those of the State of California, or of any agency, department, or any political subdivision of the federal or State of California governments, which may affect the provisions, terms, or funding of this Agreement in any manner.

2. **Transfers**

Grantee may not transfer or assign by subcontract or novation, or by any other means, the rights, duties, or performance of this Agreement or any part thereof, except as allowed within [Exhibit D Section 12 \(Special Conditions – Grantees/Sub Grantee\)](#) or with the prior written approval of HCD and a formal amendment to this Agreement to affect such subcontract or novation.

3. **Grantee's Application for Funds**

Grantee has submitted to HCD an application for HHAP-5 funds to support regional coordination and expand or develop local capacity to address its immediate homelessness challenges. HCD is entering into this Agreement on the basis of Grantee's facts, information, assertions and representations contained in that application. Any subsequent modifications to the original funding plans submitted within the original application must be

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requested through the formal HHAP Budget Modification Request Process and are subject to approval by HCD.

Grantee warrants that all information, facts, assertions, and representations contained in the application and approved modifications and additions thereto are true, correct, and complete to the best of Grantee's knowledge. In the event that any part of the application and any approved modification and addition thereto is untrue, incorrect, incomplete, or misleading in such a manner that would substantially affect HCD approval, disbursement, or monitoring of the funding and the grants or activities governed by this Agreement, then HCD may declare a breach of this Agreement and take such action or pursue such remedies as are legally available.

4. **Reporting/Audits**

A. Reporting Requirements

- 1) Annual Report: Grantees will be responsible for submitting an annual report no later than April 1 each year following the receipt of funds until all funds are fully expended. The annual report will contain detailed information on program activities in accordance with HSC sections 50221, 50222, and 50223, and be submitted in the form and method provided by HCD. The annual report must provide information on activities through the prior calendar, including, but not limited to, an ongoing tracking of the specific uses and expenditures of any program funds broken out by eligible uses, as well as any additional information HCD deems appropriate or necessary.
- 2) Monthly Fiscal Report: Grantees will be responsible for submitting a monthly fiscal report in accordance with HSC section 50223, in the form and method provided by HCD. The monthly fiscal report must provide information, including but not limited to, the obligation and expenditure status of the program funds by eligible uses category.
- 3) Final Report: Grantees will be responsible for submitting a final report in accordance with HSC section 50223 no later than April 1, 2029, and must be submitted in the form and method provided by HCD. The final report must provide information, including but not limited to, detailed uses of all program funds.

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- 4) HMIS/HDIS Reporting: Grantees and their subcontractors must report client data into their local Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) pursuant to the requirements of Assembly Bill (AB) 977 (Chapter 397, Statutes of 2021), and that data must be shared quarterly with the statewide Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS). As part of reporting responsibilities in accordance with HSC sections 50221, 50222, and 50223, Grantees must ensure proper recording of activities associated with these program funds. This is intended to efficiently capture many of the non-fiscal reporting responsibilities required under HSC sections 50221, 50222, and 50223. HCD will make efforts to utilize statewide Homeless Data Integration System to fulfill grantee reporting requirements under HSC sections 50221, 50222, and 50223, however improper reporting into that system may require HCD to seek additional information directly from Grantees. Grantees may also be required to accept training and technical assistance in this area if their HMIS/HDIS is not properly tracked and shared.
- 5) HCD may require additional supplemental reporting with written notice to the Grantee.
- 6) Grantee may, at their discretion, fully expend their HHAP-5 allocation prior to the end date of the grant term and will not be required to submit monthly fiscal reports after the month in which their allocation was fully expended.

B. Auditing

HCD reserves the right to perform or cause to be performed a financial audit. At HCD's request, the Grantee shall provide, at its own expense, a financial audit prepared by a certified public accountant. HHAP-5 administrative funds may be used to fund this expense. Should an audit be required, the Grantee shall adhere to the following conditions:

- 1) The audit shall be performed by an independent certified public accountant.

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- 2) The Grantee shall notify HCD of the auditor's name and address immediately after the selection has been made. The contract for the audit shall allow access by HCD to the independent auditor's working papers.
- 3) The Grantee is responsible for the completion of audits and all costs of preparing audits.
- 4) If there are audit findings, the Grantee must submit a detailed response acceptable to HCD for each audit finding within ninety (90) days from the date of the audit finding report.

5. Inspection and Retention of Records

A. Record Inspection

HCD or its designee shall have the right to review, obtain, and copy all records and supporting documentation pertaining to performance under this Agreement. The Grantee agrees to provide HCD, or its designee, with any relevant information requested. The Grantee agrees to give HCD or its designee access to its premises, upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours, for the purpose of interviewing employees who might reasonably have information related to such records, and of inspecting and copying such books, records, accounts, and other materials that may be relevant to an investigation of compliance with the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program laws, the HHAP-5 program guidance document published on the website, and this Agreement.

In accordance with HSC section 50220.8, subdivision (m), if upon inspection of records HCD identifies noncompliance with grant requirements, HCD retains the right to impose a corrective action plan on the Grantee.

B. Record Retention

The Grantee further agrees to retain all records described in subparagraph (A) for a minimum period of five (5) years after the termination of this Agreement.

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If any litigation, claim, negotiation, audit, monitoring, inspection, or other action has been commenced before the expiration of the required record retention period, all records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all issues which arise from it.

C. Public Records Act

The Grantees' final HHAP-5 application, this contract, and other documents related to the grant are considered public records, which are available for public viewing pursuant to the California Public Records Act Division 10 (commencing with Section 7920.000) of Title 1 of the Government Code.

6. **Breach and Remedies**

A. Breach of Agreement

Breach of this Agreement includes, but is not limited to, the following events:

- 1) Grantee's failure to comply with the terms or conditions of this Agreement.
- 2) Use of, or permitting the use of, HHAP-5 funds provided under this Agreement for any ineligible activities.
- 3) Any failure to comply with the deadlines set forth in this Agreement.

B. Remedies for Breach of Agreement

In addition to any other remedies that may be available to HCD in law or equity for breach of this Agreement, HCD may:

- 1) Bar the Grantee from applying for future HHAP funds.
- 2) Revoke any other existing HHAP award(s) to the Grantee.
- 3) Require the return of any unexpended HHAP-5 funds disbursed under this Agreement.

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- 4) Require repayment of HHAP-5 funds disbursed and expended under this Agreement.
 - 5) Require the immediate return to HCD of all funds derived from the use of HHAP-5 funds.
 - 6) Seek, in a court of competent jurisdiction, an order for specific performance of the defaulted obligation or participation in the technical assistance in accordance with HHAP-5 requirements.
- C. All remedies available to HCD are cumulative and not exclusive.
- D. HCD may give written notice to the Grantee to cure the breach or violation within a period of not less than fifteen (15) days.

7. **Waivers**

No waiver of any breach of this Agreement shall be held to be a waiver of any prior or subsequent breach. The failure of HCD to enforce at any time the provisions of this Agreement, or to require at any time, performance by the Grantee of these provisions, shall in no way be construed to be a waiver of such provisions nor to affect the validity of this Agreement or the right of HCD to enforce these provisions.

8. **Nondiscrimination**

During the performance of this Agreement, the Grantee and its subrecipients shall not unlawfully discriminate, harass, or allow harassment against any employee or applicant for employment because of sex (gender), sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, race, color, ancestry, religion, creed, national origin (including language use restriction), pregnancy, physical disability (including HIV and AIDS), mental disability, medical condition (cancer/genetic characteristics), age (over 40), genetic information, marital status, military and veteran status, and denial of medical and family care leave or pregnancy disability leave. Grantees and Sub grantees shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of their employees and applicants for employment are free from such discrimination and harassment. Grantee and its subrecipients shall comply with the provisions of California's laws against discriminatory practices relating to specific groups: the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) (Gov. Code, § 12900 et seq.); the regulations promulgated thereunder (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 2, § 11000 et seq.); and the provisions of Article 9.5, Chapter 1, Part 1, Division 3, Title 2 of the

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Government Code (Gov. Code, §§ 11135 - 11139.5). Grantee and its subrecipients shall give written notice of their obligations under this clause to labor organizations with which they have a collective bargaining or other agreement.

9. **Conflict of Interest**

All Grantees are subject to state and federal conflict of interest laws. For instance, HSC section 50220.5, subdivision (i) states, "For purposes of Section 1090 of the Government Code, a representative of a county serving on a board, committee, or body with the primary purpose of administering funds or making funding recommendations for applications pursuant to this chapter shall have no financial interest in any contract, program, or project voted on by the board, committee, or body on the basis of the receipt of compensation for holding public office or public employment as a representative of the county."

Failure to comply with these laws, including business and financial disclosure provisions, will result in the application being rejected and any subsequent contract being declared void. Other legal action may also be taken. Additional applicable statutes include, but are not limited to, Government Code section 1090 and Public Contract Code sections 10410 and 10411.

- A. Current State Employees: No State officer or employee shall engage in any employment, activity, or enterprise from which the officer or employee receives compensation or has a financial interest, and which is sponsored or funded by any State agency, unless the employment, activity, or enterprise is required as a condition of regular State employment. No State officer or employee shall contract on his or her own behalf as an independent Grantee with any State agency to provide goods or services.
- B. Former State Employees: For the two (2) year period from the date he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract in which he or she engaged in any of the negotiations, transactions, planning, arrangements, or any part of the decision-making process relevant to the contract while employed in any capacity by any State agency. For the twelve (12) month period from the date, he or she left State employment, no former State officer or employee may enter into a contract with any State agency if he or she was employed by that State agency in a policy-making position in the same general subject area as the proposed contract within the twelve (12) month period prior to his or her leaving State service.

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- C. Employees of the Grantee: Employees of the Grantee shall comply with all applicable provisions of law pertaining to conflicts of interest, including but not limited to any applicable conflict of interest provisions of the Political Reform Act of 1974 (Gov. Code, § 81000 et seq.).
- D. Representatives of a County: A representative of a county serving on a board, committee, or body with the primary purpose of administering funds or making funding recommendations for applications pursuant to this chapter shall have no financial interest in any contract, program, or project voted on by the board, committee, or body on the basis of the receipt of compensation for holding public office or public employment as a representative of the county.

10. **Drug-Free Workplace Certification**

Certification of Compliance: By signing this Agreement, Grantee hereby certifies, under penalty of perjury under the laws of State of California, that it and its subrecipients will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Gov. Code, section 8350 et seq.) and have or will provide a drug-free workplace by taking the following actions:

Publish a statement notifying employees and subrecipients that unlawful manufacture distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited and specifying actions to be taken against employees, Grantees, or subrecipients for violations, as required by Government Code section 8355, subdivision (a)(1).

- A. Establish a Drug-Free Awareness Program, as required by Government Code section 8355, subdivision (a)(2) to inform employees, Grantees, or subrecipients about all of the following:
 - 1) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace.
 - 2) Grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace.
 - 3) Any available counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance program; and
 - 4) Penalties that may be imposed upon employees, Grantees, and subrecipients for drug abuse violations.

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- B. Provide, as required by Government Code section 8355, subdivision (a)(3), that every employee and/or subrecipient that works under this Agreement:
- 1) Will receive a copy of Grantee's drug-free policy statement, and
 - 2) Will agree to abide by terms of Grantee's condition of employment or subcontract.

11. **Child Support Compliance Act**

For any Contract Agreement in excess of \$100,000, the Grantee acknowledges in accordance with Public Contract Code 7110, that:

- A. The Grantee recognizes the importance of child and family support obligations and shall fully comply with all applicable state and federal laws relating to child and family support enforcement, including, but not limited to, disclosure of information and compliance with earnings assignment orders, as provided in Chapter 8 (commencing with section 5200) of Part 5 of Division 9 of the Family Code; and
- B. The Grantee, to the best of its knowledge is fully complying with the earnings assignment orders of all employees and is providing the names of all new employees to the New Hire Registry maintained by the California Employment Development Department.

12. **Special Conditions – Grantees/Subgrantee**

The Grantee agrees to comply with all conditions of this Agreement including the Special Conditions set forth in Exhibits C and D. These conditions shall be met to the satisfaction of HCD prior to disbursement of funds. The Grantee shall ensure that all Subgrantees are made aware of and agree to comply with all the conditions of this Agreement and the applicable State requirements governing the use of HHAP-5 funds. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in termination of this Agreement.

- A. The Agreement between the Grantee and any Subgrantee shall require the Grantee and its Subgrantees, if any, to:

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- 1) Perform the work in accordance with Federal, State and Local housing and building codes, as applicable.
- 2) Maintain at least the minimum State-required worker's compensation for those employees who will perform the work or any part of it.
- 3) Maintain, as required by law, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and liability insurance in an amount that is reasonable to compensate any person, firm or corporation who may be injured or damaged by the Grantee or any Subgrantee in performing the Work or any part of it.
- 4) Agree to include all the terms of this Agreement in each subcontract.

- B. The Grantee shall monitor the activities of all subgrantees to ensure compliance with all requirements under the HHAP program.

As requested by HCD, the Grantee shall provide to HCD all monitoring documentation necessary to ensure that Grantee and its subgrantees are in continued compliance with HHAP requirements. Such documentation requirements shall be provided by HCD when the information is requested.

13. **Compliance with State and Federal Laws, Rules, Guidelines and Regulations**

The Grantee agrees to comply with all state and federal laws, rules and regulations that pertain to construction, health and safety, labor, fair employment practices, environmental protection, equal opportunity, land use, homelessness, housing element, fair housing, and all other matters applicable and/or related to the HHAP-5 program, the Grantee, its subrecipients, and all eligible activities.

The Grantee shall also be responsible for obtaining any and all permits, licenses, and approvals required for performing any activities under this Agreement, including those necessary to perform design, construction, or operation and maintenance of the activities. The Grantee shall be responsible for observing and complying with any applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules or regulations affecting any such work, specifically those including, but not limited to,

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environmental protection, procurement, and safety laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances. The Grantee shall provide copies of permits and approvals to HCD upon request.

14. **Inspections**

- A. The Grantee shall inspect any work performed hereunder to ensure that the work is being and has been performed in accordance with the applicable federal, state and/or local requirements, and this Agreement.
- B. HCD reserves the right to inspect any work performed hereunder to ensure that the work is being and has been performed in accordance with the applicable federal, state and/or local requirements, and this Agreement.
- C. The Grantee agrees to require that all work that is determined based on such inspections not to conform to the applicable requirements be corrected and to withhold payments to the subrecipient until it is corrected.

15. **Litigation**

- A. If any provision of this Agreement, or an underlying obligation, is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity, at the sole discretion of HCD, shall not affect any other provisions of this Agreement and the Initial terms of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. Therefore, the provisions of this Agreement are and shall be deemed severable.
- B. The Grantee shall notify HCD immediately of any claim or action undertaken by or against it, which affects or may affect this Agreement or HCD, and shall take such action with respect to the claim or action as is consistent with the terms of this Agreement and the interests of HCD.

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1. All proceeds from any interest-bearing account established by the Grantee for the deposit of HHAP-5 funds, along with any interest-bearing accounts opened by subrecipients to the Grantee for the deposit of HHAP-5 funds, must be used for HHAP-5-eligible activities. Grantees must maintain records of all expenditures of the proceeds from these interest-bearing accounts for five (5) years and report on these expenditures as required by HCD. HCD reserves the right to perform or cause to be performed a financial audit on the use of proceeds from interest-bearing accounts.
2. Per HSC section 50234 subdivision (f), any housing-related activities funded with HHAP-5 funds, including but not limited to emergency shelter (per HSC section 50236 subdivision (c)(3)(E), rapid-rehousing, rental assistance, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing, must be in compliance or otherwise aligned with the core components of Housing First, as described in Welfare and Institutions Code section 8255, subdivision (b). Individuals and families assisted with these funds must not be required to receive treatment or perform any other prerequisite activities as a condition for receiving shelter, housing, or other services for which these funds are used. In addition, HHAP-5 funding shall be used to adopt a Housing First approach within the entire local homelessness response system, including outreach and emergency shelter, short-term interventions like rapid re-housing, and longer-term interventions like supportive housing.
3. The Grantee shall utilize its local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) to track HHAP-5-funded projects, services, and clients served. Grantee will ensure that HMIS data are collected in accordance with applicable laws and in such a way as to identify individual projects, services, and clients that are supported by HHAP-5 funding (e.g., by creating appropriate HHAP-5-specific funding sources and project codes in HMIS).
4. The Grantee shall participate in and provide data elements, including, but not limited to, health information, in a manner consistent with federal law, to the HMIS in accordance with their existing Data Use Agreements, and as required by HSC sections 50234(b) and 50220.6 and Welfare and Institutions Code section 8256. Any health information provided to, or maintained within, the Homeless Management Information System, or the State Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS), which compiles all HMIS data into a statewide data warehouse, shall not be subject to public inspection or disclosure under the California Public

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Records Act. For purposes of this paragraph, “health information” means “protected health information,” as defined in Part 160.103 of Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and “medical information,” as defined in subdivision (j) of Section 56.05 of the Civil Code. HCD may, as required by operational necessity, amend or modify required data elements, disclosure formats, or disclosure frequency. Additionally, HCD, at its discretion, may provide Grantee with aggregate reports and analytics of the data Grantee submits to HDIS in support of the Purpose of this Agreement and the existing Data Use Agreement.

5. The Grantee agrees to accept technical assistance as directed by HCD or by a contracted technical assistance provider acting on behalf of HCD and report to HCD on programmatic changes the grantee will make as a result of the technical assistance and in support of their grant goals.
6. The Grantee agrees to demonstrate a commitment to racial equity and, per HSC section 50222 subdivision (a)(2)(B), the grantee shall use data provided through HDIS to analyze racial disproportionality in homeless populations and, in partnership with HCD, establish clear metrics and performance monitoring for achieving equity in provision of services and outcomes for Black, Native, and Indigenous, Latinx, Asian, Pacific Islanders and other People of Color who are disproportionately impacted by homelessness and COVID-19.
7. The Grantee should establish a mechanism for people with lived experience of homelessness to have meaningful and purposeful opportunities to inform and shape all levels of planning and implementation, including through opportunities to hire people with lived experience.
8. HCD reserves the right to add any special conditions to this Agreement it deems necessary to ensure that the goals of the Program are achieved.
9. The Department represents that the intent of [Exhibit D Section 1\(B\)](#) is only to preserve the legislature’s ability to make changes to appropriations and matters that are lawfully subject to change through the Budget Act. The Department represents and warrants that as of the date of this Agreement the non-bond funds referenced in Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program, Round 5 Notice of Funding Availability dated September 29, 2023 for this Agreement are appropriated to and available for the purposes of this Agreement, and further, that upon execution of this Agreement said funds are deemed allocated to and encumbered for the purposes described in this Agreement and shall not be terminated or reduced as a result of [Exhibit D Section 1\(B\)](#) once construction has commenced in compliance with Program requirements and in

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accordance with the construction commencement requirements within this Agreement. If not continuously appropriated, said funds must still be disbursed prior to any applicable disbursement or expenditure deadline set forth in this Agreement.

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