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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER

The purpose of this letter is to notify All County Welfare Directors and Tribal Grantees in California that the Budget Act of 2025 ([Senate Bill 101, Chapter 4, Statutes of 2025](#)) appropriated a total of \$209.4 million in one-time funds for the Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program, the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), and the Home Safe Program.



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LETTER TO ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS AND ALL TRIBAL LEADERS IN CALIFORNIA

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS COORDINATORS
CURRENT PARTICIPATING TRIBAL GRANTEEES
ALL FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS IN CALIFORNIA
ALL TRIBAL LEADERS IN CALIFORNIA

FROM: HANNA AZEMATI, DEPUTY DIRECTOR
HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS DIVISION

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ONE-TIME FUNDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE BRINGING FAMILIES HOME PROGRAM, THE HOUSING AND DISABILITY ADVOCACY PROGRAM, AND THE HOME SAFE PROGRAM

REFERENCE: [BUDGET ACT OF 2025 \(SENATE BILL 101\); ASSEMBLY BILL \(AB\) 102; WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE \(WIC\) SECTION 16523.1; WIC SECTIONS 18999, 18999.1, 18999.2, 18999.4, AND 18999.6; WIC SECTIONS 15770 AND 15771; ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS LETTER \(ACWDL\) DATED MARCH 5, 2025; ACWDL DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2022; ACWDL DATED OCTOBER 15, 2021; ACWDL DATED SEPTEMBER 13, 2021; ALL TRIBAL LEADERS LETTER \(ATLL\) DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2024; COUNTY FISCAL LETTER \(CFL\) 24/25-65; CFL 24/25-20; CFL 23/24-41; CFL 18/19-47; CFL 18/19-25; CFL 17/18-79](#)

The purpose of this All County Welfare Directors Letter (ACWDL) is to notify County Welfare Directors and Eligible Tribal Grantees (including but not limited to Tribal 638 Providers and Urban Indian Organizations, tribal consortia, and tribally-led nonprofits) in

California that the Budget Act of 2025 ([SB 101 \(Chapter 4, Statutes of 2025\)](#), & [AB 102 \(Chapter 5, Statutes of 2025\)](#)) appropriated a total of \$209.4 million in new one-time funds for the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to allocate to counties and eligible Tribal grantees to establish, continue, and expand housing and homelessness assistance through the Bringing Families Home (BFH) Program, the Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP), and the Home Safe Program. Funds will also be set aside for CDSS to implement and administer the programs. CDSS will be releasing additional information, including the amount of funding available for grantees to implement new programs or to continue or expand existing programs, under separate cover. CDSS will engage with eligible Tribal grantees interested in or operating CDSS housing and homelessness programs before issuing allocations specific to eligible Tribal grantees.

Grantees currently operating a BFH, HDAP, or Home Safe program are strongly encouraged to continue program operations to ensure families and individuals served through these programs continue to maintain housing stability and avoid a return to homelessness. Grantees with existing BFH, HDAP, and Home Safe programs, including those who have exhausted their allocations from FY 2021-22 and FY 2022-23, may continue to claim eligible expenses, per current fiscal claiming and invoicing guidance, until individual grantee allocation amounts from the Budget Act of 2025 are announced in forthcoming funding notices. The additional one-time funding from the Budget Act of 2025 will be made available on top of one-time funding grantees may have remaining from the Budget Act of 2021 and 2022 for Home Safe, BFH and HDAP. To prevent overspending before the allocation amounts are provided, grantees should aim to spend no more than the average amount claimed or invoiced quarterly in FY 2024-25 until the release of forthcoming funding notices.

Technical assistance (TA) on a wide variety of program-related topics, including budget development and program planning to accommodate these new one-time funds, is available to grantees at no cost through the Change Well Project, CDSS's contracted TA provider. Grantees can request TA using the [technical assistance request form](#).

Further details pertaining to each of these programs, including current program guidance and claiming instructions, are outlined below in greater detail.

Summary of New Statewide Program Funds and Expenditure Period

Program Name	Appropriation Amount	Appropriation Type	Expenditure Period	Match
Bringing Families Home	\$81,000,000	One-time	7/1/25 – 6/30/28	Exempt
Housing and Disability Advocacy Program	\$44,600,000	*One-time	7/1/25 – 6/30/28	Exempt

Program Name	Appropriation Amount	Appropriation Type	Expenditure Period	Match
Home Safe	\$83,800,000	One-time	7/1/25 – 6/30/28	Exempt
Total Investment	\$209,400,000			

*Note: The \$44.6 million in HDAP funding is additive to the annual, ongoing \$25 million GF that was announced via [ACWDL dated June 16, 2025](#).

Bringing Families Home Program

The BFH program provides housing-related supports to eligible families experiencing or at risk of homelessness in the child welfare system to improve housing stability, increase family reunification, and prevent foster care placement. Refer to the [ACWDL dated February 11, 2022](#) for a complete overview of BFH program eligibility, services, and requirements.

The [Budget Act of 2025 \(SB 101\)](#) appropriated a total of \$81 million one-time State General Fund (GF) for BFH to be available from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. Announcement of funding availability for new and continuing grantees will be provided under separate cover. Invoicing deadlines for eligible tribal grantees will also be shared under separate cover. Grantees currently operating BFH should continue BFH programming pursuant to [ACWDL dated February 11, 2022](#), [All County Letter \(ACL\) 24-21](#), [All Tribal Leader Letter \(ATLL\) 24-01](#), and in accordance with the grantee's signed Director's Certification or Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on file with CDSS. Existing grantees may continue to claim expenses for eligible activities completed beginning July 1, 2025, until final allocations are released via County Fiscal Letter (CFL), consistent with [CFL 18/19-25](#) and [CFL 17/18-79](#).

As a reminder, the Budget Act of 2024 reappropriated up to \$92.5 million from the Budget Act of 2021. The Budget Act of 2024 also reappropriated up to \$80 million from the Budget Act of 2022, which includes up to \$40 million available through June 30, 2026, and up to \$40 million available through June 30, 2027. Invoice deadlines for eligible tribal grantees are available in the [All Tribal Leaders Letter dated November 1, 2024](#). For counties, please note that the deadline to expend and claim Budget Act 2021 BFH funding has been extended for two additional quarters, up to the December 2025 quarter in the County Expense Claim (CEC) in the County Expense Claim Information Reporting System (CECRIS) with a final filing date of January 30, 2026, as outlined in [ACWDL dated March 5, 2025](#) and [CFL 24/25-65](#).

Housing and Disability Advocacy Program

HDAP provides outreach, case management, housing supports, and disability benefit advocacy to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness who are likely eligible for disability benefits. Refer to [ACWDL dated September 13, 2021](#) for a complete overview of HDAP eligibility, services, and requirements.

[The Budget Act of 2025 \(SB 101\)](#) appropriated an additional \$44.6 million one-time GF for HDAP to be available from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. Announcement of funding availability for new and continuing grantees will be provided under separate cover. Invoicing deadlines for eligible tribal grantees will also be shared under separate cover. Please note that this one-time funding is additive to the annual ongoing \$25 million appropriation for FY 2025-26 that was announced via [ACWDL dated June 16, 2025](#). Grantees currently operating HDAP should continue HDAP programming pursuant to [ACWDL dated September 13, 2021](#), [ACL No. 24-13](#), [ATLL No. 24-01](#), and in accordance with the grantee's most recently signed Director's Certification or MOU on file with CDSS. Current grantees may continue to claim expenses for eligible activities completed beginning July 1, 2025, until final allocations are released via CFL, consistent with [CFL 24/25-20](#), [CFL 23/24-41](#), [CFL 18/19-25](#), and [CFL 17/18-79](#).

As a reminder, the Budget Act of 2024 appropriated \$25 million in match-exempt funding and reappropriated \$150 million from the Budget Act of 2021. The Budget Act of 2024 also reappropriated \$100 million from the Budget Act of 2022 to be available through June 30, 2026. Finally, the Budget Act of 2023 appropriated the ongoing \$25 million in match-required funding. Invoice deadlines for eligible tribal grantees are available in the [All Tribal Leader Letter dated November 1, 2024](#). For counties, please note that the deadline to expend and claim FY 2021-22, FY 2023-24 and FY 2024-25 HDAP funds has been extended for two additional quarters, up to the December 2025 quarter in the CEC with a final filing date of January 30, 2026, as outlined in [ACWDL dated March 5, 2025](#), and [CFL 24/25-65](#). WIC Section 18999.1(b) was amended in FY 2024-25 to remove the dollar-for-dollar match requirement for any funds appropriated after July 1, 2024.

Home Safe Program

The Home Safe program provides housing-related assistance to support the safety and housing stability of individuals involved in Adult Protective Service (APS) who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness as well as older and dependent adults who come to the attention of a Tribe or tribal grantee due to potential abuse or neglect. Refer to [ACWDL dated October 15, 2021](#), for a complete overview of Home Safe program eligibility, services, and requirements.

[The Budget Act of 2025 \(SB 101\)](#) appropriated a total of \$83.8 million one-time GF for Home Safe to be available from July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2028. Announcement of funding availability for new and continuing grantees will be provided under separate cover. Invoicing deadlines for eligible tribal grantees will also be shared under separate

cover. Grantees currently operating Home Safe should continue Home Safe programming pursuant to [ACWDL dated October 15, 2021](#), [ACL 24-12](#), and in accordance with the grantee's signed Director's Certification or MOU on file with CDSS. Existing grantees may continue to claim expenses for eligible activities completed beginning July 1, 2025, until final allocations are released via CFL, consistent with [CFL 18/19-47](#).

As a reminder, the Budget Act of 2024 reappropriated \$92.5 million from the Budget Act of 2021 and \$92.5 million from the Budget Act of 2022 to be available through June 30, 2026. Invoice deadlines for eligible tribal grantees are available in the [All Tribal Leaders Letter dated November 1, 2024](#). For counties, please note that the deadline to expend and claim Budget Act 2021 Home Safe funds has been extended for two additional quarters, up to the December 2025 quarter in the CEC with a final filing date of January 30, 2026, as outlined in [ACWDL dated March 5, 2025](#), [CFL No. 24/25-65](#), and [CFL 24/25-71](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the CDSS Housing and Homelessness Division (HHD) via email at housing@dss.ca.gov with any questions regarding this letter.