



A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Accountability is the Foundation for Addressing the Homelessness Crisis

To make meaningful progress in helping those who are unhoused, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) developed the [‘AT HOME’](#) Plan. The six-pillar plan is designed to make true progress to effectively address homelessness at every level - state, local and federal.

ACCOUNTABILITY is the first and foremost priority for California’s counties.

The **AT HOME Coalition for Accountability** urges the state to adopt the Accountability Pillar of CSAC’s AT HOME Plan.

ACCOUNTABILITY

No one level of government is solely responsible for the homelessness crisis. The undertow of massive economic and systemic inequities, as well as a tangled web of decisions and well-intentioned policies and programs stymies efforts to support those who are unhoused or at risk of becoming unhoused.

Solution: We need to develop a comprehensive and data-driven plan that includes measurable outcomes and accountability for all levels of government.

What Does ‘Accountability’ Mean?

- Clearly defined city, county and state roles and responsibilities making it clear which level of government is responsible for what. **Today, this structure does not exist.**
- **Collaboration and coordination** between the state, counties and cities from start to finish on countywide or regional plans that include measurable goals and outcomes.
- **Ongoing funding commensurate with responsibilities** for each entity within the required plans to provide for maximum local flexibility in alignment with established goals and outcomes.
- **Funding tied to results** to ensure participating cities and counties adhere to clearly defined roles for siting and providing supportive services – as well as encampment outreach and clean-up.

We urge you to join CSAC™ – a nonpartisan, nonprofit association representing California’s 58 counties – to support the grassroots AT HOME Coalition for Accountability.

- [Join the AT HOME Accountability Coalition/Learn more about the Coalition](#)
- [Learn more about the entire AT HOME proposal](#)
- [Learn more about CSAC](#)

Have questions about the coalition? Please contact [Joshua Heller](#), coalition coordinator.

See additional examples on accountability on next page.



To Improve Accountability, the AT HOME Coalition for Accountability Recommends the Following Actions:

- Consolidate Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program funding and reporting countywide or within a multi-county region to support a simplified countywide or regional plan with one fiscal agent.
- Provide ongoing funding to support the countywide and regional plans. Allocate funding through the fiscal agent commensurate with the roles and responsibilities that each local entity has within the plan.
- Funded entities must submit a local homelessness action plan that includes clear outcome goals on a range of metrics, including how the plan addresses equity.
- As a condition of receiving HHAP funding, counties and cities must agree to a defined set of roles and responsibilities related to homelessness that shall minimally include, unless otherwise determined:
 - Counties have the responsibility to administer health and social safety net programs on behalf of the state to individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness regardless of their location within a county.
 - Counties also have the responsibility to provide specialty mental health and substance use disorder services to low-income persons or individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness living with qualifying conditions.
 - Cities shall be responsible for siting, funding, and supporting shelters for the unsheltered population within their jurisdiction. Counties shall be responsible for siting, funding, and supporting shelters for the unsheltered population within the unincorporated areas of the county and providing health and social services regardless of jurisdiction.
 - Shelter beds needed shall be determined by the concentration of homelessness in each incorporated and unincorporated jurisdiction.
 - Cities shall be responsible for siting permanent supportive housing within their jurisdiction. Counties shall be responsible for siting permanent supportive housing within the unincorporated areas of the county and providing key support services on behalf of the state regardless of jurisdiction.
 - If cities or counties do not want to plan or implement the required shelter and housing required by statute, they will forgo HHAP funding.
 - Cities shall be responsible for clean-up and sanitation of encampments within their jurisdiction. Counties shall be responsible for clean-up and sanitation of encampments in unincorporated areas of the county.
 - Responsibility for encampment outreach must be defined through local agreement.
- Provide performance-based funding for countywide plans that meet certain metrics in reducing homelessness. Funded entities should be rewarded for aggressive goals and achieving success.
- Establish a minimum amount to ensure that smaller jurisdictions can sufficiently support staffing and programs.
- Consider consolidating or redesigning other related programs and funding streams that support homelessness efforts, such as rental assistance and encampment resolution, to further streamline and make the funding more effective.
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