



Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
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Request for White Papers

The State of California’s Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (Council) is inviting researchers, policy experts and advocates to submit brief white papers with proposals for impactful, evidence-based strategies the Council should consider while developing priorities to address homelessness. We would like to invite your organization to participate in this process by responding to one or more of the following questions:

1. What are the top strategies the State of California should employ to make the largest difference in each of the goals listed below, and why? *(No more than five pages for each goal)*
 - Reducing the total number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the state
 - Reducing the number and proportion of individuals and families experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 - Reducing the number of individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness
 - Reducing the number of youth and young adults experiencing homelessness
 - Preventing individuals and families from entering homelessness
 - Increasing the overall supply of affordable housing for individuals and families experiencing homelessness
2. Of the goals listed above, how should the state prioritize its resources to make the biggest impact, and why? *(No more than five pages)*
3. What other priorities should the state consider to improve outcomes for the following performance measures, and why? *(No more than five pages)*
 - Decreasing the length of time an individual or family remains homeless
 - Increasing the number of successful housing placements for individuals and families experiencing homelessness
 - Decreasing the number and percentage of individuals and families who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations and return to homelessness
 - Increasing job placements and income growth for homeless individuals and families
4. Are there any additional performance measures that should be included, and if so, why? *(No more than five pages)*

Please be sure your response includes best practices and evidence-based strategies supported with verified statistics and case studies that are applicable in a state as large and diverse as California.

We welcome all submissions, including responses in a format other than that of a typical policy “white paper.” However, we ask that you limit your response to the number of pages listed above (not including appendices), when possible. Collaboration and joint submissions by interested stakeholders are highly encouraged. We are requesting submissions by **April 1, 2019**.

Responses to this request are to be submitted by e-mail to both Kelly Joy (contact information below) and the general Council inbox at HCFC@bcsh.ca.gov.

Please be advised that the Council cannot guarantee that recommendations made in responsive white papers will be utilized or implemented by the state; however, our staff is committed to thoroughly reviewing and considering all suggestions submitted as part of this collaborative effort. Additionally, there will be future opportunities to participate in convenings with HCFC staff regarding state priorities for addressing homelessness in California.

If you are interested in responding to this request, or if there are other experts or organizations you recommend we include in this invitation, please notify Kelly Joy at (916) 651-2732 or Kelly.Joy@bcsh.ca.gov. Please also feel free to pass this invitation along to anyone you think might be interested in responding.

We will be organizing a conference call in the next few weeks to answer questions and provide additional information. In the meantime, if you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Kelly Joy.

Thank you.