

# Homeless System of Care Coordination Priorities

2024 State Legislative Priorities



### SHELTERS & TEMPORARY HOUSING





HOUSING & HOUSING ASSISTANCE



OUTREACH &
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

HOMELESS PREVENTION



PREVENTION & SAFETY
NET ASSISTANCE



PROPOSITION 1 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT



**CALAIM** 



CARE ACT
IMPLEMENTATION



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#### **Housing & Housing Assistance**

Restore funding to housing assistance programs for at-risk populations, seniors, veterans and youth, including Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, and Housing Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP).

Incentivize permanent supportive housing, workforce housing, and extended Project Homekey investments.



#### **Outreach & Supportive Services**

Increase funding for county outreach efforts to build community awareness of supportive services and improve rates of program uptake among under resourced populations. Adequately fund caseworker safety and protection.

Provide ongoing funding for comprehensive services and care coordination to promote health equity and equitable outcomes for all population groups.



#### **Prevention & Safety Net Assistance**

Restore funding for CalWORKs, Child Welfare Services, Homeless/Housing and other critical safety net programs for vulnerable families, children, seniors, and at-risk foster youth.

Increase funding and local flexibility for new administrative caseload, staffing, and client transportation needs.

Support opioid and fentanyl response funding for Naloxone and testing strip distribution for all substance use disorders to first responders, law enforcement, community-based organizations, and county agencies; support funding for education, testing, recovery and support services.



#### **Shelters & Temporary Housing**

Promote policies that maximize housing access and system capacity in a way that responds to local needs for permanent supportive housing, adequate shelter, complex service delivery, and reduced building costs.

Maintain funding for bridge housing settings and shelter beds that address the treatment needs of vulnerable groups.

Seek authorization to provide up to six months of transitional rent services to CalAIM-eligible individuals who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness.



#### CalAIM

Prioritize regulatory guidance that clarifies County and Medi-Cal managed care plan responsibilities to deliver equitable, enhanced health care management that reduces health disparities. Integrate Community Supports, Behavioral Health & Substance Use Disorder treatment, and homeless prevention initiatives for the most vulnerable County residents including new and existing Medi-Cal eligible clients, individuals experiencing homelessness, children with complex medical conditions, justice-involved populations with significant clinical needs and the aging population.



#### **Proposition 1 Behavioral Health Services Act**

Ensure non-competitive, equitable distribution guidelines of housing bond funds based on population to large urban counties. Support adequate, sustained funding for new behavioral health services and administrative requirements. Guarantee stringent approval process for funding awards to by-right projects.

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## Other County of Orange Priorities

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#### **CARE Act Implementation**

As a Cohort One County, support new legislation addressing the timelines for outreach and engagement of respondents, and ensuring the Public Defender receives regular, predictable funding to perform required activities. Ensure sufficient resources and flexibility to serve the gravely disabled population.



#### Climate Change & Sustainability, Disaster Preparedness & Recovery

Support funding for wildfire mitigation, flood risk reduction, reliable rail service, water supply security, coastal resiliency and climate adaptation. Increase funding for green technology integration, green spaces accessibility and edible food recovery. Advocate for crucial reforms to successfully implement SB 1383 to reduce organic waste in landfills and designation of public-owned processing facilities as essential public services.



#### **Elections**

Increase funding for voting accessibility, cybersecurity, and physical security protections to maintain election integrity and administer secure, accurate elections. Enhance penalties for threatening, harassing or intimidating election officials or election workers in the performance of their duties.



#### **OC CARES - Justice Involved Population**

Maintain or increase funding for adult and juvenile justice realignment and other programs to ensure high-quality service delivery to the justice-involved population. Expand services for pretrial incarcerated individuals, and advocate for adult and youth diversion while maintaining public safety. Restore and expand funding for the Public Defender Pilot Program and other post-conviction work. Encourage apprenticeship and career technical education opportunities.



#### **Southern California Veterans Cemetery**

Expedite CalVet's acquisition of land in Gypsum Canyon to start the design and construction of the Southern California Veterans Cemetery. Seek budget trailer bill language authorizing transfer of \$25 million state funds into the Southern California Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund.



#### **County-Sponsored Legislation**

- AB 2579 (Quirk-Silva) Orange County Property Tax Funding Equity
- SB 1334 (Newman) Licensed Recovery Residences
- AB 2393 (Dixon) Newport Bay Lease Extension
- AB 1957 (Wilson) Best Value JOC Pilot Extension

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