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## **Santa Cruz County Awarded \$5.08 Million in State Funds to Sustain Efforts to Address Homelessness**

Santa Cruz County is proud to announce it has been approved to receive \$5.08 million from the state's Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention, Round 5 (HHAP-5) program. This vital funding helps sustain current programs including shelters and transitional housing, outreach to unsheltered individuals, permanent supportive housing services, and flexible one-time financial assistance for people experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

The HHAP-5 investments are part of the State of California's initiatives to address homelessness. More than \$827 million has been allocated to 37 regional grantees to support local plans aimed at aiding the unhoused population. This funding goes to housing, shelter, and comprehensive support services for individuals experiencing homelessness in over 100 communities statewide.

Funding allocations under the HHAP-5 program are determined based on statewide appropriations and the proportionate share of the state's homeless population, as identified in the most recent Point-In-Time count. Due to local numbers remaining relatively constant from the prior year and increases in homeless populations in other parts of the State, Santa Cruz County saw a significant funding reduction of \$840,000 from 2023.

In accordance with the funding requirements, awardees must adhere to increased documentation requirements to ensure improved tracking of statewide investments in housing and homelessness. For more information about the Housing for Health Partnership and our [Three-Year Strategic Framework](#), please visit our [website](#).

### **ABOUT THE HOUSING FOR HEALTH PARTNERSHIP**

*The Housing for Health Partnership is a collaboration of the County and each city within Santa Cruz County, along with local homelessness service providers. It acts as the federally-designated continuum of care for Santa Cruz County and helps allocate State and federal funding to address homelessness. The*

*County of Santa Cruz serves as lead agency for the H4H Partnership.*

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