

Homeless and Housing Insecurity Pilot (HHIP) Program

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The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor of California State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CCC Homeless and Housing Insecurity Pilot (HHIP) Program Legislative Report

Dear Governor Newson:

Pursuant to Education Code Section 9795, please find enclosed the 2024 Homeless and Housing Insecurity Pilot (HHIP) Programs legislative report.

If you have questions on this report, please contact Vice Chancellor Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy rruan-oshaughnessy@cccco.edu.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure: Report

2024 CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES HOMELESS AND HOUSING INSECURITY PILOT PROGRAM LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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INTRODUCTION

In response to the significant and still growing number of college students experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity in California, the State legislature appropriated \$19 million of ongoing funding to provide rapid rehousing services to community college students. The report below includes background information regarding the establishment of housing support services to California community college students and a review of campus level and student outcome data.

BACKGROUND

In alignment with <u>authorizing statute</u> and, the California Community Colleges Vision 2030, the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office (Chancellor's Office) launched the Homeless Housing Insecurity Pilot (HHIP) program to support pilot colleges to develop and/or strengthen capacity to support students facing housing insecurity or homelessness. The overarching goal of the HHIP program is to ensure that unhoused students or students at eminent risk of becoming unhoused, have access to safe and stable housing while attending college. The HHIP program is built on partnerships with other systems, agencies, institutions and community-based organizations to provide students the academic, financial and social supports necessary to thrive in higher education. Through partnerships and leveraging the expertise of both community colleges and community-based housing partners, HHIP program participants receive comprehensive services and financial support to ensure they are stably housed while pursuing their higher education and career goals.

The HHIP program is based on a nationally recognized "rapid rehousing" model, which is widely used to quickly move homeless individuals and families into housing with the aim of long-term stability and self-sufficiency. The three main components of a rapid rehousing model are:

- **Housing Identification** to quickly support individuals to exit homelessness.
- Rent and Move-In Assistance to help with the costs associated with getting into housing.
- **Case Management** to help stabilize people once housed.

PROGRAM DESIGN AND COHORTS

During the initial implementation, 14 colleges were identified to begin administering the program. In fiscal year 2023-24 an additional 13 colleges were selected to participate. To identify colleges with the greatest need for housing support resources, the Chancellor's Office collected and analyzed multiple data metrics including financial aid and demographic data of student populations that historically have higher rates of experiencing homelessness. The data analysis also incorporated community-based metrics including county poverty rates, income data and fair market value rental prices.

In recognition of the complexities associated with serving homeless students and those at significant risk of becoming homeless, colleges participating in the HHIP program are required to establish ongoing partnerships with local housing service providers. This

requirement ensures that campuses leverage the resources of these providers, including housing search and placement services, management of ongoing rental subsidies and navigation of tenant/landlord relationships.

All participating colleges have or are currently completing an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with a local housing service provider agency, and with guidance from the Chancellor's Office, the colleges have begun to develop a network for disseminating promising practices and resources. In addition to coordinating services with their local housing service providers, participating colleges are working with multiple campus and community partners to ensure students have access to needed services including CalFresh benefits, emergency food security resources, health and mental health services, transportation and technology supports.

In alignment with other homeless service programs in California, the HHIP program is structured around nationally recognized Housing First principles. Housing First principles focus on assisting individuals to secure housing without establishing multiple pre-conditions to the procurement of housing placement and/or access to supportive services. To the extent possible, colleges participating in the HHIP program must not set extensive pre-conditions for students seeking services. Participating colleges are strongly encouraged to offer flexibility regarding grade point average and other requirements as students seek support through the program. Additionally, and in alignment with associated statute, Assembly Bill 977, participating colleges are required to enter HHIP services data into the local county-based Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). HMIS data submission enables the state to have a holistic view of how multiple homeless service programs are serving individuals throughout the state.

The data reflected in this report is drawn from the initial 14 colleges implementing the program.

NUMBER OF COORDINATORS HIRED

Across the 14 colleges administering the HHIP program, 12 hired and/or identified dedicated staff to administer the program, and two of the 14 have contracted with their housing service agencies to provide the full scope of services to their students. All colleges have formal partnerships in place with local housing service agencies and leverage the staffing and resources available through these agencies, to expand capacity in serving students.

The secondary group of colleges selected to participate are in the process of hiring and/or identifying dedicated staff to administer the program and are also seeking to establish formal partnerships with their local housing service agencies.

TYPES OF PROGRAMS FUNDED

Services provided by the colleges and/or housing services provider include:

- Case management services
- Comprehensive educational planning and academic support

- Support for temporary hotel/motel placements
- Housing navigation and placement services
- Financial assistance with deposit and/or move-in costs
- Ongoing rental subsidies
- Other emergency aid to support housing expenses

NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED BY CAMPUS

Colleges participating in the HHIP program are required to submit student-level data, on services provided, to a reporting portal designed for the pilot phase. Data from the portal is matched to the Chancellor's Office Management Information System (MIS), to link with students' academic records. For this report, data is included on the total number of students served across all HHIP colleges. Participants' academic outcomes are only included for colleges with at least a 75% match rate, to allow for sufficiently robust analysis of student outcomes.

To better assess outcome data for all participating students, the Chancellor's Office has fully integrated HHIP student data collection into MIS, beginning in the 2024-25 academic year. This integration will improve data matching and result in more complete analysis of HHIP participants' academic outcomes.

Based on recently submitted annual data the total number of students served by institution include:

Unique Students Served By College and Academic Year

College Name	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Antelope Valley College	27	92	73
Barstow College	67	59	80
Butte College	101	198	226
Cerritos College	21	36	65
Fresno City College	107	68	123
Gavilan College	111	131	141
Imperial Valley College	23	46	117
Los Angeles Southwest College	58	110	81
Long Beach City College	47	92	101
Modesto Junior College	228	93	114
College of the Redwoods	66	55	40
Riverside City College	12	11	31
San Diego City College	22	63	115

College Name	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Victor Valley College	70	116	79
TOTAL	960	1,170	1,386

In addition to the number of students in the program, the Chancellor's Office analyzed academic outcomes for those who received services. The tables below include persistence and course success rates, two common medium- and short-term metrics of student success available to determine over the reporting period. For this analysis, persistence rates include students who participated in HHIP and had enrollment in subsequent academic terms. Course success rates indicate the percentage of courses passed by HHIP students.

Based on available matched data, below are the persistence and course success rates for the most recent academic year, across a number of campuses with a sufficient data matching rate:

Academic Outcomes of Students Served by College, 2022-23

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Percent Persisted by Select Colleges	2022-2023	
Barstow College	99%	
Butte College	85%	
Cerritos College	94%	
Fresno City College	94%	
Long Beach City College	91%	
San Diego City College	76%	
Victor Valley Community College	95%	

Course Success Rate by Select Colleges	2022-2023
Barstow College	63%
Butte College	71%
Cerritos College	73%
Fresno City College	55%
Long Beach City College	58%
San Diego City College	50%
Victor Valley Community College	45%

CONCLUSION

Rapid rehousing services, like those offered through the HHIP program, are a relatively new initiative for California Community Colleges. The HHIP model is a high touch program, providing intensive case management and support services. In addition to substantial academic and personal case management, students receive housing navigation and placement services and many receive ongoing rental subsidies. Examples of strong retention

and course success rates highlight the program's core principle: stable housing increases students' likelihood of academic success.

With additional funds awarded in the 2022-23 state budget, the Chancellor's Office was able to expand the program, offering services to additional students. Moving forward, the Chancellor's Office, in partnership with participating colleges, seek to better understand the short- and long-term impact of the program through comprehensive data collection and analysis. The Chancellor's Office looks forward to ongoing partnership with the Legislature, to ensure that students have safe and stable housing to ensure success on their educational journey.

APPENDIX

Below is a list of California community colleges participating in the HHIP Program including the total funding awarded to each college

List of College Cohorts Awarded \$19 Million for Rapid Rehousing Student Support Services in the 2022-23 Fiscal Year

HHIP Cohort #1	
Antelope Valley College	\$933,333.00
Barstow Community College	\$666,667.00
Butte College	\$933,333.00
Cerritos College	\$933,333.00
Gavilan College	\$666,667.00
Imperial Valley College	\$800,000.00
Long Beach City College	\$933,333.00
Los Angeles Southwest College	\$933,333.00
College of the Redwoods	\$666,667.00
Riverside City College	\$933,333.00
San Diego City College	\$800,000.00
Fresno City College	\$933,333.00
Victor Valley College	\$933,335.00
Modesto Junior College	\$933,333.00

HHIP Cohort #2		
Cuyamaca College	\$418,062.00	
Los Angeles Harbor College	\$405,844.00	
Los Angeles Trade-Technical College	\$543,345.00	
American River College	\$1,044,065.00	

HHIP Cohort #2		
College of Marin	\$319,198.00	
San Joaquin Delta College	\$665,977.00	
Santa Barbara City College	\$637,835.00	
Santa Rosa Junior College	\$781,713.00	
Southwestern College	\$644,708.00	
Oxnard College	\$377,681.00	
West Hills College Lemoore	\$276,812.00	
Shasta College	\$397,527.00	
San Bernardino Valley College	\$487,233.00	

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