

Governor Schwarzenegger's Chronic Homelessness Initiative

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The Governor's Initiative on Chronic Homelessness was introduced with the inclusion of \$250,000 in the May 2005 Budget Revision to support interagency coordination and development of strategies between state, local governments and non-profits to address the issue of chronic homelessness.

August 2005 \$50 Million Supportive Housing Program

- On **August 31, 2005** Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger announced the commitment to a \$50 million program to build permanent supportive housing units combining three sources of funding (Department of Mental Health, Department of Housing & Community Development, California Housing Finance Agency) in a single application.
- On **November 15, 2005**, the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for this program was issued and posted on the Department of Housing and Community Development's web page. Two training sessions were conducted in early January for interested parties and HCD began taking applications for funding **January 16, 2006**.

October 2005 Governor's Interagency Council

On October 21, 2005 the Governor's Interagency Council comprised of eleven Agency and Department heads involved in chronic homelessness issues met to initiate the development of California's Ten Year Action Plan on Chronic Homelessness. It was decided that a series of stakeholder meetings would be held throughout the state during the last two months of the calendar year for the purpose of gathering current input as to what federal issues should be addressed by the state, what state actions should be taken within state government, and what actions the state should take to support local efforts to address chronic homelessness.

The results of the stakeholders meetings combined with previous evaluations and the development of ten year plans at the local level will form the basis of the state's action plan development meeting **June 21-23, 2006** that will include some 150 representatives and stakeholders from the public and private sector.

May 2006 Proposition 63 Supportive Housing Program

On **May 12, 2006**, Governor Schwarzenegger issued an Executive Order directing the allocation of \$75 million annually in Mental Health Services Act funds to finance the development of 10,000 units of permanent supportive housing for individuals with mental illness and their families, especially including homeless individuals with mental illness and their families.