

FAQ - CA HOMEKEY PROGRAM 2020

Building on the success of [Project Roomkey](#), CA [HOMEKEY](#) advances the state's response to protecting Californians experiencing homelessness who are at high risk for serious illness and are impacted by COVID-19.

Administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), \$600 million in grant funding was made available to local public entities, including cities, counties, or other local public entities, including housing authorities or federally recognized tribal governments within California this summer to purchase and rehabilitate housing, including hotels, motels, vacant apartment buildings, and other buildings and convert them into interim or permanent, long-term housing.

Of the \$600 million in HOMEKEY grant funds, \$550 million is derived from the State's direct allocation of the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief Funds (CRF), and \$50 million is derived from the State's General Fund. Given the constraints of the federal funds, the HOMEKEY program capital expenditures must be completed by December 30, 2020. The \$50 million in State General Funds must be expended by June 30, 2022.

HOMEKEY, County of Los Angeles

- Applied for \$265 Million; \$250M acquisition and \$15M operating expenses
- Granted \$161.5 Million for the acquisition of motels in the LA County Region

[HOMEKEY, City of Los Angeles](#)

- The city matched up to \$150 Million (FEMA) for acquisition and \$30M for rehabilitation
- Chief Analyst Office [Recommendation](#) to have the City of LA acquire ten motels in council districts 1, 3, 6 (2), 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, and 15
- CAO's recommendation to have HACLA acquire an additional five motels in council districts 2, 3, 4, 6, and 13

HOMEKEY, Council District 15

- [Travelodge Hotel](#) (pg, 39/41), 18606 Normandie Avenue, \$9,275,000, 40 units
- Service provider, PATH Ventures (RFP 9/28); an established affordable housing owner/operator
- In early 2021, it will begin to operate as an interim housing facility, using the County's Coordinated Entry System (CES) to fill the rooms with homeless residents who are ready to be housed.
- There will be security, active property management, and social workers on-site to assist residents as they recover from homelessness and move forward with their lives.
- The site will operate as an interim facility for up to 5 years when it will be converted into permanent housing.