

THE CALIFORNIA BLUEPRINT

CONFRONTING HOMELESSNESS

- **The Blueprint adds \$2 billion to Governor Newsom’s historic pandemic homelessness response – getting struggling Californians off the streets and quickly into care**
 - **Plan provides tenfold investment increase for local governments to clear encampments**
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Last year, Governor Newsom took unprecedented action to address the state’s homelessness crisis, investing a historic \$12 billion to help get our most vulnerable Californians off the streets and get them the mental and behavioral health services they need. Since the pandemic began, Governor Newsom’s Project Roomkey has provided shelter to more than 50,000 Californians who were living on the streets. The multibillion-dollar homeless housing investment that the Governor led will provide 55,000 new housing units and treatment slots, once fully implemented.

The resources in Governor Newsom’s CA Blueprint are focused on quickly rehousing unsheltered individuals with behavioral health issues, all while new units come online. In total, the Blueprint includes \$2 billion in new funding for homelessness, and makes major investments in transforming Medi-Cal to provide more behavioral health services to people struggling the most.

GETTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS OFF THE STREETS, PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS

- **\$14 Billion Total Package:** A historic \$12 billion investment was made in homelessness in last year’s budget, and much of this new housing will take two to three years to come online. This year’s Blueprint proposes another \$2 billion to provide a bridge to the housing that will be provided. This proposal will help expand access to housing for vulnerable populations with complex behavioral health conditions and people living in encampments.
- **Improved housing and mental health support.** The Blueprint expands Governor Newsom’s Returning Home Well program, a pandemic response to provide transitional housing and mental health services to people exiting incarceration – people that would otherwise likely return directly into homelessness.

\$1.4 BILLION TO EXPAND MOBILE CRISIS SERVICES

- **Expanding Medi-Cal benefits to include mobile crisis response.** For the first time ever, California will support mobile crisis response as a covered benefit under Medi-Cal for everyone eligible – investing \$1.4 billion over five years so that people experiencing homelessness will receive better, more timely behavioral health care, especially in times of crisis.