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HOME SAFE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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OVERVIEW & INTRODUCTIONS

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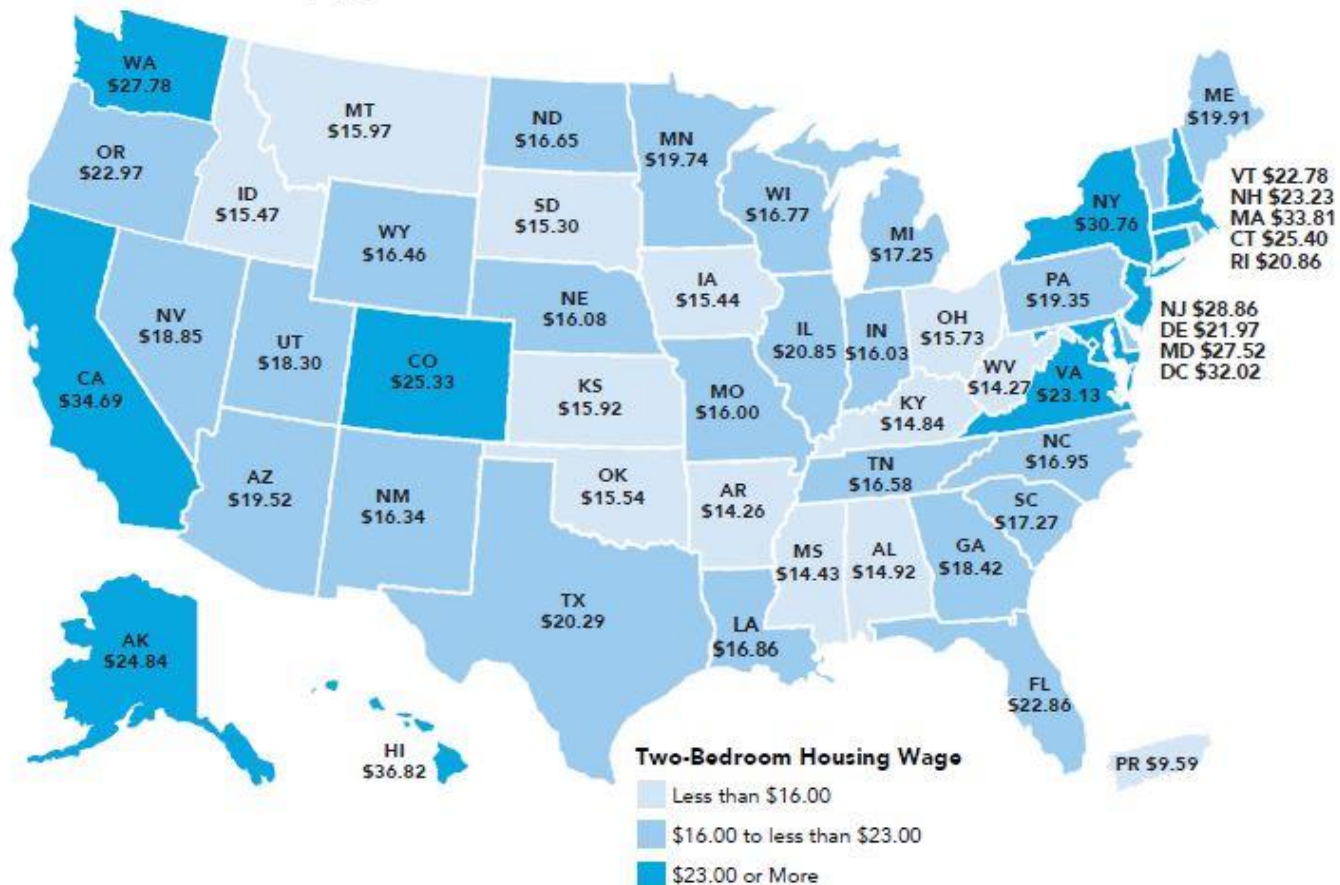
AGENDA

- ❖ Why was this program created?
- ❖ Program Overview
- ❖ Allocation process and funded counties
- ❖ Mariposa's Home Safe Program
- ❖ General Q&A

CA has the 2nd highest required “housing wage” in the nation

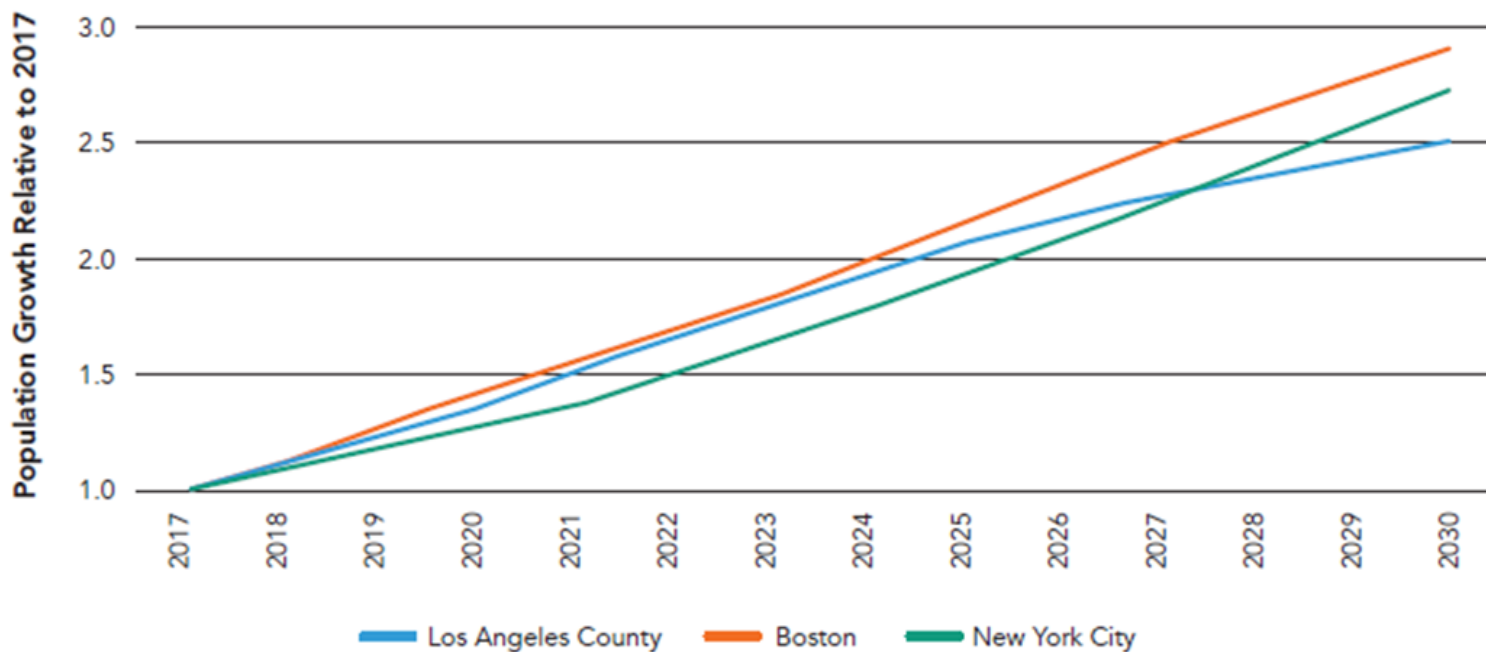
2019 TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOUSING WAGES

Represents the hourly wage that a full-time worker must earn (working 40 hours a week, 52 weeks a year) in order to afford the Fair Market Rent for a **TWO-BEDROOM RENTAL HOME**, without paying more than 30% of income.



APS/AGING AND HOUSING

Figure 2: Forecasted Relative Change in the 65 and Older Homeless Population Compared to 2017



Data Source: Culhane, Dennis, et al. *The Emerging Crisis of Aged Homelessness: Could Housing Solutions Be Funded by Avoidance of Excess Shelter, Hospital, and Nursing Home Costs?*. University of Pennsylvania, 2019, www.aisp.upenn.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Emerging-Crisis-of-Aged-Homelessness-1.pdf.

WAYNE SHANNON'S EXPERIENCE

San Francisco Chronicle



“ I never thought I'd be living in a van. Time just kind of snuck up on me.”

Wayne Shannon, 74



Wayne Shannon lived in his van until moving into senior housing in Oakland with a governmental housing subsidy. | Photos By Jessica Christian / The Chronicle

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- ❖ Goal is to prevent homelessness among adult protective services clients referred due to abuse, neglect or financial exploitation
- ❖ Established by SB 1811 (Chapter 35, Statutes of 2018)
- ❖ \$15 million available over 3 years
- ❖ Dollar-for-dollar match
- ❖ \$30 million in funding requests



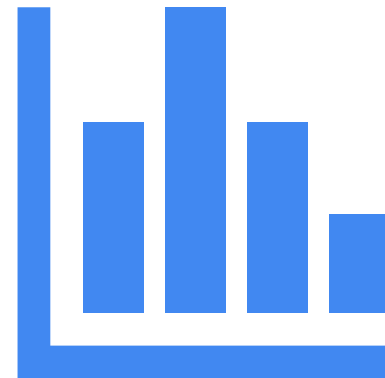
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- ❖ Services to be offered include rental arrearages, short term rental assistance, utility payments, deep cleaning, legal services and eviction prevention, landlord mediation, and intensive case management.
- ❖ Importance of partnerships with local homeless Continuum of Care as well as community housing and service providers



DATA & PROGRAM EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ The Statute requires that awardees submit specific data elements, including any future incidents of APS referrals or homelessness.
- ❖ Awardees must also participate in a program evaluation, to be conducted by a third party research entity.



ALLOCATION PROCESS & FUNDED COUNTIES

Alameda	\$ 955,400	Riverside	\$ 1,969,541
Butte	\$ 200,000	Sacramento	\$ 263,640
Contra Costa	\$ 740,079	San Bernardino	\$ 600,000
Fresno	\$ 588,571	San Diego	\$ 500,000
Humboldt	\$ 335,848	San Francisco	\$ 773,981
Kern	\$ 170,000	Santa Clara	\$ 720,822
Kings	\$ 113,440	Santa Cruz	\$ 743,440
Los Angeles	\$ 2,648,128	Shasta	\$ 216,516
Mariposa	\$ 170,000	Sonoma	\$ 680,000
Mendocino	\$ 216,417	Tehama	\$ 170,000
Merced	\$ 747,080	Ventura	\$ 170,000
Nevada	\$ 50,620	Yuba	\$ 287,592
Placer	\$ 468,885		

HOW DO WE CONNECT TO THE HOME SAFE PROGRAM?

- ❖ The Home Safe program is administered at the county level.
 - Contact your [local county Adult Protective Services office](#) to apply/learn more.



OTHER RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO VULNERABLE SENIORS?

❖ *Continuum of Care (CoC)*

- Per WIC Section 15771, individuals that require supportive housing shall be referred to the local homelessness CoC for long-term services that promote housing stability.
- Each Home Safe funded county has been working with their respective CoC, as they continue to develop their Home Safe program & establish program policies.
- Counties are also encouraged to partner with other regional efforts to create and participate in the homeless Coordinated Entry System.

❖ *Other funding sources:*

- No Place Like Home
- Veterans Housing and Homelessness Prevention Program (VHHP)
- Housing for a Healthy California
- Mobilehome Assistance Center
- CalHome Program
- Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)



THE COUNTY PERSPECTIVE:
MARIPOSA COUNTY'S HOME SAFE PROGRAM



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