



**Side-by-side Comparison of ERF Rounds 1, 2-L, 2-R, 3-L, and 3-R**

Authority, Eligible Applicants, Allocations, and Disbursements					
	ERF 1	ERF 2 L	ERF 2 R	ERF 3 L	ERF 3 R
Authority	<a href="#">ERF was authorized in 2021 through Assembly Bill 140 (Chapter 111, Statutes of 2021)</a>	<a href="#">ERF was authorized in 2022 through Senate Bill 197 (Chapter 70, Statutes of 2022).</a>  <a href="#">Additional funding for Round 2 was appropriated by SB 197 (Chapter 70, Statutes of 2022)</a>		<a href="#">ERF was authorized in 2022 through Senate Bill 197 (Chapter 70, Statutes of 2022).</a>  <a href="#">Additional funding for Round 3 was appropriated by SB 101 (Chapter 12, Statute of 2023)</a>	
Chartered	<a href="#">Cal. Health &amp; Safety Code Sections 50250-50254</a>				
Eligible Applicants	Local Jurisdiction – a city or charter city, a county or charter county, or a city and county, including a charter city and county.  Continuum of Care – as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.	Eligible applicants from ERF-1 who were determined eligible but did not receive an award because of lack of available funds.	Local Jurisdiction – a city or charter city, a county or charter county, or a city and county, including a charter city and county.  Continuum of Care – as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.	Eligible applicants from ERF-2-R who were determined eligible but did not receive an award because of lack of available funds.	Local Jurisdiction – a city or charter city, a county or charter county, or a city and county, including a charter city and county.  Continuum of Care – as defined in Section 578.3 of Title 24 of the Code of Federal Regulations.
Appropriated	\$50 million	\$300 million		\$400 million	
Awarded	\$48,000,000	\$47,698,261.81	\$199,449,497.89	\$81,252,425.67	\$298,747,574.33

**Application Timelines**

	ERF 1	ERF 2 L	ERF 2 R	ERF 3 L	ERF 3 R
Application's Statutory Required Timeline	Application Release: <b>10/29/2021</b> Application Due: <b>12/31/2021</b>	Application Release: <b>N/A</b> Application Due: <b>N/A</b>	Application Release: <b>12/1/2022</b> Rolling Application Window: <b>12/1/2022 – 6/30/2023</b>	Application Release: <b>N/A</b> Application Due: <b>N/A</b>	Application Release: <b>11/27/2023</b> Rolling Application Window: <b>11/27/2023 – 6/30/2024</b>

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Application Requirements					
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Application Requirements	<p>Applicants shall submit an application for a program grant to the council in a form and manner specified by the council. The application shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:</p> <p>Information on the number and demographics of the individuals living in the encampment that the applicant is requesting funding to help resolve.</p> <p>A description of why this specific encampment is being prioritized for resolution support.</p> <p>A description of how the applicant intends to collaborate with state and local partners to mitigate risk and address safety concerns, while ensuring a pathway for individuals living in encampments to move into safe and stable housing.</p>	<p><b>Same as ERF-1.</b> Funding rounds designated "L" represent applications funded from the prior round that the council determined satisfied applicable program requirements but were not funded because the prior round funds were exhausted.</p>	<p>Applicants shall submit an application for a program grant to the council in a form and manner specified by the council. The application shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:</p> <p>Information on the number and demographics of the individuals living in the encampment that the applicant is requesting funding to help resolve.</p> <p>A description of why the specific encampment is being prioritized for resolution support.</p> <p>A description of how the applicant intends to collaborate with state and local partners to mitigate risk and address safety concerns while ensuring a pathway for individuals living in encampments to move into safe and stable housing.</p> <p>A description of how the applicant intends to use</p>	<p><b>Same as ERF-2-R.</b> Funding rounds designated "L" represent applications funded from the prior round that the council determined satisfied applicable program requirements but were not funded because the prior round funds were exhausted.</p>	<p>Applicants shall submit an application for a program grant to the council in a form and manner specified by the council. The application shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:</p> <p>Information on the number and demographics of the individuals living in the encampment that the applicant is requesting funding to help resolve.</p> <p>A description of why the specific encampment is being prioritized for resolution support.</p> <p>A description of how the applicant intends to collaborate with state and local partners to mitigate risk and address safety concerns while ensuring a pathway for individuals living in encampments to move into safe and stable housing.</p> <p>A description of how the applicant intends to use</p>

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	<p>A description of how the applicant intends to use these funds to connect all individuals living in the encampment to services and housing.</p> <p>A description of other local resources and funding streams that will be used to ensure the ongoing availability of services and housing support for people who are moved out of encampments into permanent housing.</p>		<p>these funds to connect all individuals living in the encampment to services and housing.</p> <p>A description of other local resources and funding streams that will be used to ensure the ongoing availability of services and housing support for people who are moved out of encampments into permanent housing.</p> <p>A goal for the number of individuals the program will support transitioning from encampments into temporary shelters.</p> <p>A goal for the number of individuals the program will support transitioning from encampments into permanent housing.</p>		<p>these funds to connect all individuals living in the encampment to services and housing.</p> <p>A description of other local resources and funding streams that will be used to ensure the ongoing availability of services and housing support for people who are moved out of encampments into permanent housing.</p> <p>A goal for the number of individuals the program will support transitioning from encampments into temporary shelters.</p> <p>A goal for the number of individuals the program will support transitioning from encampments into permanent housing.</p>
<b>Prioritized Factors</b>	<p>When determining grant awards, funding shall be prioritized for:</p> <p>Jurisdictions that can demonstrate a commitment to cross-systems collaboration and innovative efforts to resolve</p>	<p>When determining grant awards, funding shall be prioritized for:</p> <p>Lookback projects from prior funding rounds that the council determined meets all applicable program requirements.</p>	<p>When determining grant awards, funding shall be prioritized for:</p> <p>Jurisdictions that can demonstrate a commitment to cross-systems collaboration, including collaborations</p>	<p>When determining grant awards, funding shall be prioritized for:</p> <p>Lookback projects from prior funding rounds that the council determined meets all applicable program requirements.</p>	<p>When determining grant awards, funding shall be prioritized for:</p> <p>Jurisdictions that can demonstrate a commitment to cross-systems collaboration, including collaborations</p>

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	<p>encampment issues, while focusing on protecting the health and well-being of the individuals living in those encampments.</p> <p>Jurisdictions that have <b>50 or more individuals living in the encampment</b> that they are seeking to support with these funds.</p> <p>The intent of the council is to award grants, to the extent feasible, to a range of applicants that represent the diversity of communities across the state, including rural, urban, and suburban communities.</p>		<p>with state entities, and innovative efforts to resolve encampment issues, while focusing on protecting the health and well-being of the individuals living in those encampments.</p> <p>Applicants that represent the diversity of communities across the state, including, but not limited to, rural, urban, and suburban communities.</p> <p>Additionally, up to 50 percent of the available funds will be prioritized for ERF projects that address encampments on state right of way.</p>		<p>with state entities, and innovative efforts to resolve encampment issues, while focusing on protecting the health and well-being of the individuals living in those encampments.</p> <p>Applicants that represent the diversity of communities across the state, including, but not limited to, rural, urban, and suburban communities.</p> <p>Additionally, up to 50 percent of the available funds will be prioritized for ERF projects that address encampments on state right of way.</p>
<b>Application Process and Scoring Review</b>	<p>Phase 1 – Administrative Review: Applications will be reviewed and evaluated for timeliness and completeness of RFA specifications. In this review stage, reviewers will compare the contents of each application to ensure that all required items are populated and / or received. Applications that are not complete or do not contain all the required items and attachments will be considered non-responsive and may be disqualified from the evaluation.</p> <p>Phase 2 – Evaluation Panel: An Evaluation Panel will be convened comprised of qualified individuals who have knowledge and experience with the state grantmaking</p>		<p>Phase 1 – Administrative Review: Applications will be reviewed and evaluated for completeness of NOFA specifications, including checking that the application was submitted on behalf of an eligible applicant. In this review stage, reviewers will compare the contents of each application to ensure that all required items are populated and / or received. Applications that are not complete or do not contain all the required items and attachments will be considered non-responsive and may be disqualified from the evaluation.</p> <p>Phase 2 – Scoring Review: Cal ICH and/or its designee will convene an evaluation panel of three qualified individuals who have knowledge and experience of the state grantmaking process and subject matter of the Program (Evaluation Panel). The Evaluation Panel will review and score applications in accordance with the ERF Scoring Matrix. This panel will produce an application's average score. Applications</p>		

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process and the subject matter of this RFA. The Evaluation Panel will review and score the Applications in accordance with the RFA scoring criteria and the RFA scoring matrix.		eligible for funding must score an average of at least 70 of the possible 100 points. In addition to receiving an average total score of at least 70, applications must average no less than the minimum scoring threshold for each of the seven scored application sections.		

Eligible Uses					
	ERF 1	ERF 2 L	ERF 2 R	ERF 3 L	ERF 3 R
<b>Eligible Uses of Funds</b>	<p>ERF funds must be spent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In alignment with the program objective and awarded proposal                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Objective:</u> The ERF fund will support new or enhanced cross-systems collaboration and service strategies to help people experiencing homelessness transition out of encampments and onto pathways towards safe and stable housing.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In support of the eligible population identified in the proposal.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Eligible Population:</u> people experiencing homelessness in encampments in CA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In compliance with Housing First.</li> <li>Within the grant term.</li> </ul>		<p>ERF funds must be spent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In alignment with the program objective and awarded proposal                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Objective:</u> The ERF program will fund actionable, person-centered local proposals that resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments. Resolving these experiences of homelessness will necessarily address the safety and wellness of people within encampments, resolve critical encampment concerns, and transition individuals into interim shelter with clear pathways to permanent housing or directly into permanent housing, using data-informed, nonpunitive, low-barrier, person-centered, Housing First, and coordinated approaches.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In support of the eligible population identified in the proposal.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Eligible Population:</u> people experiencing homelessness in encampments in CA.</li> </ul> </li> <li>In compliance with Housing First.</li> <li>Within the grant term.</li> </ul>		
<b>Eligible Use Categories</b>	<p><b>Direct Services and Housing Options:</b> activities to address immediate crisis needs and paths towards safe and stable housing for people living in encampments including, but not limited to, street outreach and engagement, housing and/or systems navigation, interim housing, and permanent housing.</p> <p><b>Capacity Building:</b> activities to enhance the systems carrying out the demonstration project including, but not limited to, service coordination efforts, establishing and strengthening cross-system partnerships, and workforce development including specialized training and</p>		<p><b>Rapid Rehousing:</b> Rapid rehousing, including housing identification services, rental subsidies, security deposits, incentives to landlords, and holding fees for eligible persons, housing search assistance, case management and facilitating access to other community-based services.</p> <p><b>Operating Subsidies:</b> Operating subsidies in new and existing affordable or supportive housing units, emergency shelters, and navigation centers. Operating subsidies may include operating reserves.</p> <p><b>Street Outreach:</b> Street outreach to assist eligible persons to access crisis services, interim housing options, and permanent housing and services.</p>		

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	<p>contracting with providers of culturally specific interventions.</p> <p><b>Sustainable Outcomes:</b> activities and interventions to ensure sustained outcomes for the people served and to support sustained restoration of encampment sites to their intended or original state.</p> <p><b>Administration:</b> up to 5% of grant funds may be applied to administrative costs.</p>		<p><b>Services Coordination:</b> Services coordination, which may include access to workforce, education, and training programs, or other services needed to improve and promote housing stability for eligible persons, as well as direct case management services being provided to persons.</p> <p><b>Systems Support:</b> Systems support for activities that improve, strengthen, augment, complement, and/or are necessary to create regional partnerships and a homeless services and housing delivery system that resolves persons' experiences of unsheltered homelessness.</p> <p><b>Delivery of Permanent Housing:</b> Delivery of permanent housing and innovative housing solutions, such as unit conversions that are well suited for eligible persons.</p> <p><b>Prevention and Shelter Diversion:</b> Prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing, including flexible forms of financial assistance, problem solving assistance, and other services to prevent people that have been placed into permanent housing from losing their housing and falling back into unsheltered homelessness. This category is only available to serve people who were formerly residing in the prioritized ERF encampment site.</p> <p><b>Interim Housing:</b> Interim housing, limited to newly developed clinically enhanced congregate shelters, new or existing noncongregate shelters, and operations of existing navigation centers and shelters based on demonstrated need that are well suited for eligible persons.</p> <p><b>Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters:</b> Improvements to existing emergency shelters to lower barriers, increase privacy, better address the needs of eligible persons, and improve outcomes and exits to permanent housing.</p> <p><b>Administrative Costs:</b> Administrative costs incurred by the city, county, continuum of care, to administer its program allocation. Up to 5% of grant funds may be applied to administrative costs.</p> <p>* Site restoration is not a permitted Eligible Use for ERF-2-R, 3-L, or 3-R funds.</p>		

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Reporting and Accountability					
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<b>Reporting Deadlines</b>	Quarterly Reports are due one month following the close of each quarter.  Final report Due: September 30, 2024	Quarterly Reports are due one month following the close of each quarter.  Final Report Due: September 30, 2025	Quarterly Reports are due one month following the close of each quarter.  Final Report Due: September 30, 2026	Quarterly Reports are due one month following the close of each quarter.  Final Report Due: September 30, 2026	Quarterly Reports are due one month following the close of each quarter.  Final Report Due: September 30, 2027
<b>Reporting and Accountability Metrics</b>	<p>The grantee shall submit quarterly expenditure reports to Cal ICH in a form and method provided by Cal ICH that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach and service path data at the anonymized, individual level;</li> <li>• Current housing status of persons served;</li> <li>• HMIS project identifiers;</li> <li>• Status of designated encampment(s);</li> <li>• Status of funding as presented in the Cal ICH approved, standardized budget;</li> <li>• Continued confirmation that projects receiving ERF funds are populated timely into HMIS and use Cal ICH supplied funding codes.</li> <li>• Grantees may also receive ad hoc requests for information from Cal ICH or its contractors in support of program monitoring, research, and evaluation.</li> <li>• Grantees with projects on state right-of way may be required to provide programmatic data to Caltrans.</li> <li>• At the end of the grant period, or upon request by CAL ICH, all grantees shall provide information and products developed with grant funds on service delivery models in support of the overall program goal to mitigate risk and address safety concerns in encampments, including any materials that may be necessary to study the program or replicate it for implementation across the state.</li> </ul>		<p>The grantee shall submit quarterly reports to Cal ICH with fiscal and programmatic data reflecting the progress of their ERF program in a format provided by Cal ICH that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outreach and service path data at the anonymized, individual level*;</li> <li>• Current housing status of persons served*;</li> <li>• Status of designated encampment(s);</li> <li>• Status of funding as presented in the Cal ICH approved, standardized budget;</li> <li>• Continued confirmation that projects receiving ERF funds are populated timely into HMIS and use Cal ICH supplied funding codes.</li> <li>• In addition to these quarterly reports, grantees shall adopt a specific project setup in their local HMIS that allows Cal ICH to identify all the served clients from the designated encampment by ERF-funded services and activities.</li> <li>• Grantees may also receive ad hoc requests for information from Cal ICH or its contractors in support of program monitoring, research, and evaluation.</li> <li>• Grantees with projects on state right-of way may be required to provide programmatic data to Caltrans.</li> <li>• At the end of the grant period, or upon request by Cal ICH, all grantees shall provide information and products developed with grant funds on service delivery models including any materials that may be necessary to study the program or replicate it for implementation across the state.</li> </ul> <p>*These metrics are provided via quarterly uploads to the Homeless Data Integration System (HDIS) and require grantees to adopt specific project setup protocols in their local HMIS</p>		

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Fiscal Deadlines					
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Obligation Deadline	N/A	100% by 6/30/2024	100% by 6/30/2024	100% by 6/30/2025	100% by 6/30/2025
Expenditure Deadlines	50% by 6/30/2023	50% by 6/30/2024	50% by 6/30/2024	50% by 6/30/2025	50% by 6/30/2025
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Result of Untimely Obligation or Expenditure	<p>Recipients who fail to <b>expend 50% of their allocation by 6/30/2023</b> shall return to the council no less than 25% of their total allocation amount for reallocation by the council during subsequent rounds of funding.</p> <p>Recipients that do not <b>expend 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2024</b> shall return funds to the council to be reallocated.</p>	<p>Recipients that do not <b>obligate 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2024</b> shall submit to the council within 60 days a plan for obligating 100% of their allocation within six months.</p> <p>Recipients who do not <b>expend 50% of their allocation by 6/30/2024</b> shall return unexpended funds to the council.</p> <p>The council may subject recipients that do not meet the <b>50% expenditure requirement</b> to additional corrective action determined by the council.</p> <p>Recipients that do not <b>expend 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2025</b> shall return unexpended funds to the council. These funds shall revert to the fund of origin.</p>	<p>Recipients that do not <b>obligate 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2024</b> shall submit to the council within 60 days a plan for obligating 100% of their allocation within six months.</p> <p>The council may subject recipients that do not meet the <b>50% expenditure requirement</b> to additional corrective action determined by the council.</p> <p>Recipients that do not <b>expend 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2026</b> shall return unexpended funds to the council. These funds shall revert to the fund of origin.</p>	<p>Recipients that do not <b>obligate 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2025</b> shall submit to the council within 60 days a plan for obligating 100% of their allocation within six months.</p> <p>Recipients who do not <b>expend 50% of their allocation by 6/30/2025</b> shall return unexpended funds to the council.</p> <p>The council may subject recipients that do not meet the <b>50% expenditure requirement</b> to additional corrective action determined by the council.</p> <p>Recipients that do not <b>expend 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2026</b> shall return unexpended funds to the council. These funds shall revert to the fund of origin.</p>	<p>Recipients that do not <b>obligate 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2025</b> shall submit to the council within 60 days a plan for obligating 100% of their allocation within six months.</p> <p>The council may subject recipients that do not meet the <b>50% expenditure requirement</b> to additional corrective action determined by the council.</p> <p>Recipients that do not <b>expend 100% of their allocation by 6/30/2027</b> shall return unexpended funds to the council. These funds shall revert to the fund of origin.</p>