

Rental Assistance Pilot Program: Award Recommended for Napa County Housing Department BAHFA Oversight Committee | November 8, 2023







Pilot Goals

- Reduce the risk of homelessness for ELI and severely rentburdened participants
- Connect participants with other safety net benefit programs and stabilizing supports to achieve long-term stability
- Center equity and community voice
- Prioritize efficient program administration and low-burden access

RFP Process

- RFP Open August 15 September 26
- 5 proposals received, representing 7 counties
- Evaluation included 60-minute interviews with 3 top candidates

Recommended Award: Napa County Housing Department

- Consortium approach, led by county staff, bringing together social service providers from across the county that bring experience serving:
 - Older adults
 - People on fixed incomes, including people with disabilities
 - Monolingual Spanish and indigenous language speakers
 - Extremely low-income residents, including farmworkers
- Clear and thorough approach for each stage of the pilot, documenting robust planning among stakeholders prior to submission
- Plan to serve approximately 180-200 people each month, with an expected impact of approximately 250 total unique households served.





Strengths of the Proposed Approach and Team

- Demonstrated success implementing pilot programs and responding to disasters quickly – so know how to avoid delays and collaborate to meet community need
- Experience administering rental assistance, assessing homelessness risk, and responsibly managing significant public funds
- Strong understanding and preparation for the challenges associated with implementing the program
- Ability to leverage significant local funds and staffing to maximize the impact of these pilot funds







