



Home Safe Program

For More Information about Home Safe

Contact Butte County Adult Protective Services (APS)

1-800-664-9774

Every APS case starts with an initial suspected abuse report

Where to report:

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Butte County

EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL SERVICES

Continuation and expansion of the Home Safe Program in Butte County

Butte County Adult Services is excited to announce participation in the continuation and expansion of the Home Safe Program through the division's Adult Protective Services (APS) Program!

What is the Home Safe Program?

Home Safe is a locally administered program that aims to prevent or address homelessness among seniors and dependent adults who are APS clients or in the APS intake process.

Program Background

Home Safe was established as a Pilot Program in 2018 with a \$15 million one-time appropriation awarded to 25 grantees over a three-year period. Butte County was one of the original grantees of the program.

At the conclusion of the pilot the California State Legislature approved "The Budget Act of 2021" that included a \$92.5 million appropriation for Home Safe in Fiscal Year 2021-22, to be expended through June 30, 2024 and to be expanded to all 58 counties. Butte County Adult Services, through the Department of Employment and Social Services, has received and accepted a new allocation of \$629,264 to continue and expand the program within the county.

Who is Eligible?

An Individual who meets all of the following conditions:

- Is an Adult Protective Services (APS) client, or is in the process of intake to APS
- Is homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness
- Voluntarily agrees to participate in the program

APS Criteria

- APS serves elder adults (65 years and older) and dependent adults (18-64 with physical or mental limitations) when these adults are unable to meet their own needs or are victims of abuse, neglect and exploitation
- Types of abuse include Physical, Sexual, Abandonment, Isolation, Financial, Neglect and Self-Neglect

*Note-Starting January 1, 2022 an elder adult will be defined as 60 years and older and a dependent adult will be defined as 18-59 with physical or mental limitations

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Housing First

Home Safe Operates in Accordance with Housing First Principles:

- Individuals should be connected to housing or housing supports immediately without preconditions
- Services shall be voluntary
- Client choice shall be respected
- Applicants shall not be rejected on the basis of income, past evictions or substance use

Additional Program Requirements include collaboration with:

- Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Interventions

Intensive Case Management

Housing-related intensive case management services, consistent with Housing First principles, to offer participants assistance in achieving housing stability. Housing related case management should include motivational interviewing and be consistent with a trauma informed approach.

Housing Stabilization

Housing stabilization ensures a participant's housing is safe, sustainable, promotes community integration and allows them to age in place in the least restrictive setting. Examples of housing stabilization services and assistance may include, but are not limited to, any of the following:

- *provision or connection to legal assistance; eviction prevention; tenant education; credit repair; cleaning services; hazard removal; assistance with hoarding; home repairs or modifications*

Housing Navigation

Assists participants in finding, applying, securing, and moving into interim and permanent housing as needed. Examples of housing navigation that should be provided as part of the Home Safe program include, but are not limited to:

- *landlord engagement; housing search; matching clients to unit availability; assistance in completing applications; coordination with local public housing and advocating; ensuring quality of housing placements; assistance in making higher-level care placements such as Adult Residential Facilities (ARFs), Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly (RCFEs) or skilled nursing facilities (only when needed)*

Housing Direct Financial Assistance

Costs paid out on behalf of the participant related to housing. Examples of direct financial assistance includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

- *Costs associated with rental assistance or mortgage payments; rental backpay and arrearages; application fees; security deposits; first and last month's rent; housing rehabilitation and modification costs; interim housing including hotel/motel stays; one-time emergency basic needs; provision of basic housing items and resources; transportation related to housing needs; costs associated with moving or relocating*

Connections to Longer-Term Supports

Connection to long term supports related to housing, such as supportive housing and referrals to the local Continuum of Care for long term services to promote housing stability. Serve clients while awaiting services through the Continuum of Care, and work in close coordination with other systems of care or complimentary programs. Make referrals and coordinate services in order for clients to access physical and/or behavioral health assistance, as necessary and when appropriate.