

CALWORKS HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

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California – The Golden State

- Population – 39,000,000
- Highest population in the nation
- California consists of 58 counties
- Average rent in California is about \$1,250
- 4 of the highest rent cities in the nation are in California



Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2015 and Apartment List, September 2015

TANF in California

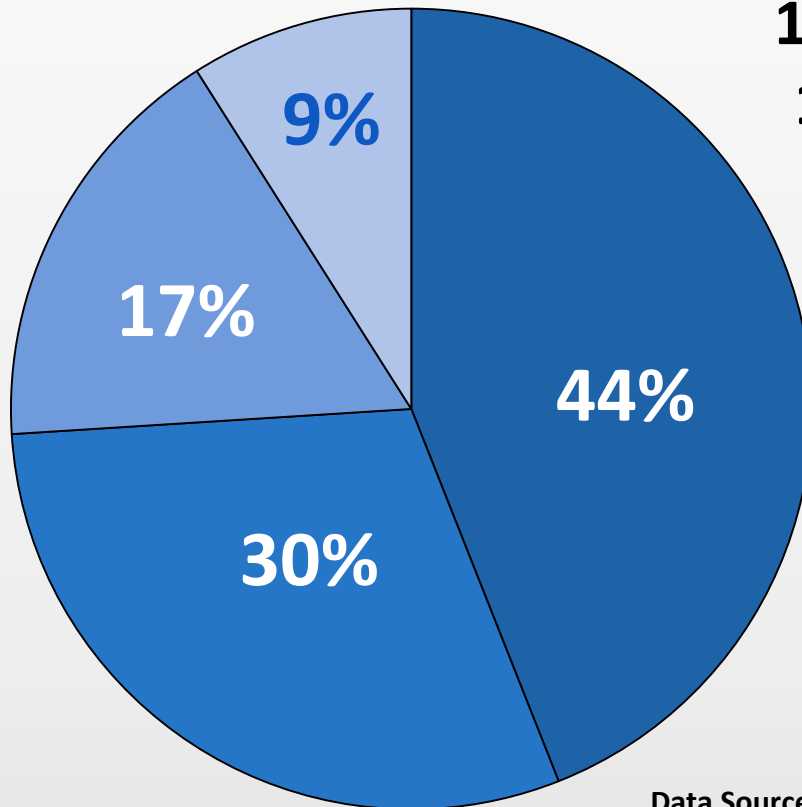
California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids

CalWORKs

- Provides cash assistance and support services to needy families
- Caseload – 512,352 cases
 - 1.3 million individuals
 - 1 million are children

CalWORKs Caseload Composition

Total Caseload - 512,352 cases



**1.3 million individuals
1 million are children**

- Single Parent
- Child Only
- Safety-net
- Two Parents

Data Source: CW 237, November 2015

Poor Children Receiving TANF

- **51% of poor children in California are receiving TANF benefits**
- **Compared to 19% of poor children in the nation receiving TANF benefits**

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau and Administration for Children and Families (ACF). The data source for California children on TANF was updated from the CA 237 CW to ACF for this version of the annual summary so that a better comparison can be made to the U.S. overall.

Services Offered in CalWORKs

- **Grant is \$704 per month for family of 3**
 - **4th highest in the nation - following Alaska, New York and Hawaii**
- **Cases with eligible adults may also receive employment services**
 - **Employment or job readiness skills**
 - **Education or training**
 - **Child Care, transportation, other supports**

Homeless Services in CalWORKs

- **Homeless Assistance - \$30 million in FY 14/15**
 - 16 consecutive days of motel (\$65 per day)
 - Security deposit or 2 months arrearages to prevent eviction
 - Limited to once in a lifetime, with few exceptions
- **TANF non-recurring short term benefits**
 - Limited to 4 months
 - For a non-recurring need
 - TANF “non-assistance”

Housing Support Program (HSP)

- **In July 2014 the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP) was created**
 - **Senate Bill 855 (Chapter 29)**
 - **Welfare and Institutions Code Section 11330.5**
- **Utilizes both TANF Assistance funding and state only funds**
 - **Not limited to 4 months**
 - **Different reporting requirements**
 - **TANF \$\$ is used for federally eligible cases**
 - **State only funding is used for child-only cases**

Housing Support Program (HSP)

Fiscal Year 2014-15

- **\$20 million was allocated**
- **20 counties participated**

Fiscal Year 2015-16

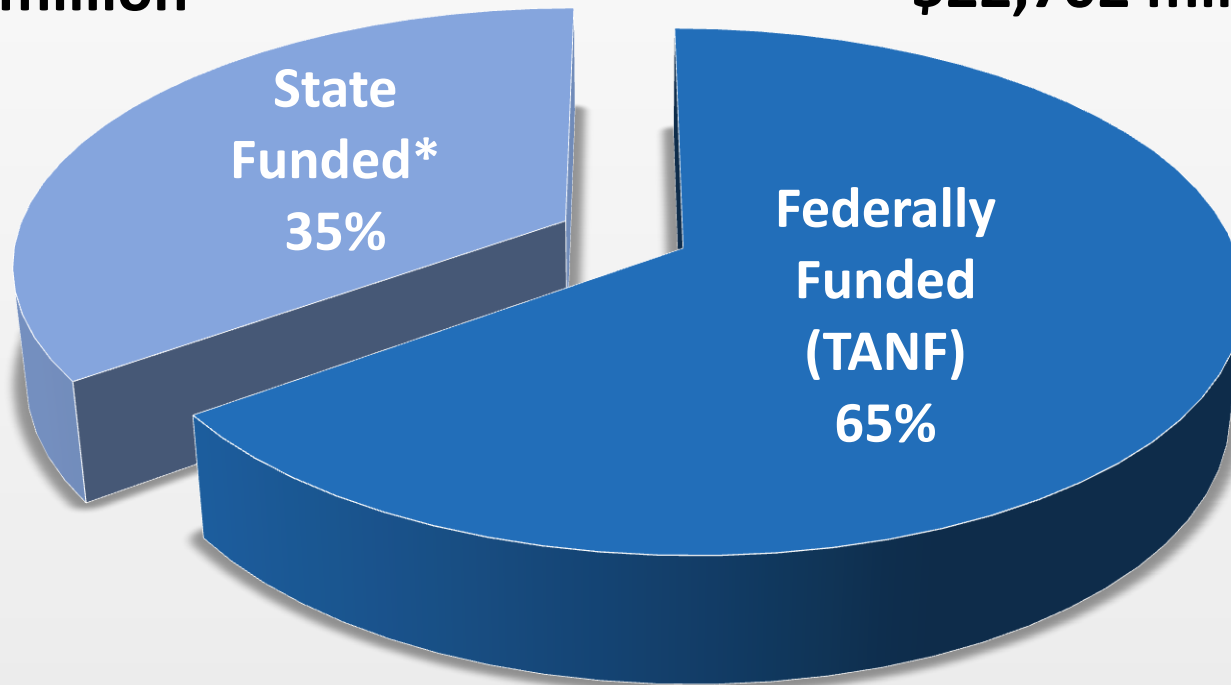
- **\$35 million was allocated**
- **44 counties participating**

HSP Funding Breakdown

**Budgeted Funding for \$35 million HSP Allocation
for State Fiscal Year 2015-16**

\$12,298 million

\$22,702 million



Data Source: California's 2016-17 Local Assistance Estimate

*State Funding is non-MOE and includes all child-only HSP cases

HSP County Requirements

- **Required to:**
 - **Follow evidenced-based models (e.g. HPRP)**
 - **Provide data to CDSS monthly**
- **Encouraged to collaborate with local Continuum of Care and homeless service providers**
- **Given the flexibility to design a program to meet local needs**

HSP Eligibility Requirements

- **Limited to literally homeless**
- **Open to all homeless CalWORKs families – including child only cases**

HSP Provides

- **Temporary shelter costs**
- **Storage and moving costs**
- **Utility and/or security deposits**
- **Rental subsidies**
- **Intensive case management services**
- **Landlord recruitment and negotiation**
- **Credit repair, legal services**
- **Other items necessary to obtain/retain housing**

PROMISING PRACTICES & CHALLENGES

Promising Practices

- **Learn and understand core components of Rapid Rehousing**
 - **Consult with experts and provide training**
 - **Hold regular in-person meetings**
- **Encourage collaboration with housing providers**
- **Leverage funding where you can**
- **Allow flexibility in program design**
 - **Local communities have different needs**

Challenges

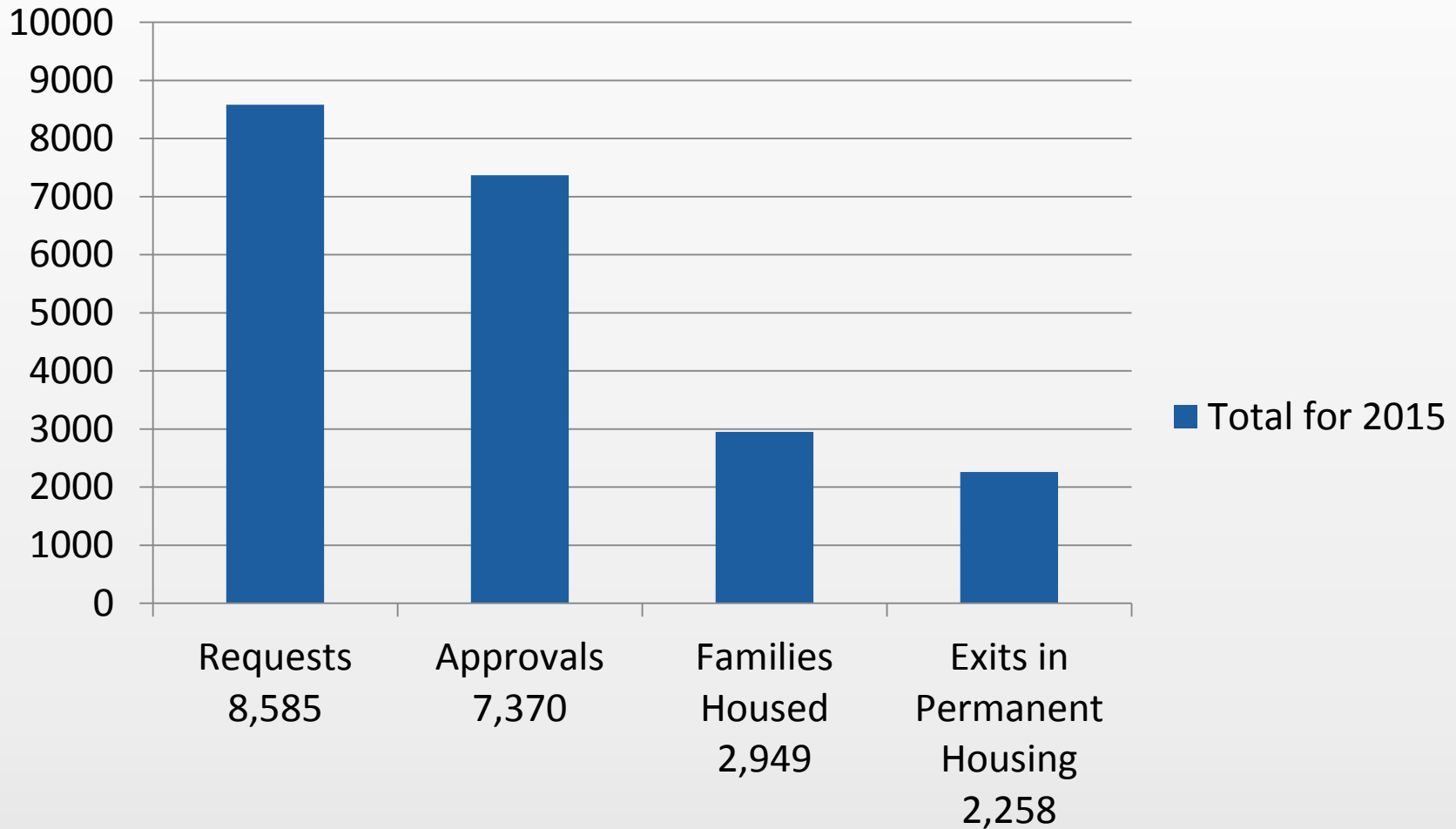
- **Appropriation is annual**
 - **Funding for subsequent years is tied to state budget process**
- **Aligning TANF requirements with core components of rapid rehousing**
- **44 counties operating 44 different programs**
- **Data collection systems**
 - **HMIS**
 - **County automated systems**

OUTCOMES

HSP Outcomes

- **Since program inception, expect to house about 6,000 homeless families by June 30, 2016**
- **Providing support to about 3,200 families with ongoing housing supports every month**

HSP Statewide Overview



Data Source: HSP 14 reports January 2015 - December 2015

HSP Statewide Outcomes

- **Program is still very new – data is limited**
- **Hopeful to achieve**
 - **Greater family stability and self sufficiency**
 - **Better outcomes for children in school**
 - **Overall improvement in child well-being**

QUESTIONS

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