



To: Gatekeepers
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Update For: EHA PET Expanded Allowability

Message: The EHA PET grant has been expanded within the CAA network and OHCS would like to share that the eligible population to receive assistance from the EHA PET grant are those who are homeless, either sheltered or unsheltered. Homeless individuals may seek the pet services provided within a shelter, but you may also provide items, such as pet food, leashes, etc., to those who are living on the street or are forest dwelling. This means that EHA PET funds can be used within Emergency Shelters and as a Street Outreach strategy to encourage individuals to seek additional services in an Emergency Shelter or as an incentive to enter into Rapid Re-Housing programs. Unstably housed and housed individuals still remain an ineligible population.

You will continue to track your expenses as an EHA Program category in OPUS and report on the specific expenditures and people served in your annual report.

Please note that HMIS is still a requirement for this grant, so minimally, you will need a name to start a record in HMIS. More information can be added to the HMIS record incrementally as you further engage with the homeless individual. If you need more information on the HMIS data entry requirements, please connect with your local lead HMIS Administrator.

The EHA PET grant has been under-utilized and under-expended since its roll out, so we are hoping that the expanded use of the funds will help you to serve more individuals and to expend the funds more quickly. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:
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