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**League of California Cities® Commends Legislative Leadership and Governor for Providing Funding to Help House Chronically Homeless**  
*Governor Signed Final Piece of Proposal on Wednesday*

The League of California Cities® on Thursday commended the bipartisan leadership of legislators and Gov. Jerry Brown for their support of the No Place Like Home initiative. Governor Brown signed AB 1628 on Sept. 13 to help implement the bond financing of the proposal, contained in AB 1618 approved as part of the budget, that provides \$2 billion in funding to help mentally ill homeless men, women and children secure needed housing and services. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Governor Signs More Climate Change Bills and \$900 Million Cap-and-Trade Expenditure Plan**

In an effort to assist communities most impacted by pollution and climate change, Gov. Jerry Brown on Sept. 14 signed additional bills to implement and allocate \$900 million in Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds. This is the first meaningful discretionary spending of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds in nearly two years. *For more, see Page 2.*



**Learn about the League's Health Benefits Marketplace Wellness Program**  
**Thursday, Sept. 22**

*Second Chance to View Health Benefits Marketplace Active Employee and Retiree Solution Webinars Sept. 20 and 21*

Please join the League of California Cities® for three informative Health Benefits Marketplace™ (HBM) webinars. Participants will learn about the benefits of implementing a wellness program for your city's employees and have a second chance to view the HBM active employee and retiree solution basics webinars. *For more, see Page 3.*

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The estimated 10,000 units created by the measure will help many individuals get off the streets. Senate President pro Tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles) put forward the proposal earlier in 2016, which was then became part of the FY 2016-17 budget. The No Place Like Home program marks the state's first effort to reinvest dollars into housing for the homeless in recent history.

Cities are struggling to identify resources and need flexible funding to implement best practices and innovative solutions that meet the needs of the homeless people in their communities. There are about 116,000 homeless people in California, accounting for 21 percent of the nation's homeless population, according to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The state saw the second-largest increase in homelessness between 2014 and 2015. Resources to assist California's cities and counties house the homeless have been reduced by cuts in federal and state funding for affordable housing, the loss of local redevelopment agencies and other key programs.

League President and Rancho Cucamonga Mayor L. Dennis Michael commended the leadership that led to the creation of this new housing program: "We appreciate that Senate President pro Tem de León put forward this innovative solution that received bipartisan support and the Governor's signature. This is a step in the right direction and offers the flexibility and funding we at the local level need to effectively work with our local agency colleagues and the nonprofit community to help those who so desperately need shelter. California cities are at the forefront of this crisis, so these resources will be very helpful," said Michael. "The League was a strong supporter of this proposal since February and we are glad to see it come together."

AB 1628, which the Governor signed this week, outlines the bond financing and mechanics of how it will be taken from Proposition 63 revenues. This measure facilitates and authorizes the California Health Facilities Financing Authority (CHFFA) to issue bonds for the purposes of establishing a loan program for counties to develop and administer permanent supported housing for homeless. It also establishes a framework for the provision of housing through authorized service contract, address loans to be made by CHFFA for supportive housing, specifies the use for funds for projects across the state, and provides administrative structure for the program. AB 1628 provides for direct funding from this program for the few cities that currently provide mental health services and are already eligible for Prop. 63 funding.

The League has prepared an [analysis of the No Place Like Home](#) program to provide cities with details on the funding and what will be available.

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"These cap-and-trade investments will help spur innovation of all kinds to curb carbon pollution," said Governor Brown at a signing ceremony in Fresno. "With these bills, we also will help communities hard hit by pollution and climate change."

The Governor signed [AB 2722](#) (Burke), a measure that establishes the programmatic framework for the new Transformative Climate Communities Program (TCCP) that received \$140 million from the Cap-and-Trade expenditure plan. The TCCP is very similar to a program that the League, the California State Association of Counties, the Local Government Commission, and other have sought the last three years. Its purpose is to provide funding to develop and implement neighborhood-level climate community plans that include multiple, coordinated GHG emissions reduction projects that provide local economic, environmental, and health benefits to disadvantaged communities.

[AB 1550](#) (Gomez) was also signed by the Governor, increasing the amount of Cap-and-Trade auction proceeds that must be spent in disadvantaged or low-income communities to 35 percent.

Specific Cap-and Trade expenditure plan allocations include the following:

- \$135 million for the Transit and Intercity Rail Capitol Program to fund essential local capital projects for bus and commuter rail;

- \$10 million for the Active Transportation Program to fund bicycle and pedestrian programs;
- \$133 million for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Program to assist with the purchase of clean vehicles;
- \$150 million for the Heavy Duty and Off-Road Investments to help develop and pilot cleaner industrial vehicles;
- \$80 million for the Enhanced Vehicle Fleet Modernization program to provide low income families help replacing old vehicles with new, cleaner vehicles;
- \$140 million for the Transformative Climate Communities Program to fund a community-wide approach for disadvantage communities to implement an integrated transportation, housing, and green space development plan to reduce pollution, GHG emissions, and improve local communities;
- \$80 million for the Urban Greening Program to fund green spaces and parks in local communities;
- \$40 million to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery for waste diversion and greenhouse gas reduction financial assistance;
- \$15 million for the Urban Forestry Program to assist disadvantaged communities with tree planting and care; and
- \$2 million for the Strategic Growth Council to assist disadvantage communities and local governments with developing climate.

### **Next Steps**

There is likely to be significant activity this fall related to the Cap-and-Trade program and implementation of the newly adopted climate change legislation. In particular, the outcome of the pending court challenge to the legality of the Cap-and-Trade program should be determined in the coming weeks.

The November 2016 election will also add to the dynamics of the situation. It is possible that the Democrats in the Assembly and the Senate could win enough seats to regain a two-thirds super majority. If this happens, it is much more likely that the Legislature will resolve the uncertainty around the Cap-and-Trade program by approving it with a two-thirds vote, making it a tax, instead of a fee.

League staff will also closely monitor and update cities on developments associated with the California Air Resources Board's actions as they relate to implementation of the new GHG emission reduction targets contained in SB 32.

Finally, in the next few weeks, League staff will update its website and the Cap-and-Trade Guide to reflect the FY 2016-17 Cap-and-Trade expenditure plan. These resource materials are meant to assist cities with accessing Cap-and-Trade funds.

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### **HBM Wellness Program for Active Employees Thursday, Sept. 22, 2–3 p.m.**

A healthy team is a happy one. Through the League's Health Benefits Marketplace WellRight wellness program, cities can provide active employees an online solution to encourage positive habit formation in all areas of well-being, and potentially reduce healthcare costs and boost productivity. During this one-hour webinar participants will learn:

- Why employers are quickly adopting wellness programs
- WellRight's approach to engaging a workforce and improving a population's health
- Elements of a solid wellness program
- Positive Habit formation and holistic wellness (it's much more than physical fitness)
- How the WellRight wellness program will be deployed for each League Member

A question and answer session will follow the webinar. Register [online](#).

Did you miss the Health Benefits Marketplace Active Employee and Retiree Solution Basics for HR webinars in August? The League will be repeating both webinars next week on Tuesday, Sept. 20 and Wednesday, Sept. 21 from 10 to 11 a.m.

**HBM Retiree Solution Basics for HR Directors  
Tuesday, Sept. 20, 10–11 a.m.**

Discover the HBM's retiree solution and how it can leverage more cost efficient products from the individual market. This one-hour webinar will cover the following topics:

- How to determine if the individual product market for Medicare, Rx, Dental and Vision coverage is more cost efficient than your incumbent group plan(s);
- Operational review of the retiree exchange solution, including employer subsidy management;
- Implementation and timeline for cities and retirees;
- Communications and change management strategy for implementation;
- Ongoing advocacy and retiree service model.

A question and answer session will follow the webinar. Register [online](#).

**HBM Active Employee Solution Basics for HR Directors  
Wednesday, Sept. 21, 10–11 a.m.**

This one-hour webinar will focus on how the HBM can help human resource departments and active employees manage healthcare selections and costs. During this webinar, you will:

- Learn how the HBM platform gives cities more choice in carriers and plans to offer employees, without increasing the administrative burden on the HR team;
- See the decision support technology and shopping experience that allow employees to choose the best benefits to fit their needs;
- View the robust reporting functionality available to the HR team;
- Understand the timeline for bringing the platform to your city's employees.

A question and answer session will follow the webinar. Register [online](#).

**About the Health Benefits Marketplace**

Through the League of California Cities Health Benefits Marketplace™, (HBM) cities have the ability to redesign their approach to medical insurance for active employees and retirees. HBM is a consumer-driven platform that gives active employees and retirees choices, allowing participants to align coverage with their individual needs.

For additional information on the Health Benefits Marketplace visit [www.cacities.org/HBM](http://www.cacities.org/HBM) or contact [Norman Coppinger](#) with the League at (916) 658-8277.

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**Registration Now Open for Multiple League Educational Conferences**

The League of California Cities® has several important events currently open for registration. These conferences will be happening this fall and in early 2017.

**[Annual Conference & Expo](#): Oct. 5 – 7, Long Beach**

Online registration is now closed but on-site registration will be available in Long Beach.

**[Municipal Finance Institute](#): Nov. 30 – Dec.1, Monterey**

With content designed for finance officers, treasurers, managers and all staff who assist these professionals in their stewardship of public resources. This institute may meet the qualification for continuing education for Certified Public Accountants.

Nov. 8 is the deadline to register. Registration includes:

- Two days of important educational sessions which includes general sessions and breakouts;
- One breakfast, two lunches, and a Wednesday evening reception; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

**Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar: Nov. 30 – Dec.1, Monterey**

Back after a six-year hiatus, the League will hold the Fire Chiefs Leadership Seminar as a two day seminar geared for fire chiefs, chief officers, union leadership, and other fire services leaders. Presenters and topics have been selected to deliver challenging leadership topics such as succession planning, labor relations, emergency response, late breaking changes in EMS and more.

Nov. 8 is the deadline to register. Registration for the full conference includes:

- Two days of educational sessions;
- One lunch, one breakfast, and a Monday evening reception; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

**City Clerks New Law & Elections Seminar: Nov. 30 – Dec 2, Monterey**

This conference emphasizes new laws affecting elections, in addition to many other facets of the city clerk's roles and responsibilities such as the Fair Political Practices Commission, the Brown Act and the Public Records Act. MMC Advanced Education/Professional & Social Contribution Points and CMC Education/Experience points will be available.

Oct. 31 is the registration deadline. Registration includes:

- Two and a half days of important educational sessions;
- One breakfast, two lunches, and a Wednesday evening reception; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

**City Managers Department Meeting: Feb. 8 – 10, Monterey**

The League is gearing up for the 2017 City Managers Department Meeting at the Hyatt Regency Monterey. This meeting allows city managers, assistant managers, and county chief administrative officers the opportunity to network and keep current on the wide range of issues. This is the largest gathering of managers that the League facilitates.

Jan. 10 is the registration deadline. Registration includes:

- Two and a half days of educational sessions;
- Wednesday reception, Thursday lunch, Friday breakfast; and
- Electronic access to all program materials.

**\$5 Million in CDBG Grant Funding Available to Address Effects of California Drought**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) announced the availability of approximately \$5 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding for direct relief and mitigation of the effects of the California drought disaster.

This special notice of funding availability (NOFA) applies to non-entitlement jurisdictions for CDBG-eligible installation of water lateral connections to new or existing public water systems as part of the Housing Rehabilitation activity (HUD Matrix Code 14A). Funding will be on first come, first served basis, until all available funds are exhausted.

The [2016 Drought Lateral NOFA](#) is currently available online.

## **City Strategies to Reach the Remaining Uninsured Webcast Will be Held Sept. 20**

Over the last three years, the National League of Cities' (NLC) Institute for Youth, Education, and Families has been working with [eight cities](#) to develop and implement successful outreach and enrollment campaigns to connect uninsured children and families to much-needed health insurance coverage. NLC is hosting an interactive discussion on Sept. 20 with national and local experts from across the country to discuss the important role cities can play in reaching the remaining uninsured.

[Register](#) today to watch the live webcast.

For questions about this event please contact [Dawn Schluckebier](#) from NLC at (202) 626-3040.

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