



# Emergency Housing Assistance Program (EHAP) and Texas Eviction Diversion Program Update (TEDP)

Culture & Neighborhood Services Committee

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# Emergency Housing Assistance Program

## Created in April 2020

- In response to COVID-19

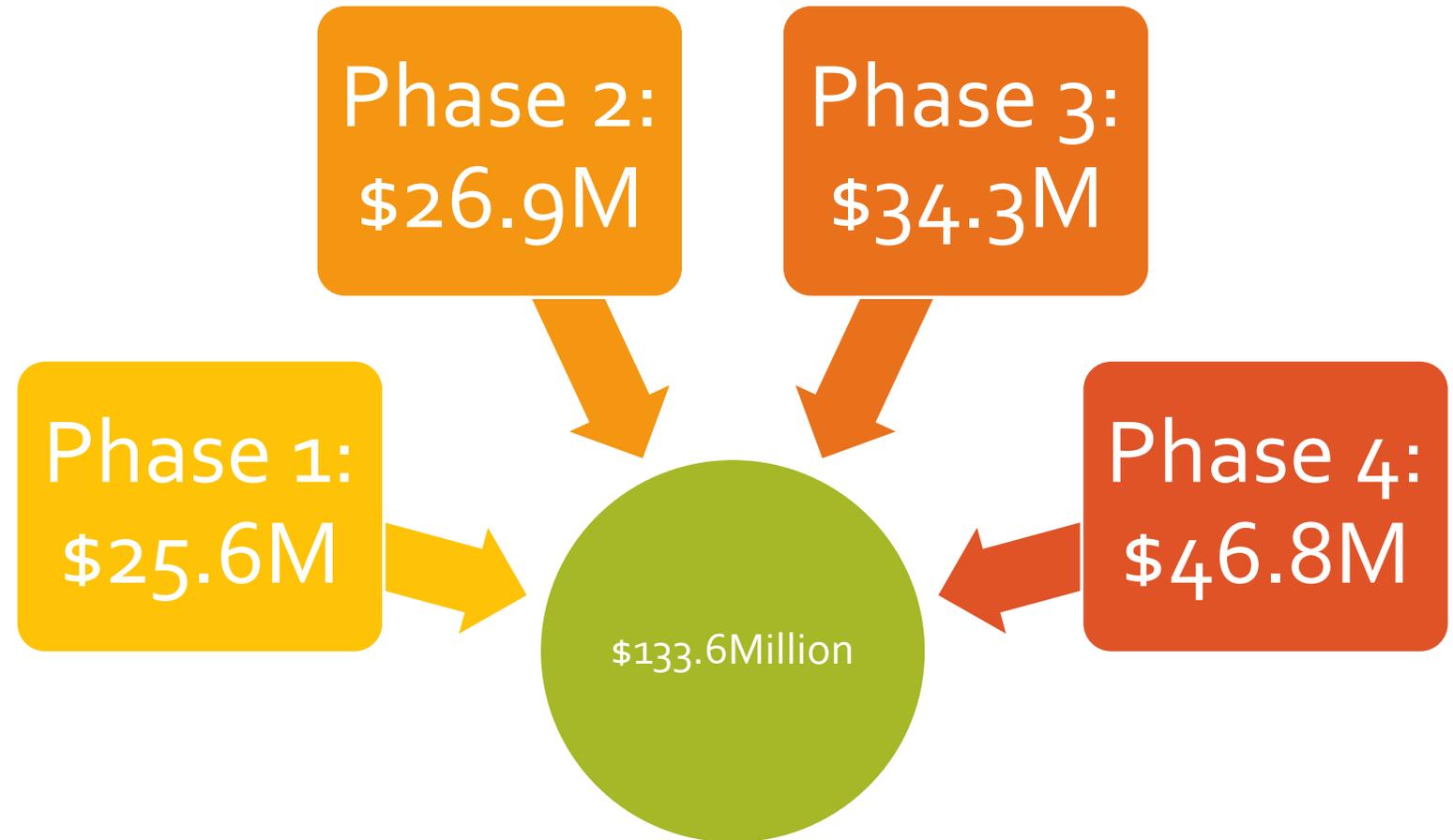
## Eligibility

- City of San Antonio and Bexar County Resident
- COVID-19 Hardship
- <80% AMI

## Assistance Provided

- Rental
- Mortgage
- Utility
- Local, State and Federal Benefit Enrollment

# Emergency Housing Assistance Program Budget





Rent & Mortgage: \$60.3M



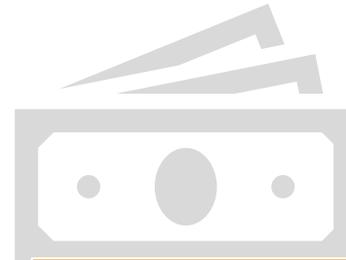
CPS: \$5.7M



SAWS: \$0.9M



Internet: \$0.3M



Cash Assistance: \$8.0M

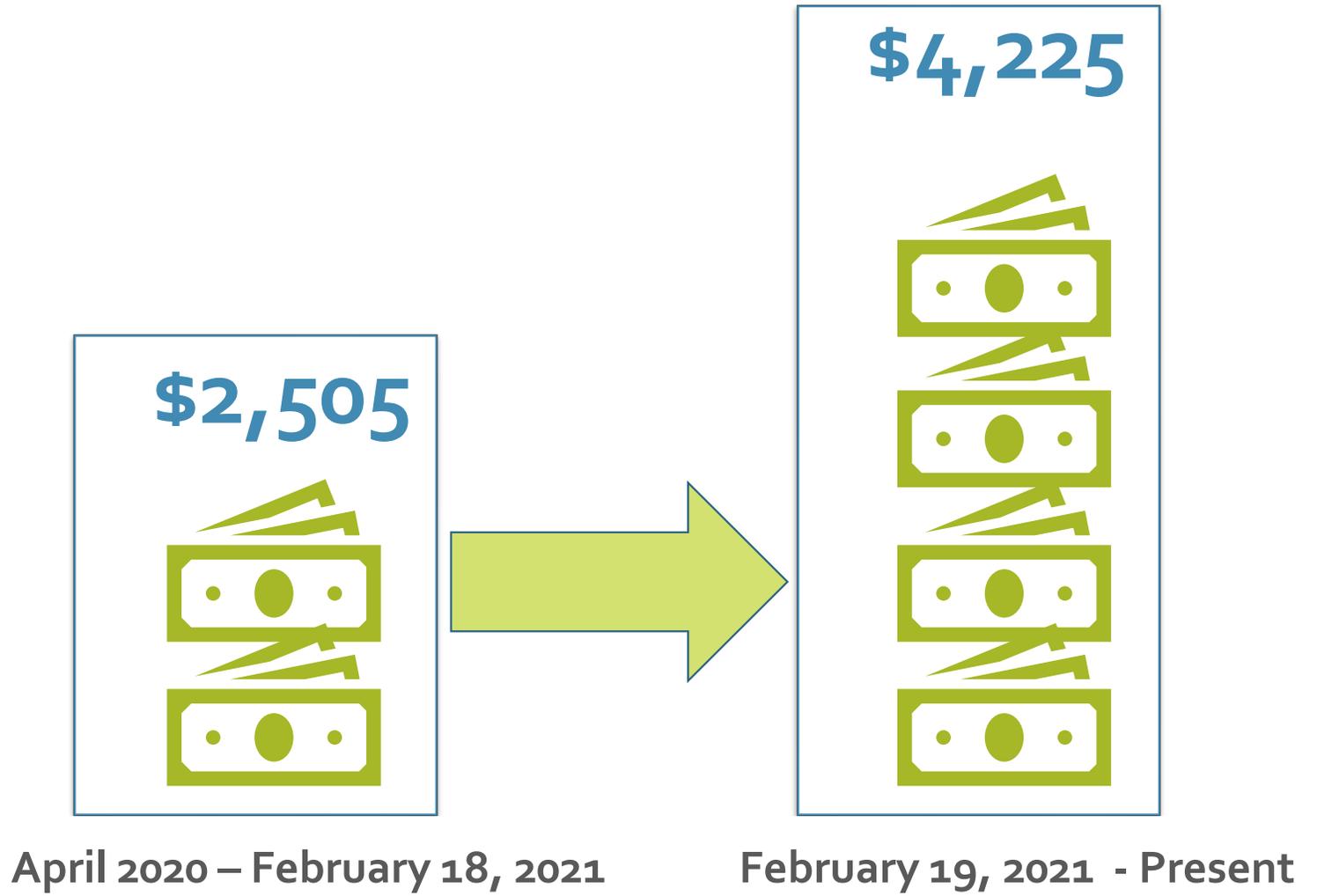
Emergency Housing Assistance Program  
Total Assistance Approved: \$75.2 Million  
as of March 9, 2021

# Allowance effective February 18, 2021

	*Term	Rent/Mortgage	SAWS	CPS	Internet
≤50%	9 months	✓	✓	✓	✓
51% - 80%	6 months	✓	✓	✓	✓

\*Complete reset. All applicants will be eligible for 6 months or 9 months regardless of prior assistance.

# Average Assistance Per Household



## EHAP Application

Asks client if they need assistance other than rent or mortgage and utilities.

## Benefits Navigators

Benefit Navigators perform an assessment for each referral received to determine the most appropriate available assistance

## To Date

364 Referrals placed for Social Service or Financial and Budgeting Assistance (February 19-Present)

# Referral System Update

# Texas Eviction Diversion Program

## November 2020- Present

- Created by order of Governor Abbot in October 2020
- City began administering in November 2020
- Initial \$600k award expended as of March 1
- Program will continue using \$360k TERAP set-aside funding

## Eligibility

- Bexar County Resident
- COVID-19 Hardship
- Must have an eviction on file

## Total Rental Assistance Provided

- Up to 6 months, including at least 1 in arrears
- 90 Households Assisted
- Total Amount expended: \$539,377
- Average Household Assistance Provided: \$5,994

# Eviction Hearing Outcomes

- Courts that are hearing cases are accepting declarations to reset or dismiss cases.
- City staff available at Court, declarations available

Precinct	Status	Cases Dismissed	Resets	Default Judgements	Judgement for Plaintiff	Jury Request
1	Pl.1: All hearings Pl. 2: All Hearings	240	236	334	289	7
2	Reduced hearing schedule	315	230	424	131	6
3	All Hearings	215	486	458	144	3
4	All Hearings	545	736	778	414	12
<b>Total:</b>		<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>1,638</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>As Percent of Total:</b>		<b>22%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>

• Data collected by COSA courts team staff June 15<sup>th</sup>- March 5<sup>th</sup>



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