



Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs

Attachment A: Pre-Application Consultation Process

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) requires all applicants to engage in and complete a pre-application consultation (PAC) before submitting a Bond Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP) grant application. Refer to Section 3.2 of the Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs Request for Applications (RFA).

The PAC allows prospective applicants to discuss their proposed project, along with relevant programmatic considerations, including those related to site acquisition, such as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), permitting, land use and land entitlements, service coordination and services partnerships, and long-term financing approaches.

Advocates for Human Potential, Inc. (AHP), a health and human services consulting firm and the Bond BHCIP administrative entity, is coordinating the PAC process. Between June 2 and October 1, 2025, AHP will provide a PAC for each prospective applicant as part of the application process. **PACs must be requested no later than August 29, 2025.**

Applicants are required to complete a PAC request form and consultation to determine their understanding of the RFA requirements prior to submitting an application. Applicants will be required to discuss how their proposed project meets local gaps identified in “[Assessing the Continuum of Care for Behavioral Health Services in California](#)” and addresses State priorities. An AHP technical assistance (TA) specialist will be assigned to each applicant to provide support and connect them with subject matter experts in real estate, facility financing, and programmatic best practices for serving individuals in need of behavioral health services. Please follow the guidance below to complete the process.

- Applicants can access the PAC request form on the [BHCIP website](#). Select the “Register for a Pre-Application Consultation” button to start your PAC registration and scheduling process. Please note that you must submit a separate PAC request form for each project for which you are planning to request funding. However, you are only required to schedule one PAC session to cover all proposed projects.
- Within three business days of submitting your PAC request form, you can expect an email from BR2@ahpnet.com that will include instructions for scheduling your PAC. You are encouraged to invite any members of your team who will be involved in the Bond BHCIP Round 2: Unmet Needs application submission process to attend.
- Prior to attending your PAC, please read the RFA and all attachments in their entirety.