

# Unsheltered Action Lab Information Sheet

## Overview

In 2021, Homebase will pilot an Action Lab aimed at increasing the structural and administrative capacity of non-established homeless service organizations (volunteer groups) operating in at least one Bay Area community. This includes faith-based, volunteer-based, non-incorporated and/or recently formed groups seeking to serve individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.

Ten groups will be invited to attend a monthly, no-cost 1.5-hour training focused on building capacity and exploring low-cost approaches for serving individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. By the end of the six-month series, participating groups will understand the basic components of the homeless system of care; be able to identify next steps for building administrative capacity; and have a deeper knowledge of the spectrum of low-cost models for serving unsheltered individuals.

## Timeline

Please note, due to the on-going impact of COVID-19, all activities will occur via Zoom, conference call, and email. Volunteer groups must have access to this technology to participate.

January 2021	Information session for interested Bay Area systems-leaders
February 2021	Kickoff meeting with volunteer groups
March to June 2021	Monthly meeting focused on low-cost approaches and administrative capacity building topics with volunteer groups
July 2021	Wrap-up meeting with volunteer groups
August 2021	Homebase shares an outcomes report with Bay Area systems-leaders and volunteer groups, including key takeaways from the Action Lab

## Potential Monthly Meeting Topics

Volunteer groups will attend a 1.5-hour monthly training in **eight** of the following areas (four low-cost approaches and four administrative capacity topics). Homebase will collect feedback on preferred topics during the information session in late January.

Sample Low-Cost Approaches	Administrative Capacity Topics
Safe Parking	Continuum of Care 101
Low-Cost Street Outreach & Encampment Safety	HMIS
Temporary Shelter Structures	Housing First
Mobile Showers	Non-Profit Accounting
Meal and Clothing Programs	Grant and Contract Opportunities
Safe Spaces (e.g., day centers)	Taking your 501c3 to the next level
Resource Fairs (e.g., Project Homeless Connect)	Zoning and Working with Local Government
Sanctioned Encampments	
Tent Parking Lot	

## How do I suggest a volunteer group?

Homebase will be hosting an information session for Bay Area system leaders on January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, link for meeting can be found [here](#). At this meeting, systems leaders will be asked for feedback on the low-cost approaches and administrative capacity topics of greatest interest to your community, as well as contact information for volunteer groups that may be interested in participating.

If you would like to suggest a volunteer group, but are unable to attend the information session, please send an email to [Actionlab@homebaseccc.org](mailto:Actionlab@homebaseccc.org) with contact information for the volunteer group.