

Sacramento County's Continued Commitment to HOMELESS INITIATIVES



With the approval of the final budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 on Sept. 6, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors increased the County's commitment to addressing homelessness with an additional \$7.4 million directed toward those efforts.

The enhanced funding comes on top of the already more than \$40 million Sacramento County spends annually on homeless services and on mitigating impacts.

As the major funder of homeless services—including shelters, transitional housing, and re-housing assistance—as well as the largest provider of social services, Sacramento County is committed to working with government partners and community stakeholders to develop and deliver the most impactful solutions to homelessness.

COUNTY INITIATIVE #1

Improve Family Crisis Response and Shelters

This initiative seeks to shelter more families with high barriers and those who are experiencing literal homelessness. Shelter services are dedicated to rapidly re-housing families into permanent and stable housing. Entry into family emergency shelter has been simplified with an electronic bed reservation system managed by DHA. Employing DHA's offices as an entry into the shelter system allows those waiting shelter to receive interim supportive services including diversion assistance. Annually, 268 families will be sheltered and 25 families served in new transitional housing.

COUNTY INITIATIVE #2

Preserve Mather Community Campus

Operating on a unique County-owned property, Mather Community Campus (MCC) has played an important role providing transitional housing, employment services, and recovery support for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Sacramento since 1996.

In 2016, the Volunteers of America (VOA) served more than 885 individuals, families, former foster youth, and veterans through eight residential (267 units) and nonresidential programs.

COUNTY INITIATIVE #3

Full Service Re-Housing Shelter

This initiative seeks to reach persons experiencing homelessness who have complex behavioral and/or physical health issues that often prevent them from engaging in shelter and re-housing services.

The shelter will include 24-hour accommodations for up to 75 individuals at a time, with consideration for partners, pets and possessions, and include meals, showers and laundry facilities. Participants will receive a variety of services that enable them to return to permanent housing and stable lives. **The Full Service Re-housing Shelter will serve up to 250-300 persons annually.**

COUNTY INITIATIVE #4

Flexible Supportive Re-Housing Program

The County proposes a new Flexible Supportive Re-housing Program (FSRP) that would provide highly flexible re-housing and stabilization services to persons who have experienced long-term homelessness, who frequently utilize costly County services (such as behavioral health, emergency response, or jail), but who could, with the right assistance, stabilize in permanent supportive housing.

The FSRP will re-house up to 250 individual and family households in the first year of the program.

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY RESOURCES

In addition to these initiatives, the Board of Supervisors (acting as the Housing Authority of the County of Sacramento) increased Public Housing resources for homelessness:

- Limited Preference Allocation of 150 “turnover vouchers” annually;
- 375 project-based vouchers over three years to support new or existing permanent supportive housing;
- 50 vouchers over three years to help current supportive housing tenants “move on” to affordable housing and serve new families in need of the intensive services;
- 100 vouchers for homeless youth participating in a new federal grant called “P3”; and
- 75 Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers authorized to shelter homeless veterans over three years.

For more information on Sacramento County’s Homeless Initiatives, visit www.saccounty.net and click on “Responding to Homelessness” under Current Topics.