



# **Sacramento County Homeless Plan**

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# No Place Like Home Program

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- No Place Like Home (NPLH) Program enacted in 2016 – and approved by CA voters on November 6.
- NPLH provides \$2 billion in bond funding for permanent supportive housing for people who are:
  - Experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or are at risk of becoming chronically homeless; and
  - Living with a serious mental illness and in need of mental health and/or substance use services.
- Bond repayment from diversion of 7% of Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) revenue otherwise allocated to Counties for MHSA services.

# No Place Like Home Program

Non Competitive Funding	Competitive Funding
<p>\$200 million statewide Sacramento County eligible for \$5.087 M</p>	<p>Sacramento eligible to compete in Large County category</p>
<p>State NOFA issued August 15<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>State NOFA issued October 15<sup>th</sup> for \$400 million, with \$93 .5 million available in Large County category</p>
<p>No later than February 15, 2021, County project(s) submitted</p>	<p>Applications due to State January 30, 2019</p>
<p>Local Request to Partner issued by County and SHRA on August 31, 2018.</p> <p>Recommended development applications for HCD submittal to Board of Supervisors by end of January (for both noncompetitive and competitive funding)</p>	

# Sacramento County Homeless Plan

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## Plan Elements

Describe magnitude and characteristics of homelessness, chronic homelessness and the NPLH target population

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Inventory existing efforts underway and partners in ending homelessness

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Describe current resources and identify critical gaps

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Lay out County and stakeholder plans to address unmet needs in key focus areas

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# Input Gathering

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Targeted Focus Groups	Meetings and Interviews	Meetings with Established Groups
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• People with Lived Experience and Family Members</li><li>• Housing Development</li><li>• Service Providers</li><li>• Faith Based Group</li><li>• Business Interests</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• County Departments</li><li>• Cities in Sacramento</li><li>• Sacramento Steps Forward</li><li>• Sacramento Housing &amp; Redevelopment Agency</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuum of Care Advisory Body</li><li>• Criminal Justice Cabinet</li><li>• Medi-Cal Managed Care</li><li>• Human Services Coordinating Council</li><li>• Disability Advisory Commission</li></ul>

# Guiding Principles

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Take a county-wide approach

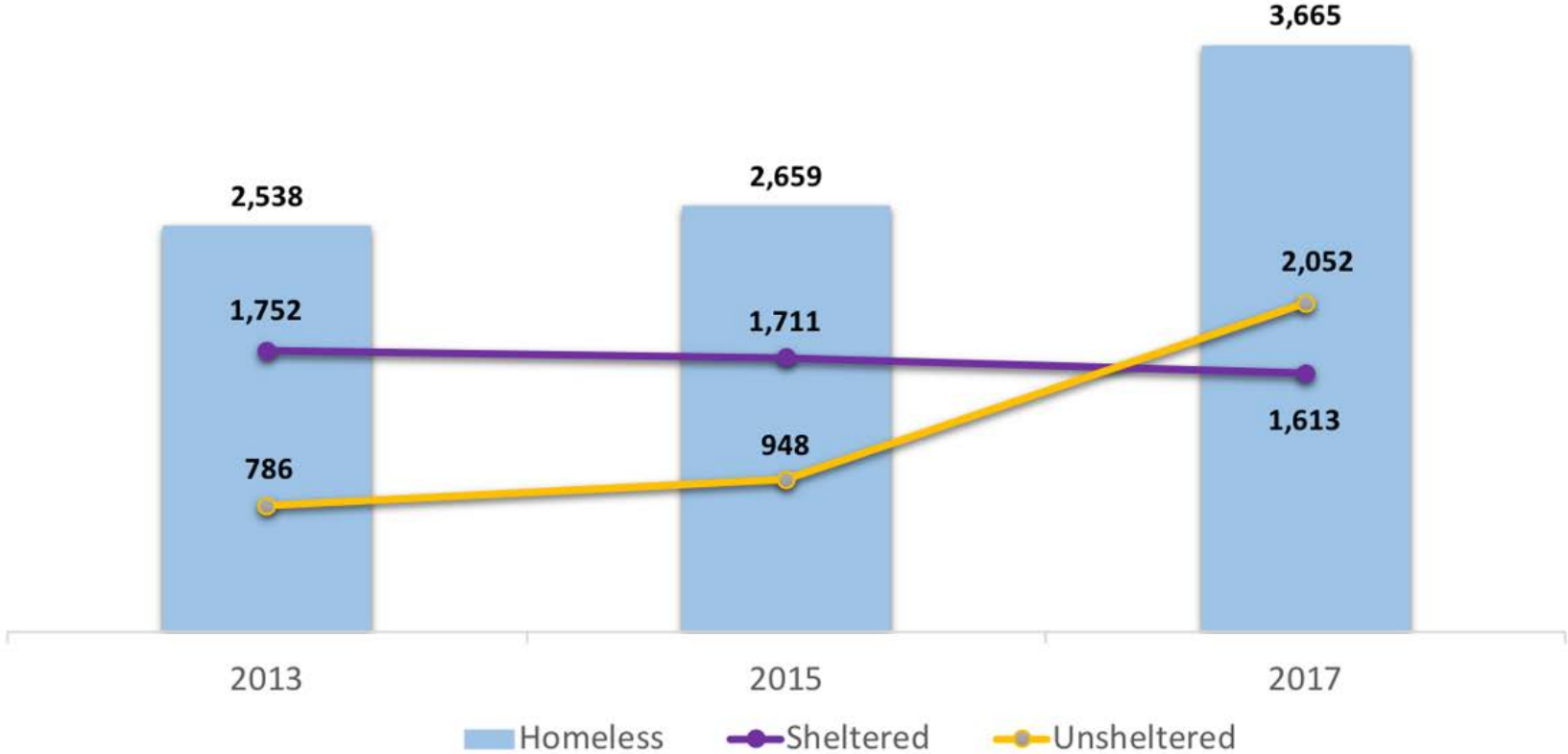
Set concrete goals

Provide frequent, coordinated communication

Expand opportunities for citizen involvement

# The State of Homelessness in Sacramento

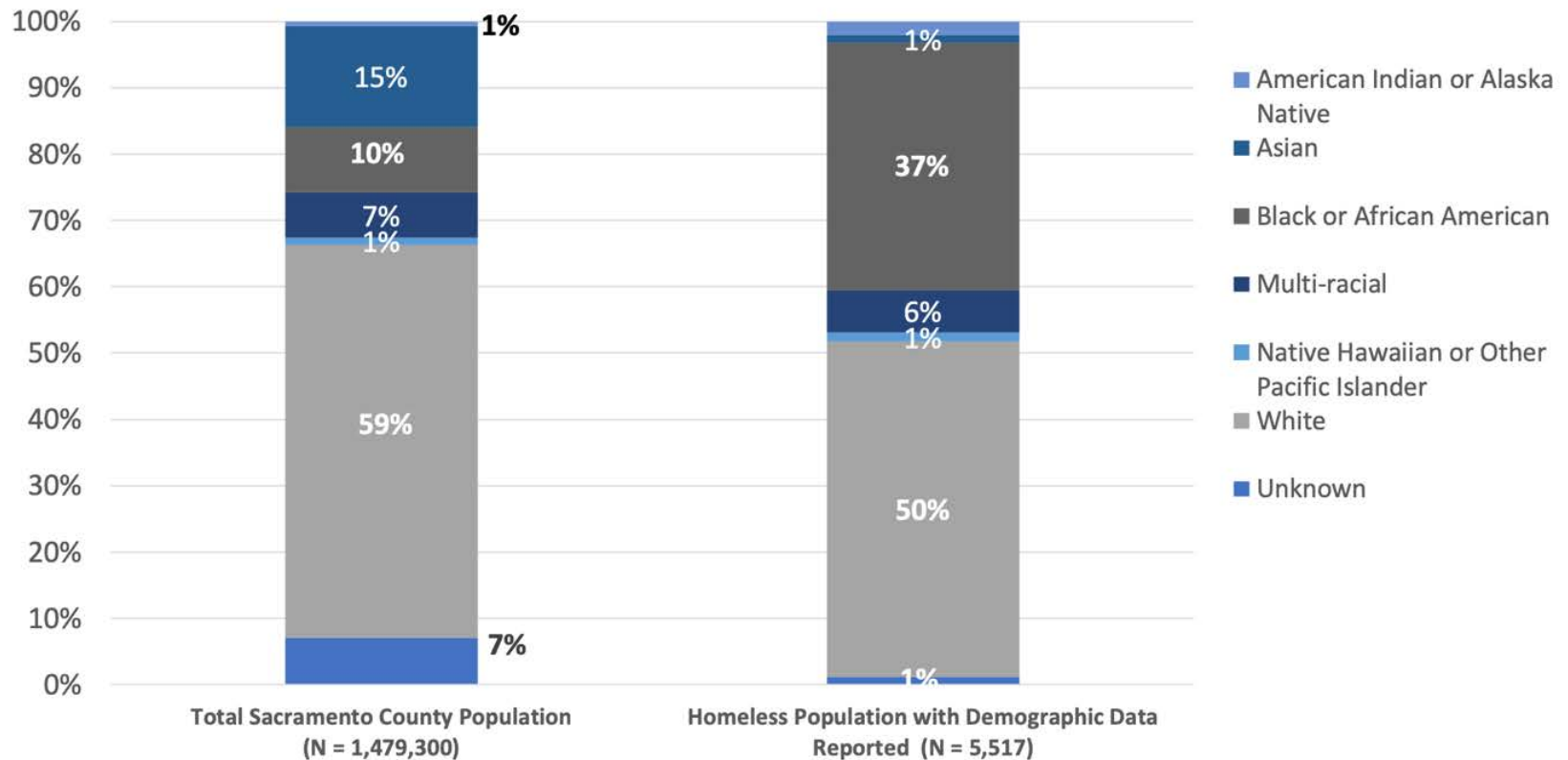
**Chart 1: Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness**  
Source: Point-in-Time Counts (2013-2017)



# Race and Homelessness

**Chart 3: Racial Composition of Homeless Population and Total County Population**

Source: HMIS Data (2017-2018), U.S. Census (2016 American Community Survey)

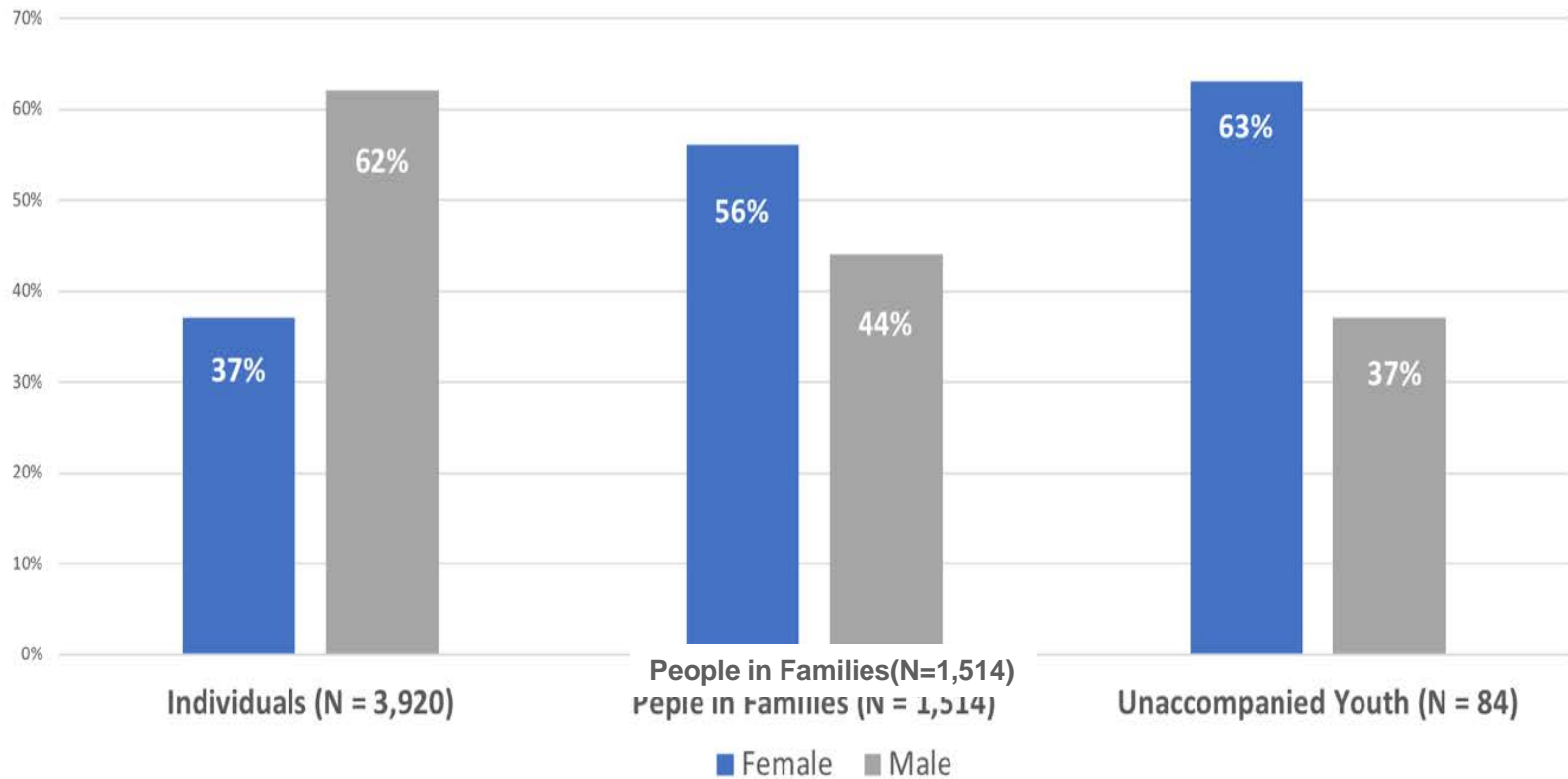




# Gender and Homelessness

Chart 5: Gender of Homeless Population in HMIS by Household Type

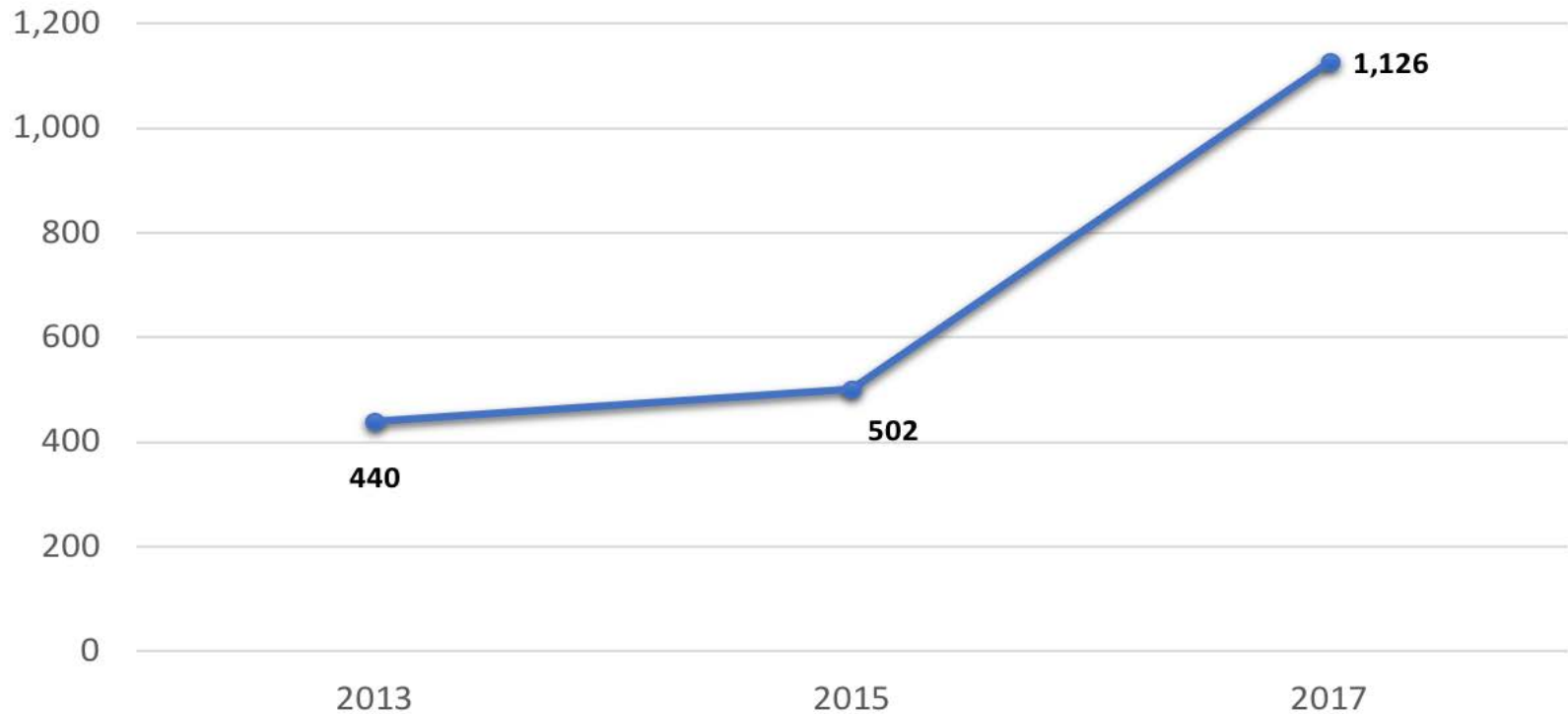
Source: HMIS Data (2017 - 2018)



# Chronic Homelessness

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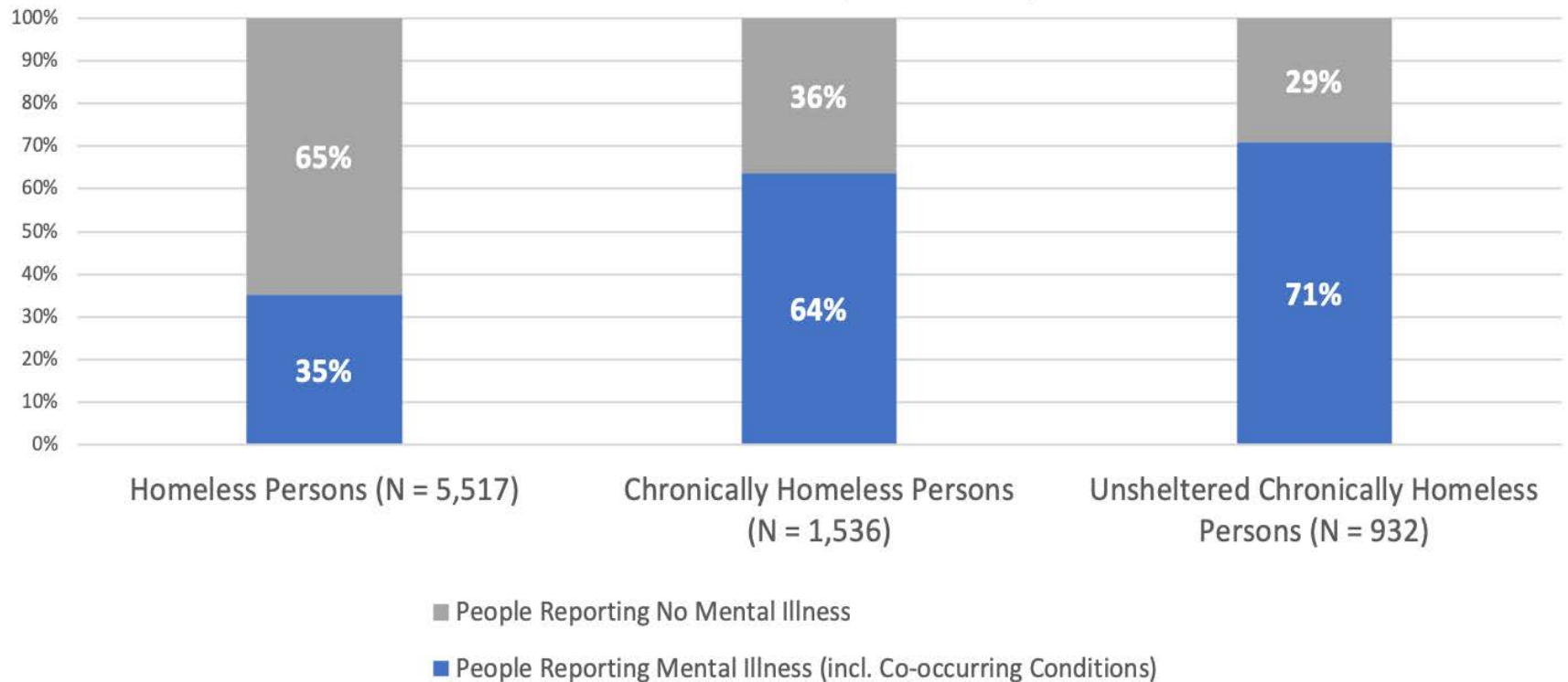
**Chart 2: Chronic Homelessness**  
Source: Point-in-Time Counts (2013 - 2017)



# Mental Illness Among Homeless Chronically Homeless and Unsheltered Chronically Homeless

**Chart 6: Mental Illness Among Homeless, Chronically Homeless, and Unsheltered Chronically Homeless People**

Source: HMIS Data (2017 - 2018)



# View from People with Lived Experience

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Confusion about navigating the system – how to get assistance

Some report negative interactions with programs

Trauma and safety concerns - especially in congregate settings such as shelter

Program barriers to entry such as clean and sober requirements or medication compliance

# System Resources and Programs

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- **Drop-In Center/Day Shelter Programs**: Seven (7) programs throughout the county.
- **Year-Round and Seasonal Overnight Shelters**: Thirty-three (33) shelters with a total of 762 beds for singles, families, and youth.
- **Temporary Housing/Transitional Housing Programs**: Sixteen (16) programs offering a total of 669 beds for singles and families.
- **Rapid Re-housing Programs**: Ten (10) programs with 661 slots (permanent housing units or rooms) for singles and families.
- **Permanent Supportive Housing Programs**: Twenty-seven (27) programs for chronically homeless adults or families and adults or families experiencing mental illness, housing a total of 3,028 people in 2,119 households.

# County Resources

Department	Activities
Office of the County Executive	<i>Homeless Coordination, Strategy and Policies</i>
Child, Family, and Adult Services	<i>Child Protective Services, Bringing Families Home Adult Protective Services, Sr. Safe House</i>
Department of Human Assistance	<i>Targeted CalWORKS Programs, Homeless Services, funding outreach, navigation, shelter, re-housing, County Initiatives</i>
Department of Health Services	<i>Behavioral Health – Mental Health Services and Alcohol and Drug Services; Primary Health; Public Health</i>
Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Authority	<i>Pubic Housing Authority Finance, Emergency Solutions Grant, Community Development Block Grant, Affordable Housing Finance</i>

Also: Environmental Management Department, Planning and Environmental Review, Parks Department, Probation Department, Public Defender, Sheriff’s Department, District Attorney

# New Initiatives and Change Drivers

Activity	County
County of Sacramento	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Family Crisis and Response Shelters</li> <li>• Full-Service Re-Housing Program</li> <li>• Flexible Supportive Re-Housing Program</li> <li>• Preservation of Mather Community Campus (MCC)</li> <li>• New Youth Services</li> <li>• Homeless Outreach, Navigation and Re-Housing Services</li> <li>• \$44 million in expanded Mental Health resources from Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)</li> <li>• DMS-ODS Waiver to expand substance abuse services</li> </ul>
City of Sacramento	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Homeless Triage Centers and New State Funding (HEAP)</li> <li>• Pathways to Health + Home: Reduce emergency and crisis medical services by coordinating care, health and housing</li> </ul>
SSF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New State Funding: HEAP and CESH to improve data, coordinated entry, standardization of services</li> </ul>
SHRA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHA Resources targeted to homeless persons and housing</li> <li>• Streamlined funding process for PSH</li> </ul>

# Continuing Challenges

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- Lack of Affordable Housing
- Entry Points are not coordinated
- Lack of comprehensive, real-time data
- No single system vision or oversight



# Proposed Solutions

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Prevent People from Becoming Homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthen diversion in shelter and navigation</li><li>• Inventory and improve alignment of community based services</li><li>• Improve jail discharge</li><li>• Improve hospital discharge</li></ul>
Improve Response to the Street Crisis and Improve Quality of Life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Coordination and community standards in navigation</li><li>• Regional law enforcement training for first responders</li><li>• Protocols and education for managing and preventing disease</li><li>• Collaborate with impacted business districts</li></ul>
Expand and Improve Shelter and Interim Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low-barrier shelter expansion through HEAP</li><li>• Community shelter standards</li><li>• Improve access through Coordinated Entry</li></ul>

# Proposed Solutions

<p>Expand Targeted Permanent Housing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement Flexible Housing Pool (HEAP_</li><li>• Re-housing coordination and standards</li><li>• Evaluate and continue PHA efforts, including move-on and convention housing initiatives</li><li>• Inventory local gap financing across jurisdictions</li><li>• Coordinated NPLH funding</li></ul>
<p>Leverage and Coordinate Mainstream and Other Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fully implement \$4 4million expansion</li><li>• New grant for mentally ill homeless interfacing with jail</li><li>• Coordinate DMC-ODS waiver with homeless system</li><li>• Records expungement and jail diversion pilot</li><li>• Coordinate on Health Homes implementation by Managed Care</li><li>• Improve connections to mainstream employment services</li></ul>

# Proposed Solutions

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## Strengthen System Leadership and Accountability

- Convene County interagency working group
- Improve coordinated entry, program and system evaluation using data
- Improve coordination, governance, leadership through Funder's Collaborative, provider forums, training
- Engage political leadership across County
- Hold annual community meetings on Plan progress