



Homelessness in San Joaquin County

League of Women Voters

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Program Administrator – Homeless Initiatives

- Reports directly to County Administrator
- Funded through FY 2020-2021 with Federal and State grants secured by County
- Key duties:
 - Coordinate and facilitate homeless initiatives within San Joaquin County, including the Continuum of Care program and policy directives of the Board of Supervisors.
 - Facilitate the collaborative development of strategies for prevention, diversion, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing.
 - Seek out, apply for and manage grant funding on behalf of San Joaquin County to support homeless initiatives, and convene stakeholders to facilitate the coordinated implementation of available funds County-wide.
 - Serve as a resource to community partners regarding the broad range of issues contributing to homelessness in our region.

Local Data...

People served in 2018

Total: 14,350

- 7,250 male (51%)
- 7,067 female (49%)
- 4,732 children (33%)
- 2,027 seniors (14%)
- 690 military veterans (5%)

- Increase from 2017: **12%**
- Utilization rate for shelter beds typically >100%
- 774 shelter beds County-wide; 542 in Stockton
- Point in Time Sheltered Count: 1,071

**Source: Homeless Management Information System and Housing Inventory Count*



Unsheltered Point in Time Count 2019

Total unsheltered County-wide:	<u>1,558</u>	
Stockton:	921	(59%)
Manteca:	218	(14%)
Tracy:	155	(10%)
Lodi:	139	(9%)
Lathrop:	14	(1%)
Ripon:	7	(.5%)
Escalon:	4	(.5%)
Unincorporated:	100	(6%)

Male - 65% / Female - 35%
37% reported regular income (100% were ELI)

Why do people become homeless?

A symptom of adversity in one's life

- high cost and low availability of housing
- sudden loss of job or inadequate income
- sudden loss of home
- trauma
- physical health issues
- mental health issues
- escaping domestic violence
- substance abuse/addiction
- incarceration

Housing in San Joaquin County

- Area Median income (AMI): \$63,700/yr
 - 30% of Median (ELI): \$19,110/yr
 - Median asking rent: \$1,532/mo
 - Income needed: \$29.46/hr; \$5,107/mo; \$60,196/yr
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- **25,489** more rental units needed to meet current demand
 - **99** total affordable units created in 2018

**Source: California Housing Partnership*

County Initiatives



Board Policy Statement on Homelessness

- Adopted July 23, 2019: establishes homelessness as an operational priority for all County departments
- Seeks to address and limit the impact of homelessness by:
 - Addressing issues of health, safety and welfare associated with the homeless
 - Addressing issues of behavioral health and substance abuse
 - Outreach to the community to foster input and dialog
 - Establish metrics and data collection guidelines for County departments to accurately determine financial impacts, develop efficient and effective strategies to reduce impacts, and track positive outcomes for the homeless
- Lead departments include Sheriff, District Attorney, Community Development and Health Care Services

County Services

- Provided through County Departments including:
 - Law Enforcement: Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Public Defender, Probation, Code Enforcement,
 - Health and Welfare: Public Health Services, Environmental Health Services, Behavioral Health Services, San Joaquin General Hospital, Human Services Agency, Veteran Services, Community Development Department, Worknet,
- Services tend to be used most for our “highest needs” citizens, some but not all of whom are homeless
- High need for services can be a predictor of homelessness

Whole Person Care

- \$18.5M over 5 year pilot
- Serves Medi-Cal beneficiaries who are chronically homeless or at-risk of homelessness, have mental health or substance use issues and/or over-utilizers of the Emergency Department
- 1,238 individuals enrolled as of July 1, 2019; 923 actively enrolled
- Stable funding for 19 recuperative care beds at Gospel Center Rescue Mission as well as 10 emergency lodging beds between Stockton Shelter and GCRM for WPC enrollees leaving incarceration

County Support for Housing and Shelter

Permanent Supportive Housing

- Crossway Residences: 35 units of SMI housing; \$3.5M
- Victory Gardens: 49 units of Veteran housing; \$2.4M in land and funds
- No Place Like Home: \$2.1M allocated for future SMI units
- HEAP: \$4.5M for approximately 20 “tiny houses” units

Emergency Shelter

- New Life Women’s Home: 118 bed expansion at GCRM; \$550,000
- General project support for shelter providers: \$447,298
- HEAP: planned 35 beds of emergency shelter at CMC and RTW; \$1.5M

Encampment Response Team

- Multi-departmental team including BHS, CDD, EHS, HSA, PHS, PW, SO and CAO
- Manage and resolve homeless encampments on County property and right-of ways consistent with federal, state and local law and *Martin v. Boise*
- Connect unsheltered homeless with services
- Protect health and safety of unsheltered residents and general public
- Since implementation (May 2019):
 - 10 total complaints received for City, County and State-owned properties
 - 6 encampments found on County property and/or right-of ways
 - 4 mitigated, 1 multi-agency collaboration pending, 1 disbursed prior to mitigation

Questions?

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