



## homeless services

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The City partners with the County to provide programs to transition people out of homelessness and advance goals outlined in the 10 Year Plan. The following talking points outline the respective roles the County and City have in addressing regional and local homeless service needs.

### **County's Role**

- Social services agency and regional leader in addressing the needs of the County's homeless population.
- Receives federal and state funding from various sources to provide a wide range of programs and services aimed at enhancing self-sufficiency while ensuring that safety and basic human needs are met for the people of the County.
- Regional expert in social service needs and has several departments dedicated to providing services to the homeless. A list of some of these services include:
  - a. Case management
  - b. Mental health services
  - c. Education
  - d. Emergency assistance
  - e. Transitional and permanent housing
  - f. Medical services
  - g. Social services
  - h. Transportation
  - i. Drug and alcohol counseling
- In June of 2009, the County Board of Supervisors created the Homeless Services Oversight Council (HSOC) as an advisory committee on homeless issues with the following roles and responsibilities:
  - a. Provide a forum for planning, service coordination and policy development with local jurisdictions and public and private service providers
  - b. Compile and monitor data and information regarding the number of homeless and service utilization.
  - c. Advise service providers of opportunities and best practices to improve access to services.
  - d. Advocate and provide local jurisdictions with recommendations on public funding allocations based upon local needs and prioritize objectives within the 10-Year Plan.
  - e. Work with public and private partners, donors and grant makers to establish financial resources for service coordination and implementation.
- The County Board of Supervisors recently announced it is hiring a full-time Homeless Services Program Manager to focus regional efforts. The position will coordinate efforts among non-profits, volunteers and local governments to identify gaps in homeless services and find ways to fill service needs.

### **City's Role**

- Support and strategically supplement efforts lead by the County.
- Support housing and service agencies whose mission it is to develop programs for the City's homeless population.



- Provide funding assistance from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Grants-In-Aid (GIA) and General Fund monies to social service providers.
- Support and implement the 10 Year Plan, which was endorsed by Council and outlines strategies to coordinate homeless services and address housing and service needs.
- Leverage grant and Affordable Housing Fund monies, consistent with the 10 Year Plan, to assist with the development and preservation of affordable housing.
- Evaluating pilot parking program (set to launch June 1<sup>st</sup>) and will develop ordinance to allow expansion of program to other areas for Council consideration (December 2012)