



ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness is an ongoing challenge in California, on the Central Coast, and in our City of San Luis Obispo. Being homeless is not a crime, nor is using public space. The City has continuously worked with the County of San Luis Obispo and various organizations such as Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County (CAPSLO), as well as City departments including Police, Fire, and Parks & Recreation to provide assistance to the homeless within the scope of services that the City provides to its citizens.

The County is the lead social services and mental health agency and regional leader in addressing the needs of the area's homeless population. The County receives federal and state funding from various sources to provide a wide range of programs and services including:

- Case management
- Mental health services
- Education
- Emergency assistance
- Transitional & permanent housing (such as the 50 Now program)
- Medical & Social services including drug & alcohol counseling
- Transportation

2017-18 BREAKDOWN

The Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Shelter provide services, case management, meals, and overnight shelter.

\$128,200 City's Prado Day Center Contribution

Includes: Safe Parking Program, bus tokens, water/sewer/garbage services, Warming Center



\$57,000 City's Maxine Lewis Shelter Contribution

Other services include: Prevention programs, CAT officers, Ranger services, Homeless Services Grant



40 Prado Matching Funds

The new homeless services center at 40 Prado Road will open in summer 2018 and will provide those who need services better access under one roof. In 2015, the City Council approved a matching grant to provide \$250,000 toward construction.

2017-18 DEPARTMENT BREAKDOWNS

Parks & Recreation

Rangers patrol the City's open space, parks and creeks. It monitors illegal homeless encampments and provides support for cleaning trash.

158 **25**

Illegal Camps Tons of Trash Removed

Includes: Ranger services; Encampment clean-ups

Fire Department

In addition to medical calls, SLOFD also responds to calls for fires reported in homeless encampments and areas that pose a risk to public safety.

300
Medical Calls

Police Department

Community Action Team (CAT) officers deal more comprehensively with the impacts some of the homeless bring to our community.

2 **4**
CAT (Community Action Team) Officers Downtown Bicycle Officers

6,066 **361**
Calls for Service Citations Issued



There are an estimated 411 homeless individuals in SLO. CAPSLO performs an enumeration survey every 2 years to identify homeless and to assess the need for services.

2017-18 GENERAL FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

\$916,706 2017-18 Total General Fund allocation

↑ 17.76% increase over 2016-17

Housing is a Major City Goal



For 2017-19, the City Council set a goal to facilitate increased production of all housing types designed to be economically accessible to various income levels.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

Learn more about the City's efforts:
slocity.org/homelessness

Giving to panhandlers exacerbates issues with homelessness in our community.

You can help people in need by donating to local organizations such as Friends of 40 Prado, CAPSLO, Food Bank Coalition of SLO County, or San Luis Coastal School District's Family Resource Center.

- Groups and people can volunteer to serve meals at the shelters
- Donate supplies such as:
 - Clothing
 - Blankets & sleeping bags
 - Toiletries
- Give to the donation meters downtown



Please contact the CAPSLO Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@capslo.org or **(805) 549-6857** for current volunteer openings.

Donations are accepted from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. daily.; please contact the Prado Day Center at **(805) 786-0617** for current donation needs.

