

SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S HOMELESS PLAN



Homelessness in Sacramento County has been increasing in recent years, with visible signs of its impact on individuals and families and in our neighborhoods. In conjunction with public, private and community partners, Sacramento County is preparing a plan to identify key needs and propose strategies to address and reduce homelessness in Sacramento County.

The plan will allow Sacramento County to participate in State of California No Place Like Home (NPLH) funding. Anticipated to be available at the end of 2018, NPLH funding will support new permanent supportive housing developments for persons with serious mental illness who are also experiencing homelessness.

The plan is jointly sponsored by the County Executive, Department of Human Assistance and Department of Health Services. The process will engage a variety of stakeholders to identify core needs and gaps, inventory current efforts underway, and help establish goals and strategies to impact homelessness and make it non-recurring.

Stakeholders to be consulted include:

- County representatives of behavioral health, public health, criminal justice, social services
- Cities within Sacramento County
- Sacramento Continuum of Care and Sacramento Steps Forward
- Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency
- Persons with lived experience
- Local homeless services and housing providers
- Health care providers
- Representatives of family caregivers of persons living with serious mental illness
- Civic/community groups and others interested in homelessness

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Elements of the Plan

The Plan is required to include the following key elements:

- Describe the magnitude of homelessness and chronic homelessness, characteristics of the homeless population, and special needs of the NPLH target population
- Inventory existing efforts and partners in ending homelessness
- Describes resources currently invested in addressing and ending homelessness and identify critical gaps
- Lay out County and stakeholder plans to address unmet needs in key focus areas

Planning and Input Process

Between July and September, consultants to the County will be assembling the most up-to-date data and information about homelessness in Sacramento County, inventorying current local and collaborative efforts, and consulting with key stakeholders to identify priority areas for the plan to address. Stakeholder consultation will take place both in existing forums and through special meetings and interviews. The consultants will produce a report that identifies the key needs and gaps, current efforts underway that are working to address them, and will recommend strategies and next planning steps. As needed, deeper dive planning may occur in September and October.

The final plan will be adopted by the County Board of Supervisors in late fall and submitted to the State of California.

For questions regarding this process, please contact Cindy Cavanaugh, County Director of Homeless Initiatives at cavanaughc@saccounty.net.