Everyone Home
Long Beach
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Defining Homelessness

**PRECARIOUSLY HOUSED OR RECENTLY HOMELESS**

- Paying up to 90% of household income towards housing costs OR
- 30% of Area Median Income
- Couch surfing
- Overcrowded Households
- Recent eviction or loss of housing
- Experiencing homelessness for less than 1 year

**CHRONICALLY HOMELESS**

- HUD Definition:
  1. Experiencing homelessness for a continuous 12 month period or have experienced 4 episodes of homelessness in the last 3 years AND
  2. Disabling condition, which can be medical, mental health, substance use disorder, developmental or physical or combination.
Household Characteristics

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- Limited or inconsistent income
- Employment history is limited
- Housing costs exceed household income
- Limited childcare options
- Unreliable transportation
- Housing habitability
- History of generational homelessness/precarious living

**CHRONICALLY HOMELESS**

- Length/depth of homelessness
- Disabled
- Co-occurring disorders
- Past and Present Trauma
- Frequent contact with first responders (Fire, Police, Outreach)
- Repeated housing attempts
- Entitlement based income
- Limited to no support systems
Help at First Contact

• A Person-Centered Approach
  • What do they say they need?

• Each household is thoroughly assessed for needs
  • Basic safety
  • Health
  • Mental Health and/or Substance Use Interventions
  • Shelter/Crisis Placement
  • Housing Options
Help at First Contact (cont.)

• Eligibility
  • HUD Homeless Status
  • Income Limitations
  • Chronic Homeless Status
  • Previous Assistance
  • Family Composition

• Matching client stated need and desire to existing resources
Services Provided

EVERYONE
- Intake and Assessment
- Family Reunification
- Case Management
- Linkage to mainstream supports
- Mental Health Services
- Substance Use treatment/detox
- Shelter Placement
- Housing linkage

PRECARIOUSLY HOUSED OR RECENTLY HOMELESS
- Deposit Assistance
- Arrears utility assistance
- Landlord Mediation and Housing Advocacy
- Employment Services
- Rapid Rehousing Resources
- Childcare/educational resources for children

CHRONICALLY HOMELESS
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Wrap Around Services
- Low barrier shelter
- Crisis/bridge housing
- Recuperative/hospice care beds
Service Needs

Services/supports needed to prevent precariously housed or recently homeless from becoming chronically homeless.

• Low barrier shelter beds (n=500)
• Subsidized housing opportunities
• Permanent Supportive Housing (n=400-500)
• Shared housing opportunities
• Storage facility for belongings
• Housing retention services
• Flexible funding pool for immediate intervention
• Supportive services
Homeless Emergency Aid Program
## Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

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Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP)

Eligible Uses:

• Homeless Prevention Activities

• Criminal justice diversion programs for individuals experiencing homelessness with mental health needs

• Establishing/expanding services for youth who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness

• Emergency aid

* Funding is Contingent upon State Approval
Proposed

- Purchase of Emergency Shelter
- Storage Facility for Belongings
- Vans for Transportation
- Day Labor Pilot Program
- Enhanced Homeless Rapid Response
- Innovation Fund for Prevention, Youth and New Approaches
- Parking Meter Donation Program
Policy Conversations
Current Recommendations

• Mayor’s Affordable and Workforce Housing Group Policy Recommendations
• Homeless Services Advisory Committee
• Revenue Options to Address Local Homelessness and Housing Shortage
• Long Beach Safe Parking Feasibility Study
• Workforce Employment Program
Proposed Policy Recommendations

Landlord Incentives and Engagement - Options

• New Landlord Bonus
• Landlord Continuity Bonus
• Leasing Bonus
• Holding Fee
• Application Expenses
• Damage Claim Reimbursement
• Security Deposit and Utility Assistance
• Landlord Liaison
• On Call Maintenance Professional
• Tax Incentives
Proposed Policy Recommendations

Expansion of Housing Opportunities

• **Section 8 Voucher Holders**
  • Non-discrimination policy against Section 8
  • Prioritization for rentals

• **Housing Commitments**
  • Opportunities in all Long Beach neighborhoods
  • Motel Conversions
  • YIMBY Campaigns
Proposed Policy Recommendations

Prevention/Housing Retention
• Flexible Spending Pools

Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment
• Zoning opportunities across the City for all levels of tx
• Incentives for organizations to add tx capacity

Employment Opportunities and Training
• Apprenticeship opportunities
Proposed Policy Recommendations

Tenant Protections and Supports

• Tenant relocation assistance
• Just cause for termination of tenancy
• Anti-Retaliation Policy
• Tenant-Based senior rental assistance
• Funds for legal defense
What you’ve learned about the need…

- Access to housing – low income and homeless (temporary and permanent)
- Shelters
- Prevention – upstream and current
- Employment training and opportunities
- Mental health and substance use services
- Family strengthening / Domestic Violence Supports
- Landlord engagement in solving housing access
- Access to services 24x7
Policy Discussion Breakout Groups

- Landlord Incentives and Engagement
- Expansion of Housing Opportunities
- Employment Opportunities and Training
- Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment
- Prevention/Housing Retention Services
- Children and Families
Thank you

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