Everyone Home
Long Beach
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Federal Definition of Prevention

Homeless “But For” Assistance

• No appropriate subsequent housing options have been identified;

• The household lacks the financial resources to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing; and

• The household lacks support networks needed to obtain immediate housing or remain in its existing housing.

• At or below 30% Area Median Income (AMI)
Historical Prevention Approach

• Emergency Solutions Grant
• Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families
• HOME Security Deposit
• Community Partnerships
• Faith Based Community
• Self Resolution
FY2018 Funding

$288,229

- housing assistance
- rental arrears
- security deposits
- utility deposits
- utility payments

Serves 115 people
Causes of Homelessness

- Insufficient Income/Wages
- Low vacancy rate
- Increasing costs of living and rentals
- Inadequate Social Safety Net
- Health/Mental Health Conditions
- Untreated Substance Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- History of Incarceration
- History of Child Abuse
As it Stands

• The current prevention definition limits the ability to address the causes of homelessness

• We propose a more inclusive definition of prevention, to include:
  • The precariously housed
  • Entitlement dependent households
  • Factors that lead to housing instability
  • Poorly resourced neighborhoods
Precariously Housed

• 30% AMI ($16,545)

and/or

• Pay 90% of income

12.8% of Long Beach Households
Over 20,000 Households
A Model that Works!
Prevention Continuum

**UPSTREAM PREVENTION**
Reducing the Risk of Homelessness

- Building financial stability through Job Skills/Employment Opportunities
- Strengthening family relationships/reducing domestic violence
- Increasing Health/Behavioral Health Services Access and Education
- Increasing Affordable Housing Opportunities for Precariously Housed

**DOWNSTREAM PREVENTION**
Keeping People Housed

- Rental Supports
- Moving Supports
- Utility Assistance
- Landlord Incentives
- Legal Support
- Wrap around services
Place-Based Approach

Based on Community Assessment:

• Focus on areas of high need

• Align existing programs to create an upstream focused model

• Better coordinate resources

• Engage community for resident decision making
Recommendations

Design and implement a robust, coordinated system supporting job readiness, employment and financial stability in priority areas.

• Build income and financial capacities among the precariously housed.
• Access to child care
• Educational connections and improved results
Recommendations

Strengthen families to reduce family conflict and domestic violence leading to homelessness.

• Family strengthening opportunities
• Fatherhood programs
• Domestic violence programs
• Coordination between workforce development programs and strengthening families opportunities
Recommendations

Design and implement a coordinated health system (including physical, behavioral and community health) to increase the overall health of communities.

• Health education programs
• Health insurance enrollment
• Education on effective utilization of the health care system
• Continuum of mental health and substance use services
• Hospital and jail discharge planning and connection to services
Recommendations

Build the capacity to maintain housing and increase access to existing housing supports.

• Tenant protections and legal supports
• Emergency rental and utility payments
• Security Deposits
• Access to apartment units for Section 8 voucher holders
• Supports for people utilizing housing subsidies to remain housed
• Housing navigation services
Expected Funding

• State Emergency Solutions Grant $287,000
• Measure H $197,500
• SHARE Utility Arrears (no limit per household) $484,500

Serves approximately 195 people
Thank you

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