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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 yearsAND
 2. Disabling condition, which can be medical, mental health, substance use disorder, developmental or physical or combination.

Household Characteristics

PRECARIOUSLY HOUSED OR RECENTLY HOMELESS

- 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

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- 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)

Category for Distribution	Expected Funding for Long Beach	Eligible Applicants
Continuum of Care (Based on Point in Time Count & Percentage of Homeless Population)	\$9.4M	Continuum of Care (CoC)
City of Long Beach	\$2.9M	Large Cities (LCs) with a population over 330,000

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



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Thank you

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