

OHS OVERVIEW

Office of Homeless Solutions (OHS)

City Council
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CAUSES OF HOMELESSNESS

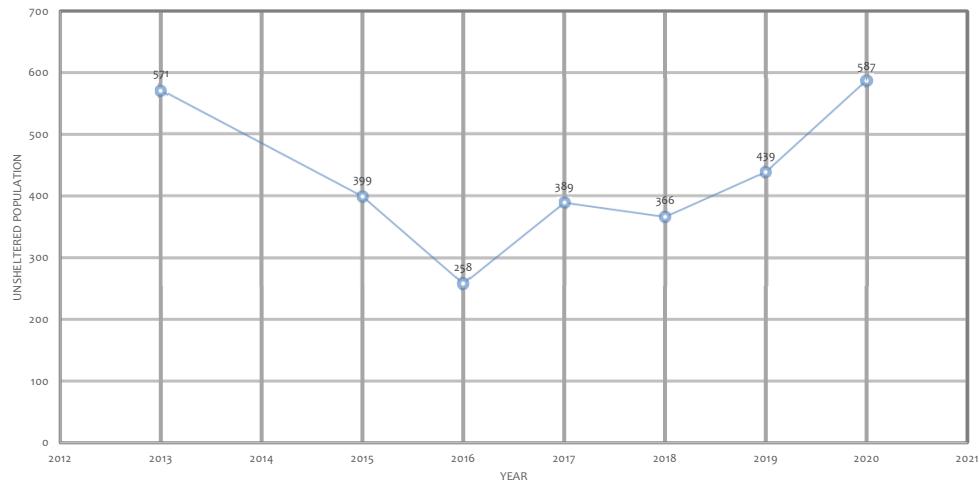
1. Lack of affordable housing
2. Unemployment
3. Poverty
4. Mental illness
5. Substance abuse
6. Unplanned events (i.e. illness, death of a primary income earner, divorce or disability)



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HOMELESS POINT-IN-TIME COUNT



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FY 2020/21 PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

- Responded to 4,445 service calls related to homelessness
- 954 guest served at the Riverside Emergency Shelter and Pallet Shelter Village
- 117 housed clients received case management
- Assisted 1,374 households with emergency rental assistance
- Completed the development of 56 affordable housing units
- 478 affordable housing units are in the pipeline for development
- 185 beds available at the Riverside Emergency Shelter, Family Shelter and Recuperative Care Program



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FY 2020/21 PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

- Creating 51 new beds at the Homeless Service Campus
- Housing Search and Landlord Incentive Program
- Riverside at Work (RAW): Employed three individuals
- Mayor's Office
 - Leadership and outreach to faith-based communities for the development of Housing First units
 - Grove Community Church
 - St. Michaels
 - La Sierra Seventh Day Church



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FY 2020/21 PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES

- Proposed code changes to the square footage requirement for the emergency sleeping cabins and coordinated donations for the cabins
- Instrumental in advocating for Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), and the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) 2 and 3 funding to address homelessness
- Facilitating private donations for the Salvation Army pilot program First Impressions
- Advocated for the County to implement Laura's Law



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FY 2021/2022 ACTIVITIES

- Created 50 recuperative care beds with Illumination Foundation
- Procured two additional outreach workers through Step-Up on Second
- One Nurse Outreach Worker has started and been assigned to the Homeless Street Outreach team
- Rehabilitating 2800 Hulen Place for the creation of 28 mental health bridge housing beds
- Rehabilitating 2881 Hulen Place for the creation of 23 bridge housing beds



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QUESTIONS?



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