



Sunnyvale

Unhoused in Sunnyvale and Impacts from COVID-19 Pandemic

April 6, 2021



Sunnyvale Unhoused Population

- 2019 Point in Time Count

Sheltered	147
Unsheltered	477
Total	624
% Change ('17-'19)	147%



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City Support for Homeless Programs

City Funding

- Federal and Local Funds
 - ◆ CDBG
 - ◆ HOME
 - ◆ General Fund
 - ◆ Former Redevelopment Funds

City Homelessness Support: Funding Process

- Competitive Request for Proposals
 - ◆ Annual CDBG/HOME RFPs
 - \$1.5 million
 - ◆ Biennial Human Services RFPs
 - \$135,000 in General Fund
 - \$180,000 in CDBG
 - ◆ Council Action on funding in May and June

Current City Funded Homelessness Programs

1. Sunnyvale Community Services

Program	Funds	Frequency Funded
Food Distribution	\$60,000	Annually
Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing (HPRR)	\$250,000	Biennial
WorkFirst (w/DST)	\$515,000	Annually
New Headquarters Support (<i>building loan</i>)	\$1 Million	One Time

Current City Funded Programs Homelessness *continued*

2. Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

- ◆ Abode Services
- ◆ ~\$500,000/year
- ◆ Enrollees: formerly homeless
- ◆ Currently revamping program

3. Project WeHope: Dignity on Wheels

- ◆ Sunnyvale Mobile Showers/Laundry
- ◆ \$50,000



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Santa Clara County Homeless Support/Programs

Sunnyvale Homeless Shelter

- County operates the Sunnyvale Shelter
 - ◆ No City funding or involvement in operations
 - ◆ City Housing staff attends Homeless Shelter meetings
 - ◆ Staff can make referrals to shelter
- Shelter at reduced capacity due to COVID social distance requirements

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Community Plan to End Homelessness 2020-2025

- Goals:

- ◆ 30% homeless population reduction
- ◆ House 20,000 individuals
- ◆ Double shelter capacity

- Three Strategies:

1. Address cause through system/policy change
2. Expand homelessness prevention and housing programs
3. Improve quality of life for unsheltered

Santa Clara County Measure A

- Voters approved Measure A in 2016
 - ◆ \$950 million bond repaid with increased property tax
- Funded projects awarded by Board of Supervisors
- Priorities:
 - ◆ Increasing supportive housing for special needs populations, including homeless persons
 - ◆ Increasing the supply of housing that is affordable to extremely low income (ELI) households
 - ◆ Improving coordination and collaboration among the jurisdictions in the County

Santa Clara County Measure A *Continued*

- One pending Measure A Project in Sunnyvale
 - ◆ Orchard Gardens on Weddell Avenue
- County Measure A Requirements:
 - ◆ County owns land
 - ◆ 1/3 units for homeless residents
 - ◆ Residents housed based on County list of chronically homeless individuals
 - ◆ On-site supportive services



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Council Discussion