



HOMELESS INITIATIVE RECOMMENDED STRATEGIES

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Homeless Initiative

- Seizing the moment: Historic opportunity to combat homelessness throughout Los Angeles County
- Initial Goal: Develop a comprehensive set of recommended County strategies to combat homelessness, including strategies in which cities can participate
- Inclusive and collaborative planning process



Planning Timeline

- Oct. 1 – Dec. 3, 2015: 18 policy summits on nine key topics
- Nov. 2015 – Jan. 2016: Focus groups with current and formerly homeless adults
- Jan. 7, 2016: Draft recommendations posted online and public comment period opened
- Jan. 13, 2016: 500-person Community Meeting on draft recommendations
- Jan. 21, 2016: Public comment period ended – over 200 comments received



Community Engagement





Recommended Strategies

47 strategies divided into six areas:

- Prevent Homelessness
- Subsidize Housing
- Increase Income
- Provide Case Management and Services
- Create a Coordinated System
- Increase Affordable/Homeless Housing



Key Principles

- Collaboration among the County, cities and community partners
- Investing in proven strategies
- Leveraging mainstream health, social services, and criminal justice systems
- Seamless, client-centered services



Phase I Strategies

- Homeless Prevention Program for Families (A1)
- Provide Subsidized Housing to Homeless Disabled Individuals Pursuing SSI (B1)
- Partner with Cities to Expand Rapid Rehousing (B3)
- Facilitate Utilization of Federal Housing Subsidies (B4)
- Interim/Bridge Housing for Those Exiting Institutions (B7)
- Housing Choice Vouchers for Permanent Supportive Housing (B8)



Phase I Strategies continued

- Increase Employment for Homeless Adults by Supporting Social Enterprise (C2)
- Expand Jail In-Reach (D2)
- First Responders Training and Decriminalization Policy (E4/E5)
- Countywide Outreach System (E6)
- Enhance the Emergency Shelter System (E8)

Implementation scheduled to commence by June 2016



Opportunities for Cities

- Unprecedented partnership opportunities by:
 - Contributing city funding toward rapid rehousing
 - Dedicating federal housing subsidies to permanent supportive housing for the chronically homeless
 - Ensuring law enforcement and first responders effectively engage homeless families/individuals
 - Using land use policy to maximize the availability of homeless/affordable housing
- Regional Summit to Combat Homelessness: County in collaboration with 88 cities



Funding

Current County Expenditures

- In FY 2014-15, six County departments spent an estimated \$965 million to serve single homeless adults.
- 40% of \$965 million spent on just 5% of homeless single adults.
- Targeting housing/services to this 5% could generate significant savings to reinvest in combating homelessness.



Funding continued

New one-time commitment: \$99.7 million

- General Fund - \$55.7 million (in addition to \$50 million in base FY15-16 budget)
- Departmental funding - \$44 million

Potential ongoing funding

- CEO, in collaboration with the Board, will explore potential sources of ongoing revenue.