

# COMMUNITY HOMELESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CHAP) AND ALTERNATIVE HOUSING OPTIONS

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# Homeless Services

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- Emergency Shelter
  - Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter
  - Family Support Center
  - YWCA Domestic Violence
- Day Services
  - Homeless Services Center
- Street Outreach
  - Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST)

# Homeless Services

- Rental Assistance
  - Housing First Fund (HOST)
  - HCA Family Fund
- Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP)
- Homeless Encampment Assistance Pilot (HEAP) Program
- Regional Efforts
  - Sonoma County Continuum of Care, Home Sonoma County

# Pilot Program

- October 2015 – Council approves initial pilot (CHAPP) for 2015/2016 winter months (November to April)
- Safe parking, placement of portable toilets, temporary overnight shelter
- Community-based solutions to address homelessness

# Expanded Program

- October 2016 – Council approves expanded year-round CHAP under declaration of homeless emergency
- Safe parking, safe camping, the placement and maintenance of portable toilets and access to existing bathroom facilities, provision of temporary overnight shelter, and storage for personal belongings.

# Expanded Program

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- Definition of eligible property types expanded to include commercial properties.
- November 2016 – Council directs staff to make available up to \$20,000 for CHAP applicants.

# CHAP Guidelines

- Registration Form
  - Property address, contact info, proposed services, hours of service, number of occupants, and other information as required
- Temporary overnight shelter requires an on-site inspection by the Fire Department prior to occupancy
- Compliance with CHAP guidelines and to coordinate services with HOST

# Participants

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- First United Methodist Church
  - Safe Parking up to 10 spots
  - CHAP grant
  - 2015
- Christ Church United Methodist
  - Safe Parking up to 3 spots
  - December 2018



# Alternative Housing Options

- CHAP Guidelines – Safe Parking/Safe Camping
  - At the property owner’s discretion, vehicles, including recreational vehicles (RVs) and trailers may be permitted on site. At the property owner’s discretion, shelter types may include tents or other temporary structures, tiny homes, modular dwellings, and/or other innovative shelters.
- Building and Fire requirements
- Council discussion

# Recommendation

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- It is recommended by the Housing and Community Services Department that the Council hold a study session to receive a presentation on the Community Homeless Assistance Program (CHAP) and alternative housing options.