

CONFIRMATION OF HOMELESS SERVICE PROGRAMMING

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Housing First Alignment

1. Long Term – Regional Planning Efforts
2. Short Term – Homeless Encampment Cleanup Pilot Program
3. Evaluate existing City-sponsored programs/regional plan
4. Former County-sponsored program: Safe Parking
5. Sanctioned encampments
6. Other topics

Regional Planning Efforts

- Homeless Service System Redesign
 - Home Base/The Center for Common Concerns
 - Address funding losses
 - Alignment with SB1380
 - Align funding policies with system-wide Housing First Approach
- Sonoma County Community Development Commission, lead agency for Sonoma County Continuum of Care (CoC)

Pilot Program

- Homeless Encampment Cleanup Pilot Program
 - Outreach, engagement, housing and services
 - Initial Site – Health, safety, and fire issues at Farmers Lane Extension Encampment
 - Activation of 50-bed housing-focused shelter
 - Cleanup of site and on-going management

Existing Programs

- Evaluate current programs while regional planning recommendations are developed
 - City-sponsored programs
 - Samuel L. Jones Hall Homeless Shelter, Homeless Services Center, Family Support Center, HOST, CHAP, HCA Family Fund Program, Homeless Encampment Cleanup Pilot Program with 50-bed housing-focused shelter
- Former County-sponsored program
 - Safe Parking

Sanctioned Encampments/Other Topics

- Does the City Council wish to develop one or more sanctioned encampments on public property?
- Other topics

Recommendation

By motion, confirm direction on homeless service programming, including but not limited to:

1. Participation in long-term regional planning efforts through the Sonoma County Continuum of Care to develop a system-wide Housing First approach;
2. Implementation of short-term efforts including a pilot program to address the health and safety needs of known encampments and activation of a 50-bed housing-focused shelter;

Recommendation continued

3. Evaluation of existing City-sponsored programs while regional planning recommendations are developed;
4. Decision to fund a former County-sponsored program – Safe Parking;
5. Decision to develop sanctioned encampments; and
6. Other topics.