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 – 25 County departments, 30 cities, over 100 community organizations
Planning Timeline

- Oct. 1 – Dec. 3, 2015: 18 policy summits - 9 key topics
- Nov. 2015 – Jan. 2016: Focus groups with current and formerly homeless adults
- Jan. 7, 2016: Draft recommendations posted online for public comment
- Jan. 13, 2016: 500-person Community Meeting on draft recommendations
- Jan. 21, 2016: Public comment period ended – over 200 comments received
- Feb. 9, 2016: Board of Supervisors’ approval

Community Engagement
Approved 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*
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, is exploring potential sources of ongoing revenue.
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

Mayors’ Regional Summit to Combat Homelessness (3/31/16)

200 attendees representing 54 cities and unincorporated areas (94% of the countywide homeless population)
Homelessness is a regional problem that can only be effectively addressed with a commitment to action by the County, cities and a wide array of other organizations across the County.


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