



Emergency Proclamation to Address Homelessness Update 7

City Council Meeting - April 18, 2023

Mission Statement

To reduce the number of persons experiencing homelessness in the City and the region by increasing housing opportunities and by enhancing current initiatives that provide field-based outreach, engagement, and supportive services while maintaining the safety and security of the people experiencing homelessness, the general public and staff, and improving overall public safety for the entire community.

Homelessness Strategic Plan

- The Statement of Possibility from the Everyone Home Homelessness Strategic Plan continues to define success in Long Beach in its mission to end homelessness.
- Statement of Possibility: The experience of homelessness in Long Beach is rare and brief when it occurs.



A nighttime photograph of a city waterfront. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the colorful lights of buildings and palm trees. A large, multi-story building with a distinctive tower is prominent on the right. The sky is dark, and the overall scene is illuminated by artificial city lights.

Homelessness Emergency Metrics

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- Decrease number of persons experiencing unsheltered homelessness
 - 437 currently enrolled in interim housing programs
 - 16,494 bed nights in interim housing
- Increase permanent housing placements
 - 137 currently enrolled in permanent housing programs
- Increase starts on new affordable housing options
 - 172 units entitled
- Increase temporary and permanent housing units
 - 112 units of interim housing by end of year
 - 88 permanent housing units completed in within 6 months
 - 239 permanent housing units completed within 24 months

Homelessness Emergency Metrics

- Decrease number of persons falling into homelessness
 - 260 households/\$2.56 million for emergency rental assistance since emergency proclamation
 - Nearly 2,000 served by Right to Counsel up to 9/22
 - 340 people have participated in the Homeless Prevention Program
 - 70 currently in program; 93% remain housed
 - 6,722 households supported through subsidized housing
- Increase intergovernmental (regional) partnerships to address the homeless crisis
 - 19 meetings held with partners
 - 18 letters sent
 - 37 agencies/offices engaged

A nighttime photograph of a city waterfront. In the foreground, a body of water reflects the lights from buildings and palm trees. A large white boat with a red wheel is docked at a pier. In the background, several tall buildings are lit up, and palm trees are illuminated with blue and green lights. The sky is dark.

Actions Taken in the Past Two Weeks

Progress on Goals and Metrics

Increase access to services

- Enrollment more than 240 individuals in the Text Alert Program to connect people experiencing homelessness to resources and services, those interested can text keyword "HOME" to 99411 to receive updates
- Opened Sanitation and Water Filling Site for Recreational Vehicles with weekday hours of 9am – 4pm
- Received 127 Visual Improvement Program (VIP) applications so far



Mobile Access Center:
882 Interactions
460 Engaged in Services



Safe Parking:
972 Vehicle Nights
Avg 10 vehicles per night



Multi Service Center:
10,896 Visits
Avg 195 people per day

Quality of Life Contacts:
2848
Clean Team Clean-ups:
960

Progress on Goals and Metrics

Engage Community in data, planning and assistance


- Added Prevention Program data to the Homelessness Dashboard as well as refreshed data on April 6, 2023
- Completed Mayor's Community Roundtables
- Launched form for community organizations to request donated items to disseminate. This can be found at longbeach.gov/homelessness on the *Volunteer, Donate or Get Involved* tab.
- Launched a new column, People First: Voices of Homelessness, on the City's insideLB blog




City of Long Beach
Donation Request Form

The City of Long Beach is offering select items for donation to Long Beach-based organizations that support people experiencing homelessness. Organizations interested in receiving donations to support their cause can submit this form to request a donation. While the City will make every effort to accommodate all donation requests, donations are available on a first-come, first-served basis.


All questions in the below form are required. If a question does not apply to your organization, please enter N/A. For questions and more information, please contact donations@longbeach.gov; 562-570-4636.




Dashboard Elements:
57 Data Points



Outreach Events:
15 Events



Donations:
13 Sites



Donated Items:
8,503 items
424 items distributed

Progress on Goals and Metrics

Build capacity to address homelessness crisis

- Met with Long Beach Transit to discuss ways to support homelessness emergency
- Met with Office of Mayor Karen Bass and City of Los Angeles to discuss partnership opportunities
- Sent letter to federal leadership regarding the City's priorities to address the emergency
- Engaged with consultants to identify grants to support efforts
- Received \$5.193M from HUD for services to people who are unsheltered – including services for families and individuals.
- Submitted a grant for nearly \$21M to LA County Behavioral Health Bridge Housing funding for Recuperative Care and Step Down beds for 4 years.



City Staff Reassigned:
146



Reassigned Staffing:
11,480 Hours



Community Organizations:
56 Signed up



New Grants:
\$31M in Applications
\$5.2M received

Progress on Goals and Metrics

Increase interim and long-term housing access

- Hosted community meeting at Drake Park Community Center to talk about the possibility of opening a temporary emergency shelter in the neighborhood and gather feedback
- Announced 702 W. Anaheim as location for new 85+ bed emergency shelter site.



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Focus Areas for the Next Two Weeks

Focus For Next Two Weeks

Increase access to services

- Continue partnership conversations with LA County Department of Health Services and LAHSA
- Increase outreach and education regarding availability of the Safe Parking site and RV Sanitation and Water Filling site.

Focus For Next Two Weeks

Engage community in data, planning and assistance

- Plan an Interfaith convening of faith organizations from across the City who are committed to supporting the efforts of not only the emergency response, but ongoing after the emergency has been lifted
- Add data elements for the emergency to the data dashboard – update to launch on May 4
- Host second drive-thru donation event at Main Health Department (2525 Grand Ave.) on April 29th from 9 am to 1 pm

Focus For Next Two Weeks

Build capacity to address homelessness crisis

- Continue evaluating potential Airport and Port of Long Beach properties that can support additional homelessness services
- Continue to staff up the Homeless Services Bureau to address case management and public health nursing needs
- Continue to engage LA County on request to support emergency activities

Focus For Next Two Weeks

Increase interim and long-term housing access

- Continue to conduct enhanced engagement with housing providers to boost participation in Emergency Housing Voucher Program
- Host three remaining virtual information sessions for property owners and landlords to educate them on different aspects of the housing voucher process
- Open emergency shelter location at 702 W. Anaheim for when the winter shelter program ends at Community Hospital
- Continue evaluating other properties citywide (both public and private) that could be temporarily used or acquired to further support homeless services housing opportunities



Thank you

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