



The San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) is a leading partner in collaborative efforts to address homelessness in the city of San Diego, with an emphasis on the “Housing First” approach – to provide housing as quickly as possible with supportive services as needed.

In Fiscal Year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016), SDHC directed \$43.9 million toward homelessness programs.



HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, SDHC’s Homelessness Action Plan, is an effective, diverse funding and housing strategy.

Over the next three fiscal years (2018-2020), SDHC will direct \$78.7 million in Federal, City of San Diego and SDHC resources for six programs that will provide permanent housing opportunities for 3,000 homeless San Diegans.

These new programs build on the accomplishments of the first three years of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** (2014-2017).

Launched on November 12, 2014, as a five-point action plan, **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** expanded to include eight initiatives and is on target to impact the lives of close to 3,000 homeless San Diegans—Veterans, families and individuals in the city of San Diego—which far exceeds its initial goal of 1,500 homeless San Diegans.

Federal Housing Vouchers

SDHC has committed 3,456 federal housing vouchers with an estimated total annual value of \$35,406,105 to address homelessness in the City of San Diego. These include the housing vouchers awarded as part of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**.

| Federal Housing Vouchers | # of Vouchers | Estimated Annual Value |
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| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH): SDHC partners with the San Diego Healthcare System of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which provides clinical health and case management services to homeless veterans. | 1,000 | \$9,360,000 |
| Sponsor-Based Housing Vouchers: Awarded to nonprofit or for-profit organizations, or “sponsors,” to provide rental assistance to homeless individuals to help pay for their housing. | 660 | \$7,460,640 |
| Project-Based Housing Vouchers: Rental assistance is linked to a specific affordable housing unit. | 841 | \$7,801,116 |
| Transitional Project-Based Housing Vouchers for Homeless San Diegans: Awarded to nonprofit organizations providing transitional housing for homeless seniors, Veterans and individuals who need mental health services. | 47 | \$362,481 |
| Special Programs | | |
| Project One for All: County of San Diego partnership program to provide rental housing vouchers combined with supportive services for homeless adults with serious mental illness. | 733 | \$8,866,368 |
| Guardian Scholars Program: Partnership with San Diego State University (SDSU) to provide rental assistance for SDSU students who have been homeless or at risk of homelessness. | 100 | \$600,000 |
| Monarch School Project: Rental housing vouchers for families who have at least one child enrolled at the Monarch School, which serves homeless children. | 25 | \$311,100 |
| Moving On: Rental assistance for formerly homeless individuals transitioning out of permanent supportive housing, but who still need rental assistance. | 50 | \$644,400 |
| Total Federal Housing Vouchers | 3,456 | \$35,406,105 |





City's Homeless Shelters & Services Programs

Since July 1, 2010, SDHC has administered the City of San Diego's Homeless Shelters and Services programs, which provide temporary shelter and supportive services.

In Fiscal Year 2016, SDHC administered more than \$4.1 million in Federal, City of San Diego and SDHC funds for the following programs:

- The City of San Diego's Year-Round Interim Housing Program (350 beds) – 1,801 individuals served
- Connections Housing Downtown (150 interim beds) – 532 individuals served
- Cortez Hill Family Center (45 units) – 172 families served
- Neil Good Day Center – 6,779 unduplicated individuals served
- Homeless Transitional Storage Center (350 lockers/bins) – 562 unduplicated individuals stored their belongings
- County of San Diego's Family Hotel/Motel Voucher Program – SDHC issued 204 vouchers, which provided 1,311 bed nights, serving 94 families, including 110 children

San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless – Grants

The San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless oversees the more than \$17 million annually in homeless funds from HUD for the San Diego Region. SDHC administered \$3,120,628 in these HUD Continuum of Care grants in Fiscal Year 2016 to provide permanent supportive housing in the city of San Diego for individuals and families that include individuals with disabling conditions, such as mental illness. These programs assisted 461 individuals in Fiscal Year 2016.

SDHC Rapid Rehousing

SDHC administered \$561,052 in Fiscal Year 2016 to support rapid rehousing programs that served 258 households.

These programs assist individuals and families that become homeless because of an unexpected life experience, such as a job loss, domestic violence or medical crisis.



Homeless San Diegans lined up for The 11th Project Homeless Connect, Downtown San Diego – January 25, 2017

Project Homeless Connect – Downtown San Diego

SDHC is the lead organizer for Project Homeless Connect – Downtown San Diego, a one-day resource fair that connects homeless individuals with services that address many of their immediate and longer-term needs.

Major organizing partners are the City of San Diego, Interfaith Shelter Network, Family Health Centers of San Diego, and Father Joe's Villages.

At the 11th Project Homeless Connect on January 25, 2017, more than 300 volunteers and 83 service providers came together to assist the 1,016 homeless San Diegans who attended.

