SDHC Homelessness Prevention & Diversion Program

Individuals and families in the City of San Diego who are newly homeless or at risk of becoming homeless can receive assistance through the San Diego Housing Commission’s (SDHC) Homelessness Prevention & Diversion program.

This SDHC partnership program with the City of San Diego helps San Diegans at risk of homelessness to remain in their current permanent housing.

Newly homeless individuals and families will receive help to identify alternative housing options to avoid entering the shelter system.

In the next three fiscal years, the program will assist approximately 1,450 households in the City of San Diego (ZIP code 92037 and ZIP codes that begin with 921, excluding 92118) to keep permanent housing. Some eligibility requirements do apply.

The program will reduce the number of people becoming homeless and the demand for temporary shelter beds.

Homelessness Prevention & Diversion is a program of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020, SDHC’s homelessness action plan.

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO: 2018-2020 will direct $79.7 million over three years to six programs to create permanent housing opportunities for 3,000 homeless individuals and families.

Learn More: (619) 578-7768 or HousingFirstSanDiego@sdhc.org

Prevention

- Individuals and families who currently have housing but are at risk of homelessness, such as:
  - Facing eviction for nonpayment of rent and/or utilities
  - Residing in housing that has been condemned or declared uninhabitable
  - Unsafely doubled-up with friends and family or couch-surfing

- Assistance includes:
  - Financial assistance (unpaid/overdue rent; utility payments; security deposits, etc.)
  - Housing advice and search assistance
  - Credit repair and budgeting
  - Employment assistance

Diversion

- Newly homeless individuals and families currently seeking shelter services

- Assistance includes:
  - Short-term case management
  - Housing search assistance
  - Temporary rental assistance
  - Financial assistance (unpaid, overdue rent and utilities; utility payments; security deposits, etc.)
  - Conflict mediation
  - Connection to services and/or public assistance benefits

I can’t say in words how valuable a program like this is to someone like me. It would have taken me, with six young children, years to recover from being homeless.”

- Jamie

SDHC Homelessness Prevention and Diversion program participant Jamie

Read our online 2017 Fiscal Year SDHC Annual Report at www.sdhc.org

Watch SDHC videos on our YouTube channel

Established in 1979, the San Diego Housing Commission provides a variety of award-winning affordable housing programs and services that stimulate the local economy, revitalize neighborhoods, and impact the lives of low-income and homeless San Diegans.