



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.

## HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO

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

From Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 to FY 2020, SDHC will direct \$79.7 million in Federal, City of San Diego and SDHC resources for six programs that will provide permanent housing opportunities for at least 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 Rental Housing Vouchers

SDHC has committed 4,016 Federal rental housing vouchers with an estimated total annual value of \$37.6 million 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
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD-VASH):</b> 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.	1,075	\$11,106,900
<b>Sponsor-Based Housing Vouchers:</b> Awarded to nonprofit or for-profit organizations, or “sponsors,” to provide rental assistance to homeless individuals to help pay for their housing.	880	\$7,539,840
<b>Project-Based Housing Vouchers:</b> Rental assistance is linked to a specific affordable housing unit.	1,458	\$12,282,192
<b>Transitional Project-Based Housing Vouchers for Homeless San Diegans:</b> Awarded to nonprofit organizations providing transitional housing for homeless seniors, Veterans and individuals who need mental health services.	47	\$389,724
<b>Special Programs</b>		
<b>Project One for All (POFA):</b> County of San Diego partnership program to provide rental housing vouchers combined with supportive services for homeless adults with serious mental illness. <i>(Additional 352 POFA vouchers are included in other categories listed above).</i>	381	\$4,608,576
<b>Guardian Scholars Program:</b> Partnership with San Diego State University (SDSU) to provide rental assistance for SDSU students who have been homeless or at risk of homelessness.	100	\$764,400
<b>Monarch School Project:</b> Rental housing vouchers for families who have at least one child enrolled at the Monarch School, which serves homeless children.	25	\$304,200
<b>Moving On:</b> Rental assistance for formerly homeless individuals transitioning out of permanent supportive housing, but who still need rental assistance.	50	\$644,400
<b>Total Federal Housing Vouchers</b>	<b>4,016</b>	<b>\$37,640,232</b>





## 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 2018:

- The City of San Diego's Year-Round Interim Housing Program
  - 350 beds (1,710 individuals served)
- Connections Housing Downtown
  - 150 interim beds (509 individuals served)
- Cortez Hill Family Center
  - 45 units (823 individuals served)
- Neil Good Day Center
  - 7,360 unduplicated individuals served
- Homeless Transitional Storage Center
  - 400 lockers/bins (565 unduplicated individuals served)
- Fiscal Year 2018: Temporary Bridge Shelter Program (3 Sprung Structures)
  - Up to 674 beds for adults, families and veterans (2,309 individuals served) (opened in December 2017/January 2018)

## San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless – Grants

The San Diego Regional Task Force on the Homeless oversees about \$18 million annually in homeless funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the San Diego Region. SDHC administered more than \$3.4 million in these HUD Continuum of Care grants in Fiscal Year 2018 to provide 332 permanent supportive housing units in the City of San Diego for individuals and families that include individuals with disabling conditions, such as mental illness.

## SDHC Rapid Rehousing

SDHC administered more than \$2.1 million in Fiscal Year 2018 to support rapid rehousing programs that placed 471 individuals into housing.

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 12th Project Homeless Connect – Downtown San Diego on January 31, 2018*

## 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 12th Project Homeless Connect on January 31, 2018, more than 400 volunteers and 90 service provider booths assisted the 845 homeless San Diegans who attended.

