



The programs of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, the San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) homelessness action plan, create permanent affordable housing solutions for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in the City of San Diego.

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO is an effective, diverse funding and housing strategy. It is rooted in the national "Housing First" model of addressing homelessness – to provide appropriate housing options as quickly as possible, with as few requirements or conditions as possible, and access to supportive services, as needed.

The current phase of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO launched on July 1, 2017. It builds on the accomplishment of the previous phases of this homelessness action plan, which launched on November 12, 2014.



SDHC Moving Home Rapid Rehousing participants, Daniel, Kimberly and their daughter.

9,873

Housing Solutions

Created through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO

November 12, 2014 – November 30, 2021

464

Permanent Rental Housing Units

Pending Completion

Programs - July 1, 2017 – Present

- **Homelessness Prevention and Diversion.** Prevention helps families at risk of homelessness to remain permanently housed. Diversion helps identify alternative permanent housing or necessary support to stay out of the shelter system for households new to experiencing homelessness.
- **Coordinated Outreach.** SDHC collaborates with the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, Regional Task Force on Homelessness (RTFH) and People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) San Diego on a neighborhood-based, person-centered approach to homelessness outreach.
- **SDHC Moving Home Rapid Rehousing** helps individuals and families experiencing homelessness to quickly obtain and maintain permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that can include rental assistance and case management. SDHC has committed 50 rental housing units that it owns, annually, to provide housing through the Moving Home program.
- **Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP)** provides incentives and benefits to landlords who rent to San Diegans experiencing homelessness, as well as housing location and financial assistance for tenants to pay security deposits and application fees.
- **New Permanent Supportive Housing.** SDHC committed up to \$50 million over three fiscal years (2018 – 2020) through HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO to create new permanent supportive housing for San Diegans experiencing homelessness.
- **SDHC Moving On Rental Assistance.** SDHC partners with the County of San Diego Behavioral Health Services Division to provide rental assistance to individuals who previously experienced homelessness who are ready to transition out of permanent supportive housing, but continue to need rental assistance.
- **HUD Mainstream Vouchers** provide rental assistance to families experiencing homelessness that include a non-elderly person with a disability between the ages of 18 and 61.





Hotel Churchill

Programs - November 12, 2014 – June 30, 2017

- **Award Development Funds – Up to \$30 Million (\$10 million per year):** From the launch of HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO through June 30, 2017, SDHC awarded \$28.9 million toward the creation of 382 permanent supportive housing units.
- **Commit up to 1,500 Federal Rental Housing Vouchers:** SDHC committed 1,980 rental housing vouchers to nonprofit agencies and affordable housing developments to assist San Diegans experiencing homelessness.
- **Renovate Hotel Churchill:** Created 72 units of permanent supportive housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, including 56 for Veterans; 8 for transition-age youth, ages 18-25; and 8 for adults exiting the corrections system. SDHC invested \$9.2 million in Moving to Work (MTW) funds toward the \$20.6 million total rehabilitation cost. Grand Reopening took place September 19, 2016.
- **Invest Moving to Work (MTW) Federal Funds to Acquire Property:** Invested \$15 million in MTW funds to purchase the 120-unit Village North Senior Garden Apartments on May 1, 2015, and set aside 44 rental apartments, or 36 percent, for seniors experiencing homelessness.
- **Dedicate SDHC-owned Housing Units:** Committed 25 SDHC-owned housing units year-round for rapid rehousing for San Diegans experiencing homelessness.
- **The Guardian Scholars Program:** Provide rental assistance for up to 100 San Diego State University (SDSU) students who have been homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- **The Monarch School Project:** Provide rental housing vouchers for up to 25 families who have at least one child enrolled at the Monarch School, one of the few schools in the nation specifically serving children experiencing homelessness.
- **Housing Our Heroes:** Provide housing opportunities for 1,000 Veterans experiencing homelessness in the City of San Diego. On September 28, 2017, the Housing Our Heroes initiative reach its goal of helping 1,000 homeless Veterans in the City of San Diego secure rental housing, with 435 individual landlords joining the initiative.