SDHC: More Help for Families Affected by COVID-19 and a Homelessness Outreach Effort Launches

San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) is coordinating the Concentrated Homelessness Outreach Effort (CONHOPE) in San Diego with the City of San Diego, County of San Diego and homelessness services providers. The effort will concentrate its efforts in downtown San Diego with a focus on downtown San Diego. The initiative, which helped secure permanent or longer-term housing for more than 1,400 San Diegans experiencing homelessness during the pandemic, is ongoing.

CONHOPE will assist more than 4,200 households through this program. It involves partnerships with the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, Regional Housing and Community Development Committee, who worked together with the Governor to pass legislation.

Previous State legislation limited assistance to 80 percent of past-due rent (if a landlord waived the remaining 20 percent) and 25 percent of prospective rent. The new State legislation included both of those provisions, saving more tenants from eviction.

In the previous City of San Diego COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program, SDHC disbursed more than $13.7 million in one-time payments that helped pay rent for more than 3,700 households with low income and affected by the pandemic. SDHC also was among the leading organizations in the collaborative Operation Shelter to House the Homeless initiative, which helped secure permanent or longer-term housing for more than 1,400 San Diegans experiencing homelessness during the pandemic.