Current State of Homelessness

County of Santa Barbara | Board of Supervisors

January 24, 2023

Extreme Weather & Emergency Response

January 2023 Storm

January 2023 Storm information and resources for Santa Barbara County

24/7 Emergency Warming Centers in Carpinteria, Santa Barbra, Lompoc, and Santa Maria served **100-150 each day (January 13 – 17)**
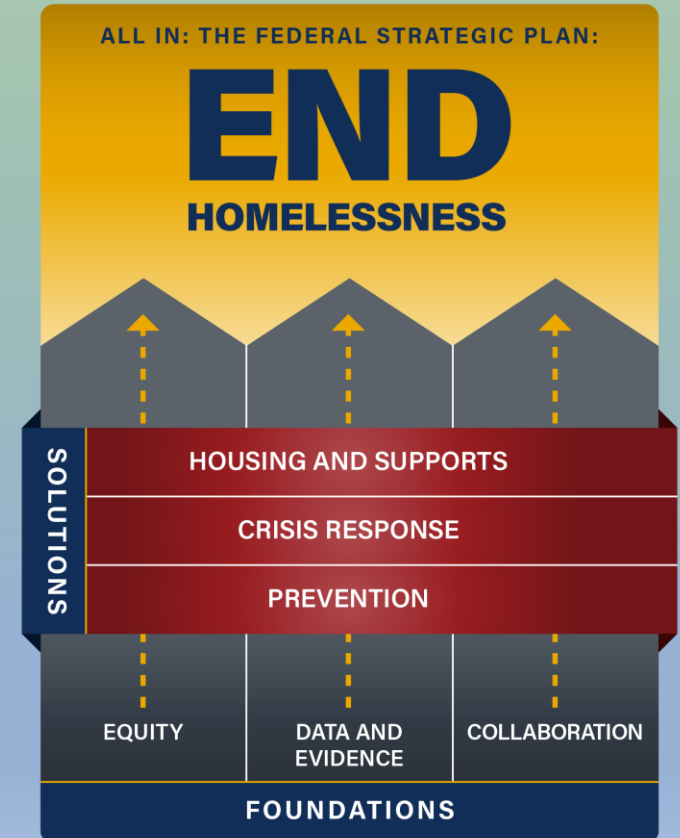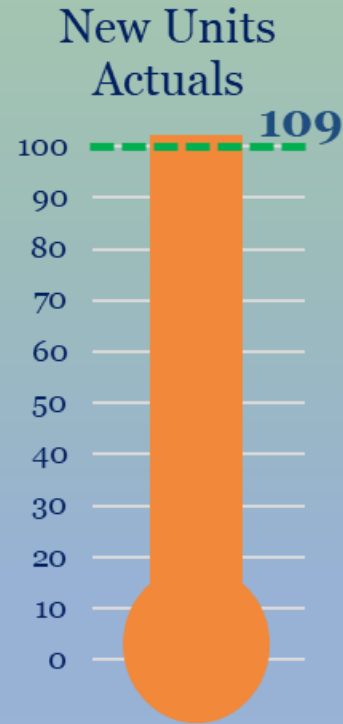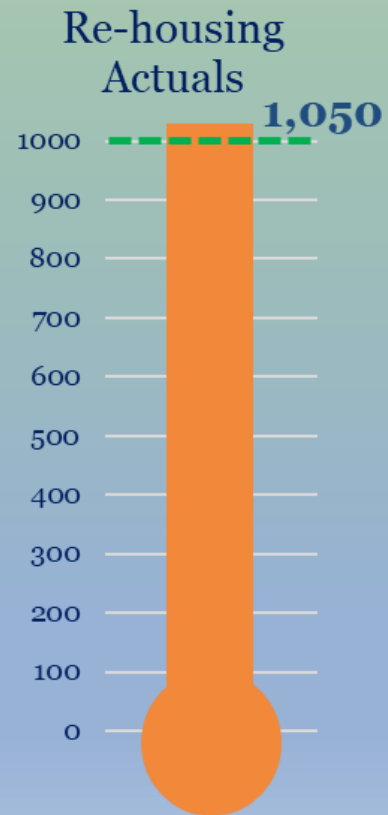
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House America 2022 Goals:

✓ Re-Housing Goal: 1,000 people re-housed in 2022

✓ Housing Creation Goal: 100 units in the pipeline in 2022

www.hud.gov/house_america/goals#

Re-housing Actuals
1,050

1000
900
800
700
600
500
400
300
200
100
0

New Units Actuals
109

100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0

ALL IN: THE FEDERAL STRATEGIC PLAN:

END HOMELESSNESS

SOLUTIONS
- HOUSING AND SUPPORTS
- CRISIS RESPONSE
- PREVENTION

EQUITY | DATA AND EVIDENCE | COLLABORATION

FOUNDATIONS
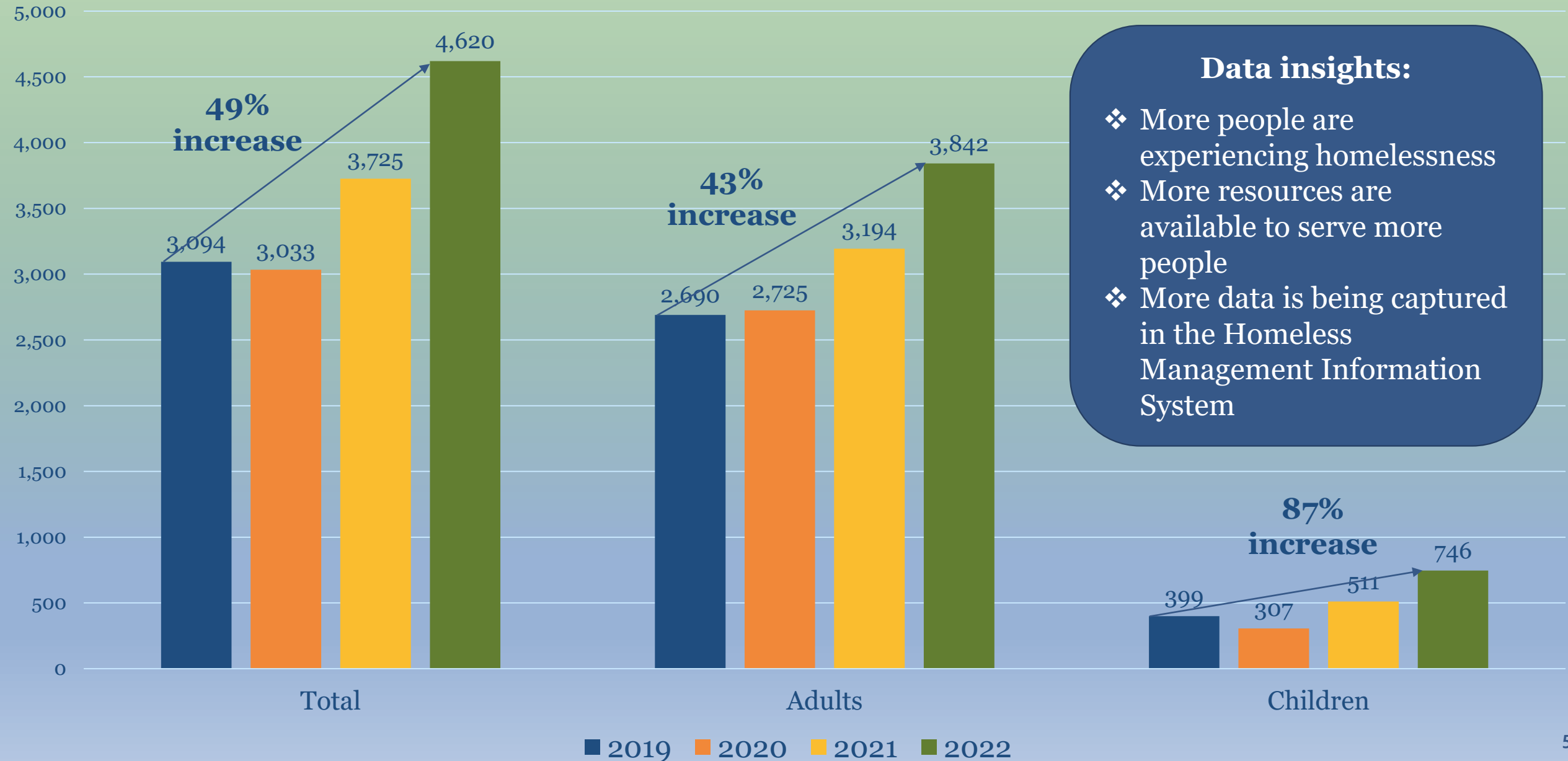
Homeless Response System Inflow/Outflow
2019 – 2022

— Newly Accessing Services   — Exits to Permanent Housing

Newly Accessing Services:
Q1 2019: 401
Q2 2019: 298
Q3 2019: 353
Q4 2019: 390
Q1 2020: 505
Q2 2020: 362
Q3 2020: 312
Q4 2020: 331
Q1 2021: 320
Q2 2021: 385
Q3 2021: 474
Q4 2021: 427
Q1 2022: 444
Q2 2022: 512
Q3 2022: 408
Q4 2022: 497

Exits to Permanent Housing:
Q1 2019: 149
Q2 2019: 184
Q3 2019: 196
Q4 2019: 248
Q1 2020: 200
Q2 2020: 164
Q3 2020: 229
Q4 2020: 257
Q1 2021: 272
Q2 2021: 336
Q3 2021: 199
Q4 2021: 179
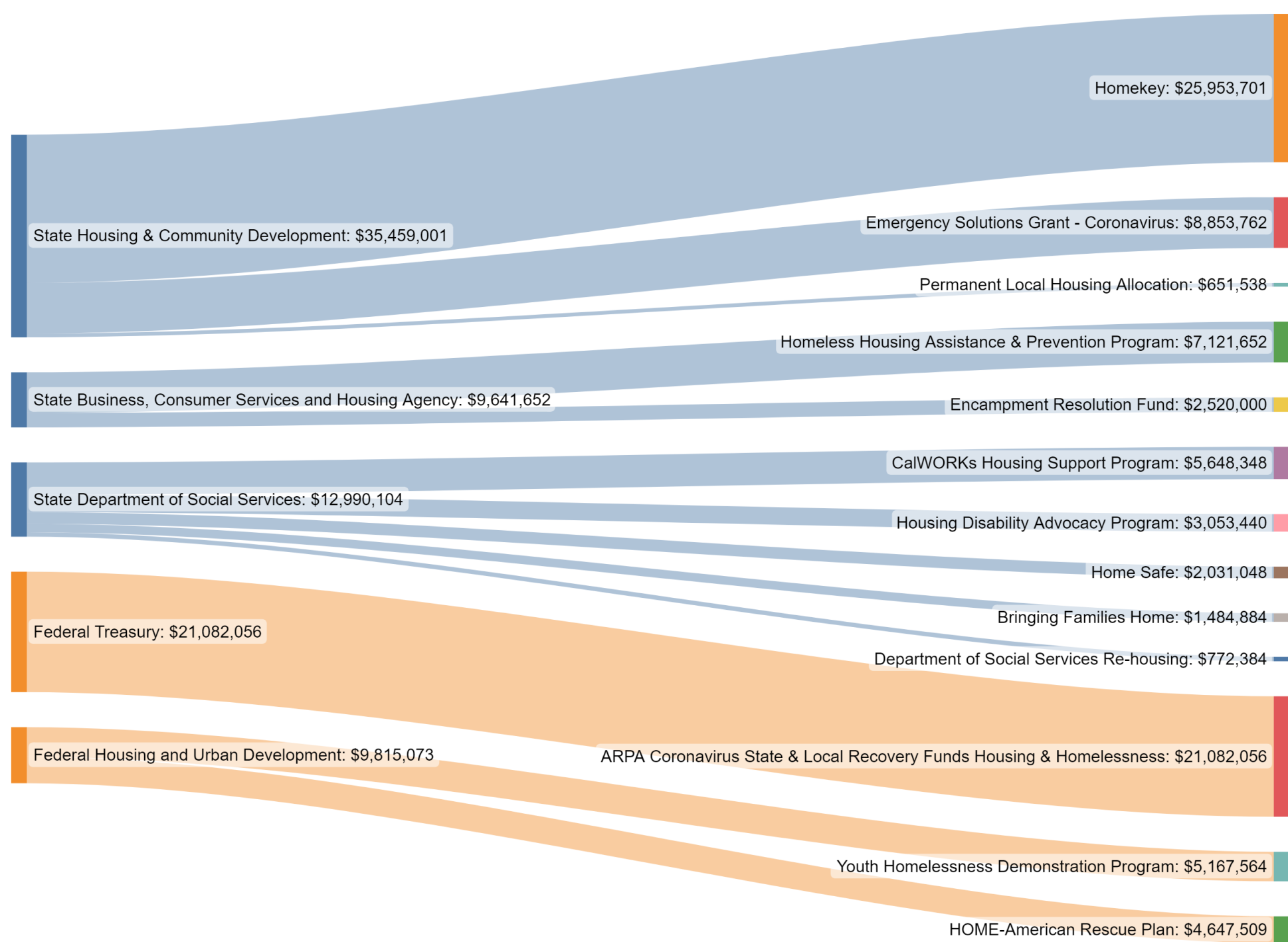Q1 2022: 260
Q2 2022: 237
Q3 2022: 269
Q4 2022: 192

Current State of Homelessness

$89 Million

New Funding Dedicated to Addressing and Preventing Homelessness

February 2021 – December 2022

State Housing & Community Development: $35,459,001

State Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency: $9,641,652

State Department of Social Services: $12,990,104

Federal Treasury: $21,082,056

Federal Housing and Urban Development: $9,815,073

Homekey: $25,953,701

Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus: $8,853,762

Permanent Local Housing Allocation: $651,538

Homeless Housing Assistance & Prevention Program: $7,121,652

Encampment Resolution Fund: $2,520,000

CalWORKs Housing Support Program: $5,648,348

Housing Disability Advocacy Program: $3,053,440

Home Safe: $2,031,048

Bringing Families Home: $1,484,884

Department of Social Services Re-housing: $772,384

ARPA Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds Housing & Homelessness: $21,082,056

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program: $5,167,564

HOME-American Rescue Plan: $4,647,509

Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness

Progress Report: 18 months
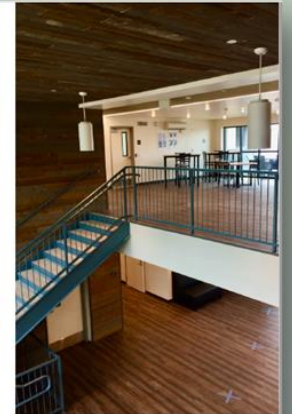
Community Action Plan Implementation

✓ Community outreach and input

✓ Funding dedicated to homelessness

✓ Gaps Analysis

✓ Regular updates to key stakeholders through Elected Leaders Forums and Continuum of Care
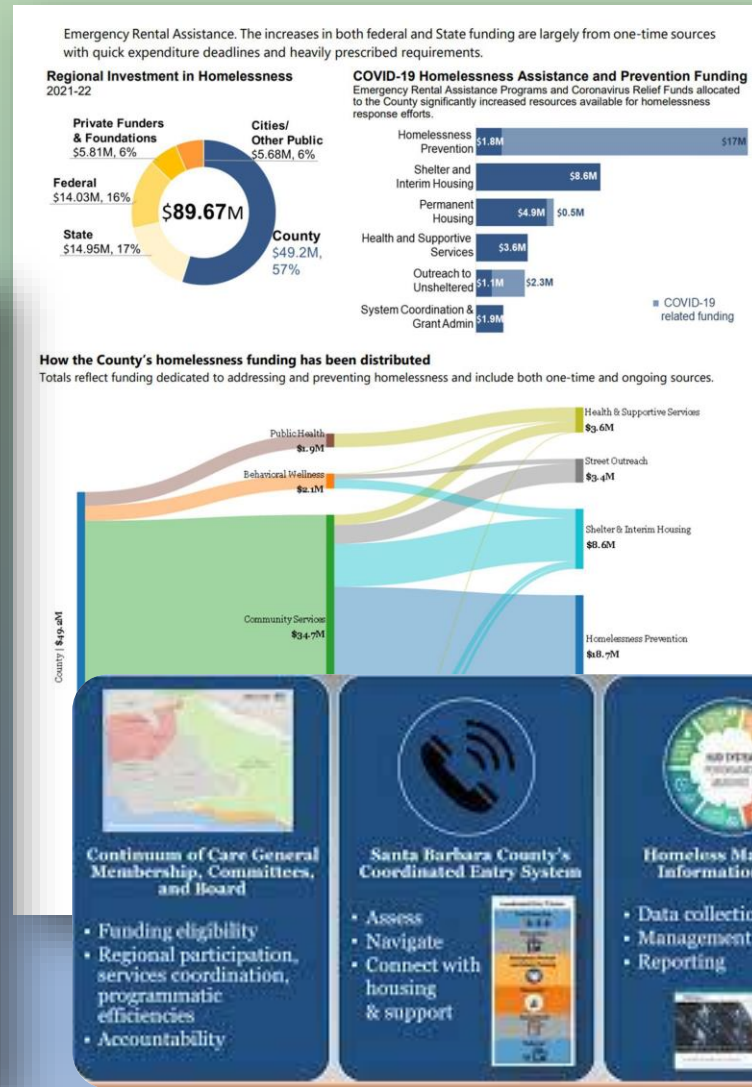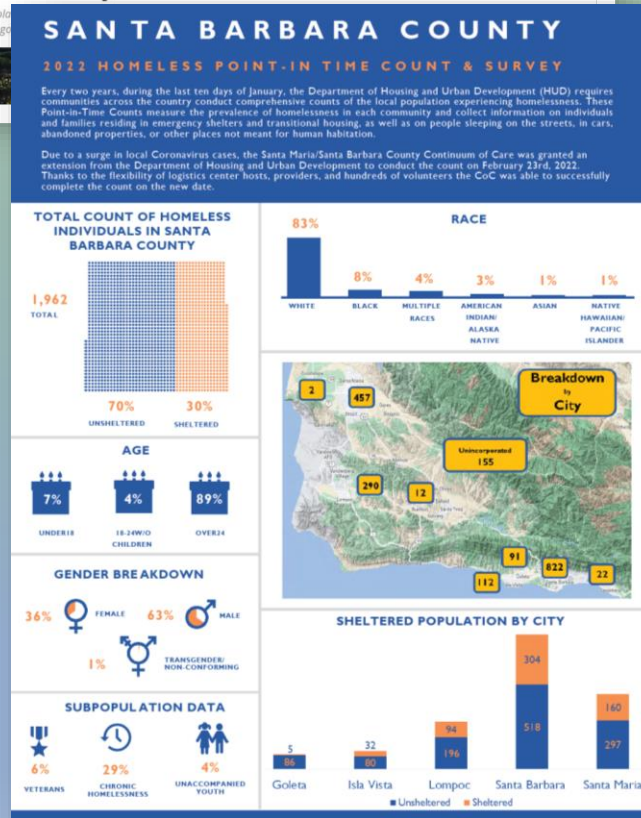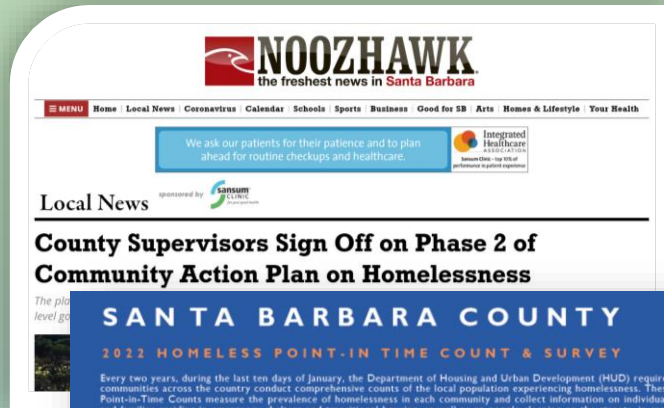
COVID-19 Homelessness Response

- ✓ Prevent and mitigate impacts on unsheltered persons
- ✓ Sustain shelter capacity
- ✓ Establish non-congregate shelter
- ✓ Homelessness prevention and housing activities

Addressing Equity

Action steps Approved by Continuum of Care November 4, 2021

Continuum of Care
Approved Strategy to Address Equity

The following five proposed action steps are a process to improve outcomes and the experience for BIPOC (Black, Ingenious and People of Color) individuals and families experiencing homelessness across the County of Santa Barbara.

1. Continue to Analyze Data for Racial Disparities
2. Expand Who Receives Services and Shelter
3. Expand Who Exits Homelessness and Into Housing
4. Engagement Strategies for Equitable Housing Retention
5. Connection to Supports that Allow Tenants to Thrive

Each Action Step contains two-to-three secondary drivers to support the action. The State also requires specific measurable progress for address any racial disparities or underserved populations.

Guiding Principles

Respond with urgency

Grounded in community with regular and ongoing communication

Promote cross-sector collaboration and collective support

Incorporate those with lived experience at all levels of planning, policy, and implementation

Embrace best practices and be housing focused

Use objective data to drive decision making

Support homeless services providers and value contribution

Maintain transparency and accountability at all levels of decision making

Commit to ongoing performance management and process improvement

Patterson Avenue

Completed Clean-up Map

VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

Interested in a career in the growing field of housing and shelter services? Learn about job opportunities with these organizations and how you can make a difference in the community by helping people access housing and social services.

New Beginnings Counseling Center · City Net · The Salvation Army · PathPoint · PATH Making It Home · Good Samaritan Shelter · Transition House

WEDNESDAY, NOV 3, 2021 | 11 AM – 1 PM (PST)

Breakdown by City

Unincorporated 155

Strategies and Priority Areas

PHASE II GOALS: MOVING FROM PLANNING TO BOLD ACTION

Santa Barbara County Community-Wide Vision for Addressing Homelessness

Create a regional unified response and an urgent flexible system of care that is driven by data, guided by best practices and seeks to prevent home-lessness when possible or otherwise ensures that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring for anyone in Santa Barbara County. It is through commitment, collaboration, and connection, that we will realize this vision.

Strategy 1: Increase Access to Safe, Affordable Housing

Priority 1: Increase Inventory of Affordable and Permanent Supportive Housing

Priority 2: Increase the Pool of Funding Available to Provide Housing and Services

Priority 3: Expand and Enhance the Shelter System and Implement Best Practices

Priority 4: Develop and Improve Partnerships with Landlords to Secure Housing in the Private Rental Market

Strategy 2: Use Best Practices to Deliver Tailored Supportive Services to Meet Individual Needs

Priority 1: Provide education and ongoing training opportunities to stakeholders on best practices

Priority 2: Expand Supportive Services to Meet Client Needs

Priority 3: Connect Clients to Mainstream Services

Strategy 3: Build a Collective Action Plan; Improve Data Sharing

Priority 1: Craft a Collective Response to Homelessness

Priority 2: Improve Data Collection Countywide and Enhance the Use of HMIS as Person-Centered Tool

Priority 3: Create a data-driven culture and use data to drive decision making

Priority 4: Implement Cross Sector Data Sharing to improve Care Coordination and Outcomes

Strategy 4: Strengthen Support Systems Available to Help Residents Obtain and Maintain Housing

Priority 1: Ensure a Coordinated Response System to Quickly Access Appropriate Housing and Services

Priority 2: Improve Prevention and Diversion Programs

Priority 3: Reach Out to Those Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

Priority 4: Create Meaningful Opportunities for Employment

Strategy 5: Build Provider Capacity to Address the Needs of Specific Populations

Priority 1: Provider Training

Priority 2: Address Implementation Challenges

Priority 3: Provider Coordination and Management

Priority 4: System Management and Maintenance

PHASE II COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS
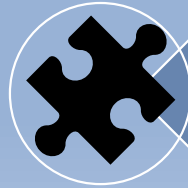
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Develop and Improve Partnerships with Landlords to Secure Housing in the Private Rental Market

	Permanent Housing: new units and long-term rental subsidies paired with supportive services	Interim Housing: emergency shelter, low-barrier navigation centers, transitional housing, and/or bridge housing	Rapid Re-Housing: time-limited rental assistance with wraparound case management
Estimated Gaps in Beds/Units	**1,366**	**563**	**1,053**
Progress	**439** secured	**140** created	**436** funded
Remaining Need	**927** still needed	**423** still needed	**617** still needed
In Pre-Development* / Development	**234** in progress	**423** in progress	**30** in progress

* Projects in pre-development phase may still require feasibility analysis, site improvements and significant funding to begin development.

Ending Unsheltered Homelessness through Interim Housing

Private-Public Partnerships on County-Owned and Use By Right sites:

- Intersection of Centerpointe and Southpoint Parkways in Santa Maria
  - Community Informational Session: Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. | Betteravia Government Center
- 4500 Hollister Ave. in unincorporated area between Goleta and Santa Barbara
- Calle Real campus in unincorporated area between Goleta and Santa Barbara
- 2025 Sweeney Rd. in Lompoc Valley
- Future St Vincent's – Father Virgil Cordano Center Site

New Projects in North County with units dedicated to persons experiencing homelessness

Hope Village at Betteravia Center

West Cox Cottages

Escalante Meadows

Residences at Depot Street

Crisis Stabilization Unit

Permanent Housing
West Cox Cottages (29 units)
Residences at Depot Street in Santa Maria (78 units)*
Escalante Meadows in Guadalupe (15 units) ⚒

Interim Housing
Stabilization Center (6 beds)
Hope Village at Betteravia Government Center (94 rooms) ⚒

*Residences at Depot Street in Santa Maria opened in 2020

New Projects in Mid County with units dedicated to persons experiencing homelessness

Homekey Studios

Marks House

Oak Street

Cypress & 7th

Rainbow Village

Village Senior Apartments

Buellton Polo Village

Permanent Housing

Marks House ADUs in Lompoc (2 units)

Homekey Studios in Lompoc (14 units)*

*Homekey Studios in Lompoc opened in 2020

Cypress & 7th in Lompoc (14 units) ✴

Village Senior Apartments (24 units) ✴

Buellton Polo Village (9 units) ✴

Interim Housing

Oak Street in Lompoc (6 beds)

Rainbow Village in Lompoc (20 units)

Bridgehouse Campus (60 units) ✴

New Projects in South County with units dedicated to persons experiencing homelessness

Turner Foundation Youth Housing

Dignity Moves

Buena Tierra Homekey

Heath House

Family Housing

Vera Cruz Village

Hedges House of Hope

Permanent Housing

Family Housing in Santa Barbara (3 units)
Turner Foundation Youth Housing in Santa Barbara (12 units)
Heath House in Santa Barbara (7 units)
Buena Tierra Homekey in Goleta (59 units) ⚒
Heritage Ridge (31 units) ⚒
Hollister Lofts in Unincorporated (33 units) ⚒
Patterson Point in Unincorporated (11 units) ⚒
Sanctuary Centers Hollister II in Santa Barbara (34 units) ⚒
Vera Cruz Village in Santa Barbara (28 units) ⚒

Interim Housing

Hedges House of Hope in Isla Vista (50 beds)
Scattered-Site Non-Congregate Shelter in Goleta (5 beds)
Dignity Moves in Santa Barbara (33 rooms)
La Posada Project in Unincorporated (100 rooms) ⚒
Calle Real Campus (60 rooms) ⚒
Future St. Vincents/ Father Virgil Cordano Center By Right Site (51 units)⚒

Rooms may be occupied by more than one person.

Use Best Practices to Deliver Tailored Supportive Services to Meet Individual Needs

Provide education and ongoing training opportunities to stakeholders on best practices

Expand Supportive Services to Meet Client Needs

Connect Clients to Mainstream Services

Multi-Disciplinary Team

SOAR
SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery

Housing and Benefits Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities

Spotlight:

Emergency Housing Voucher Supportive Services

Weekly Therapy, Support, and Housing Retention Case Management

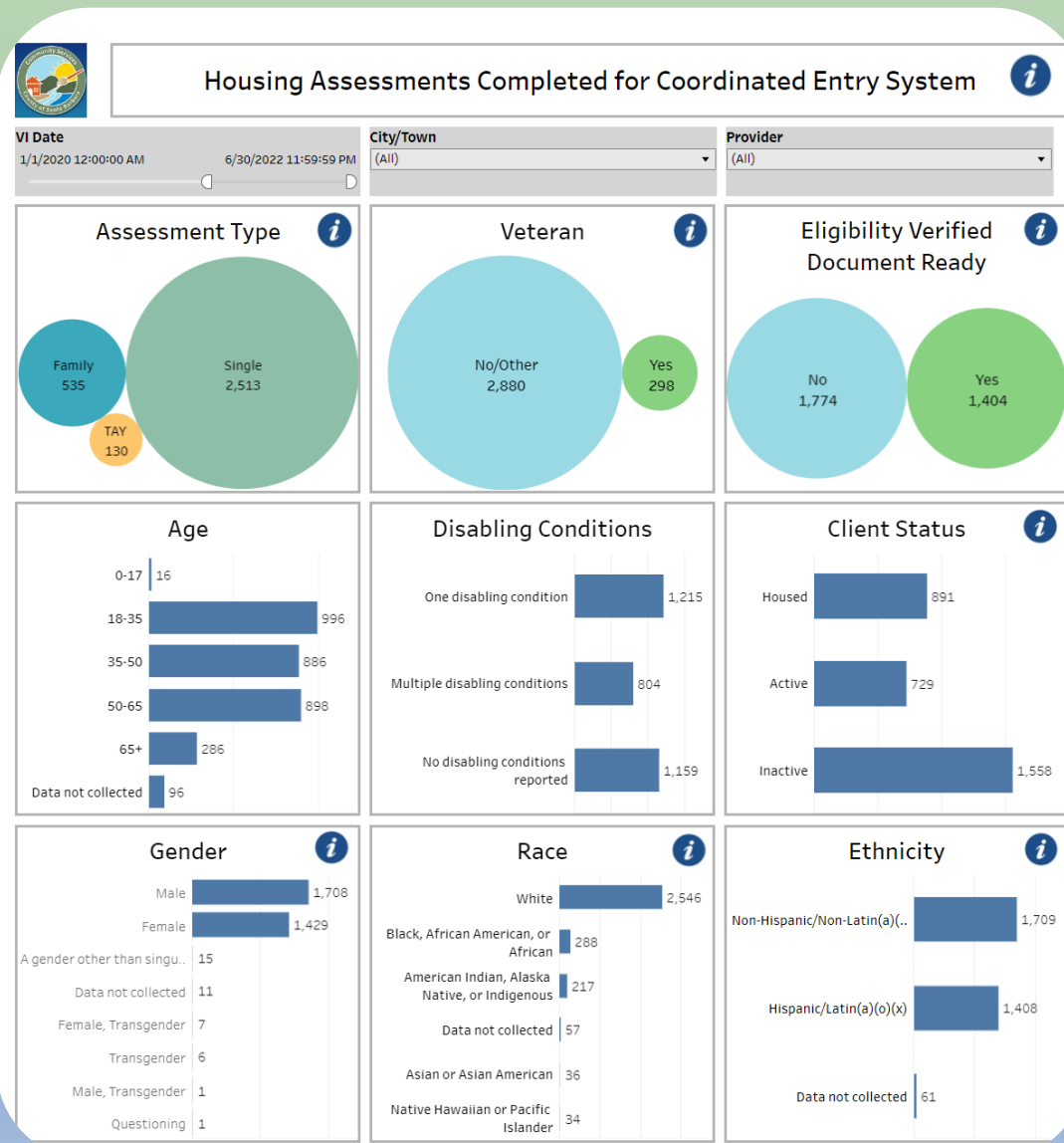Medicated Assisted Treatment

Senior Housing

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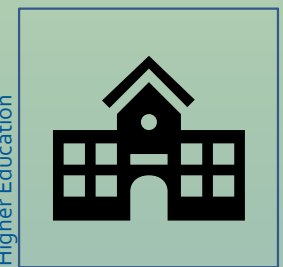
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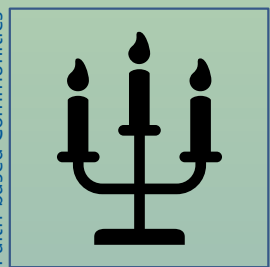Create a data-driven culture and use data to drive decision making

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Housing Assessments Completed for Coordinated Entry System

VI Date: 1/1/2020 12:00:00 AM — 6/30/2022 11:59:59 PM
City/Town: (All)
Provider: (All)

Assessment Type
- Family 535
- Single 2,513
- TAY 130

Veteran
- No/Other 2,880
- Yes 298

Eligibility Verified Document Ready
- No 1,774
- Yes 1,404

Age
- 0-17: 16
- 18-35: 996
- 35-50: 886
- 50-65: 898
- 65+: 286
- Data not collected: 96

Disabling Conditions
- One disabling condition: 1,215
- Multiple disabling conditions: 804
- No disabling conditions reported: 1,159

Client Status
- Housed: 891
- Active: 729
- Inactive: 1,558

Gender
- Male: 1,708
- Female: 1,429
- A gender other than singu...: 15
- Data not collected: 11
- Female, Transgender: 7
- Transgender: 6
- Male, Transgender: 1
- Questioning: 1

Race
- White: 2,546
- Black, African American, or African: 288
- American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous: 217
- Data not collected: 57
- Asian or Asian American: 36
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander: 34

Ethnicity
- Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(...: 1,709
- Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x): 1,408
- Data not collected: 61

Healthcare

Higher Education

Faith-based Communities

Elected Leaders Forum to Address Homelessness

Wednesday, October 30
1:00—3:30 p.m.

Hotel Corque | 400 Alisal Road, Solvang CA 93463

You are cordially invited to the first of two Elected Leaders Forums to Address Homelessness, sponsored by The County of Santa Barbara's Community Services Department/Housing and Community Development Division (CSD/HCD). In accordance with Brown Act requirements, the forums will be noticed as special meetings of the Board of Supervisors/City Councils if needed, for all to have the opportunity to attend. The purpose of first Elected Leaders Forum will be to:

◇ Provide an update on funding and efforts to address homelessness
◇ Listen to your concerns regarding the impacts of homelessness on your local community
◇ Listen to your priorities for planning and funding.
◇ Share demographic trends in the homeless population in your area.
◇ Learn together about best practices in housing solutions and the recently completed Phase I Homeless Plan
◇ Discuss opportunities to create a vision and inspire action toward addressing homelessness regionally
◇ Prepare for future grant and funding opportunities.

The Phase I Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on June 18, 2019. Phase II will include meetings with targeted stakeholder groups and regional community meetings including the elected leader forums.

Please confirm your plans to attend with Lucille Boss, Senior Homeless Programs Specialist, at lboss@co.santa-barbara.ca.us or 805.568.3533

A Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) is an electronic data collection tool designed to capture client level information over time on the demographics, service needs and services provided to persons experiencing homelessness. The dashboards represent local HMIS data: Community Data Dashboard Homeless Management Information System

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Improve Prevention and Diversion Programs

Reach Out to Those Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness

Create Meaningful Opportunities for Employment

Spotlight: Medi-Cal funding Housing Supports

CenCalHEALTH®
Local. Quality. Healthcare.

Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services
Quick Reference Guide

What are Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services?

Housing Tenancy and Sustaining Services provide tenancy and sustaining services to CenCal Health members, with a goal of maintaining safe and stable tenancy once housing is secured, by offering the following services:

1. Education on the roles, rights, and responsibilities of the tenant and landlord.

2. Coaching on developing key relationships with landlords/ property managers with a goal of fostering successful tenancy and providing independent living life skills.

3. Developing a housing support crisis plan that includes prevention and early intervention services when housing is at risk of being jeopardized.

4. Assisting with lease compliance and annual housing recertification process.

5. Assisting with benefits advocacy, including assistance with Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

6. Health and safety visits, including unit habitability inspections.

Visit our Provider Directory for a list of contracted Providers
https://qrco.de/bdVaAZ

Link to Provider FAQs:
https://qrco.de/bdKtpT

For more information please contact the CenCal Health Community Supports Unit.

- (805) 562-1698
- communitysupports@cencalhealth.org
  (if email includes PHI, you must encrypt).

Fax referrals to (805) 681-3039.

Need help with your Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) application?

Visit the United Way office for application assistance
Saturday, November 19th from 9:30am to 3:30pm.

Assistance is only offered to individuals who had submitted an ERAP application on or before March 31, 2022.
No new applications will be accepted.

Please see our website for a complete list of required documentation.

www.unitedwaysb.org/rent

United Way
Santa Barbara County
320 E Gutierrez Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Let a Good Samaritan Diversion Specialist **HELP YOU Get Back On YOUR FEET**

QUESTIONS?

Call a Diversion Specialist
South SB County: (805) 270-9581
Mid SB County: (805) 519-1682
Lompoc/Santa Ynez Valley
North County: (805) 519-1302

Stop by a CES Entry Point
South SB County
Monday 1-3pm & Thursday 9-11am
SITE TBD - Call (805) 270-9581
Mid SB County -Lompoc/Santa Ynez Valley
Monday 1-3pm - BridgeHouse 2025 Sweeney Road, Lompoc
Thursday 9-11am - Safe Haven 836 West Oak, Lompoc
North County
Monday 1-3pm & Thursday 9-11am
Good Samaritan Navigation Trailer - 401 West Morrison, Santa Maria

ARE YOU HOMELESS OR AT RISK OF LOSING YOUR HOUSING?

WHAT IS SHELTER DIVERSION?
- Aims to assist Families and Individuals return to or find stable housing with a minimal amount of assistance, thus avoiding entering a shelter
- Helps Households identify immediate alternative housing arrangements and/or connects them with services and possible financial assistance to help them return to or find permanent housing

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?
Anyone who is Literally Homeless
Anyone who is at Imminent Risk of Homelessness (within the next 14 days)
Anyone Fleeing Domestic Violence

Build Provider Capacity to Address the Needs of Specific Populations

Provider Training

Address Implementation Challenges

Provider Coordination and Management

System Management and Maintenance

*Spotlight:*
Serving specific populations

Escaped abusive relationship

Following work in agricultural fields, now in school for baking

Deposit and rental assistance allowed her to use income for medical needs, education, and emergency funds

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program

Supportive Services for Veteran Families

For very low-income Veterans, SSVF provides case management and supportive services to prevent the imminent loss of a Veteran's home or identify a new, more suitable housing situation for the individual and his or her family; or to rapidly re-house Veterans and their families who are homeless and might remain homeless without this assistance.

Learn More About SSVF

Encampment Resolution Strategy & Protocol

Progress Report: Year 1
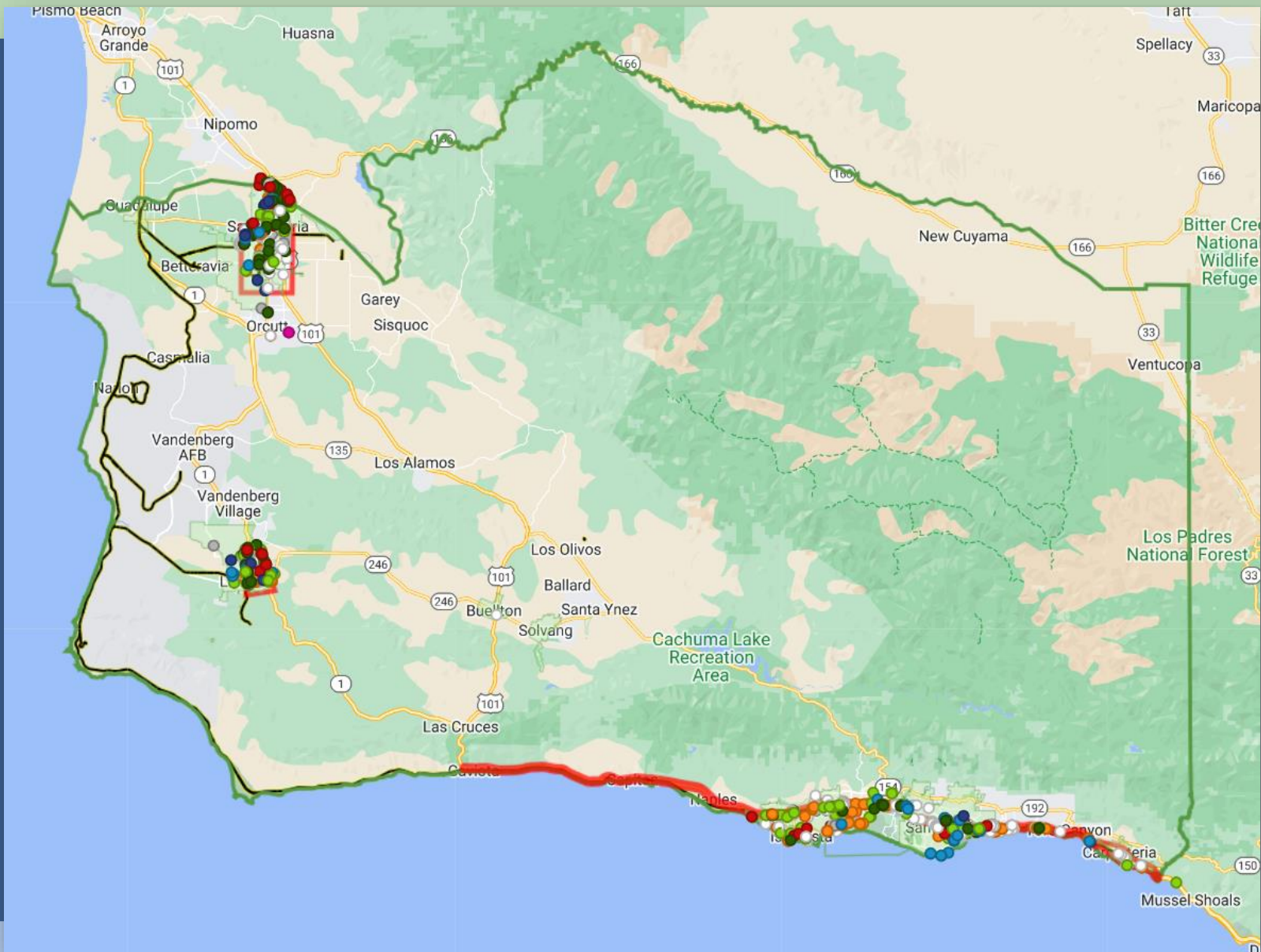
Encampment Resolution Strategy

Encampment Response Protocol and Team

Increasing access to shelter
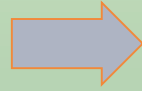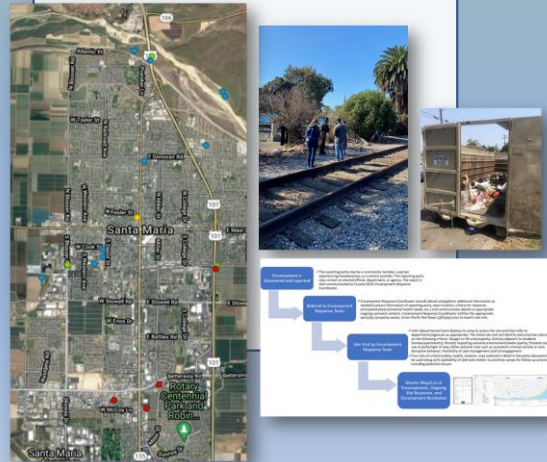
Leveraging long-term rental subsidies

Creating new permanent housing units

Robust outreach and engagement

Sustained adequate funding

August 31, 2021

- Adopted Strategy, including Protocol and Team
- Approved Encampment Response Coordinator role
- Dedicated funds for strategy implementation, beds, and units

Year 1

- Deployment of Response Team
- Approval of sanitation services contract, removal of debris
- Consistent countywide use of mapping software
- Expansion of outreach teams
- New shelter and interim housing beds

Community Services

Public Health

Homeless Service Providers

Fire

Law Enforcement

Next steps

- Development of shelter beds, interim housing, and permanent affordable housing units
- Develop MOUs and formalize collaborative, organized approaches to address unsheltered homelessness at encampments
- Continue to seek funding to resolve encampments

What's Next?

Goals	Year 1 Goal	Year 1 Actual
Number of encampments assessed	20	**380**
Number of encampments resolved	15	**154**
Number of persons identified in assessed encampments	50	**231**
Number of persons identified in resolved encampments	N/A	**112**
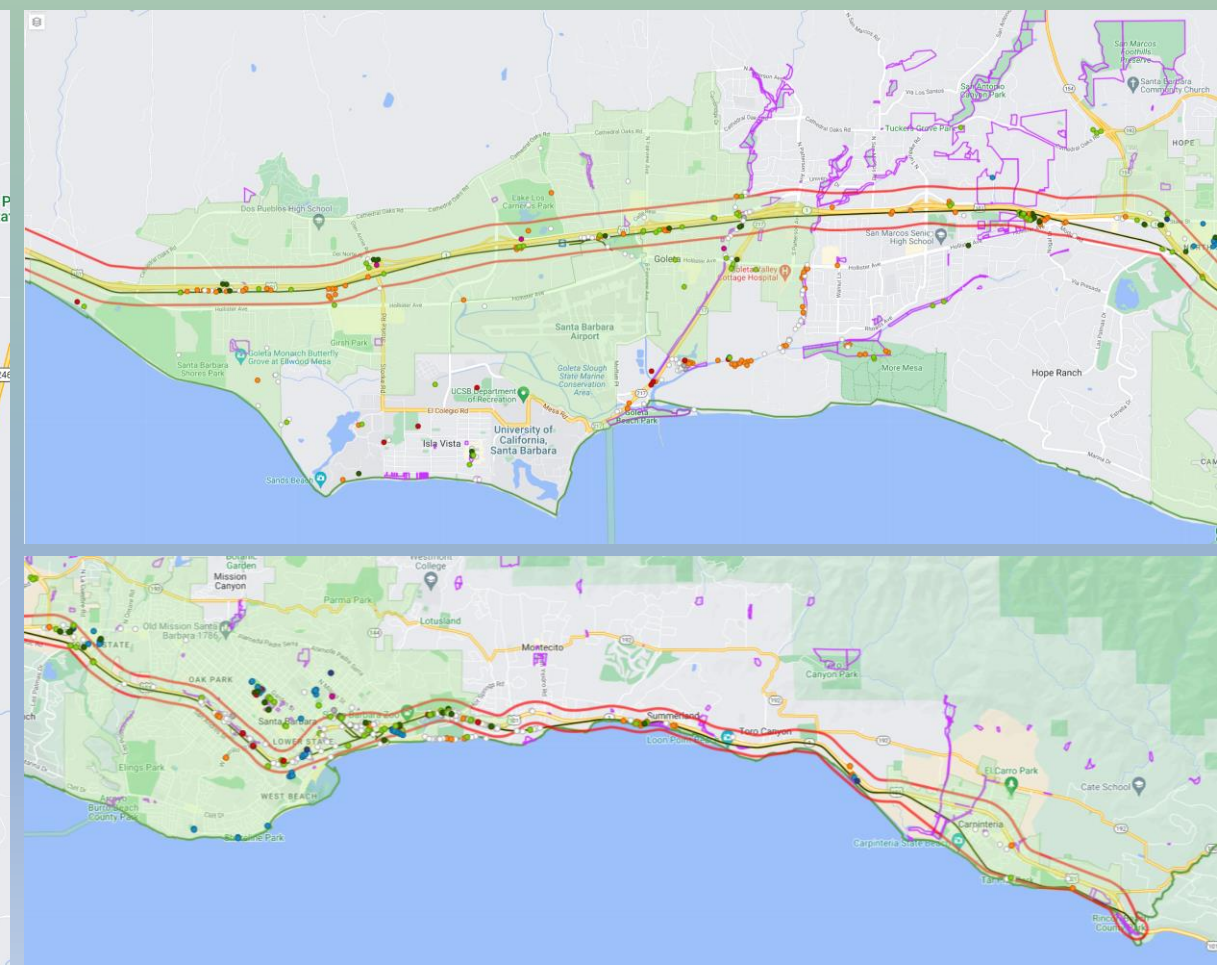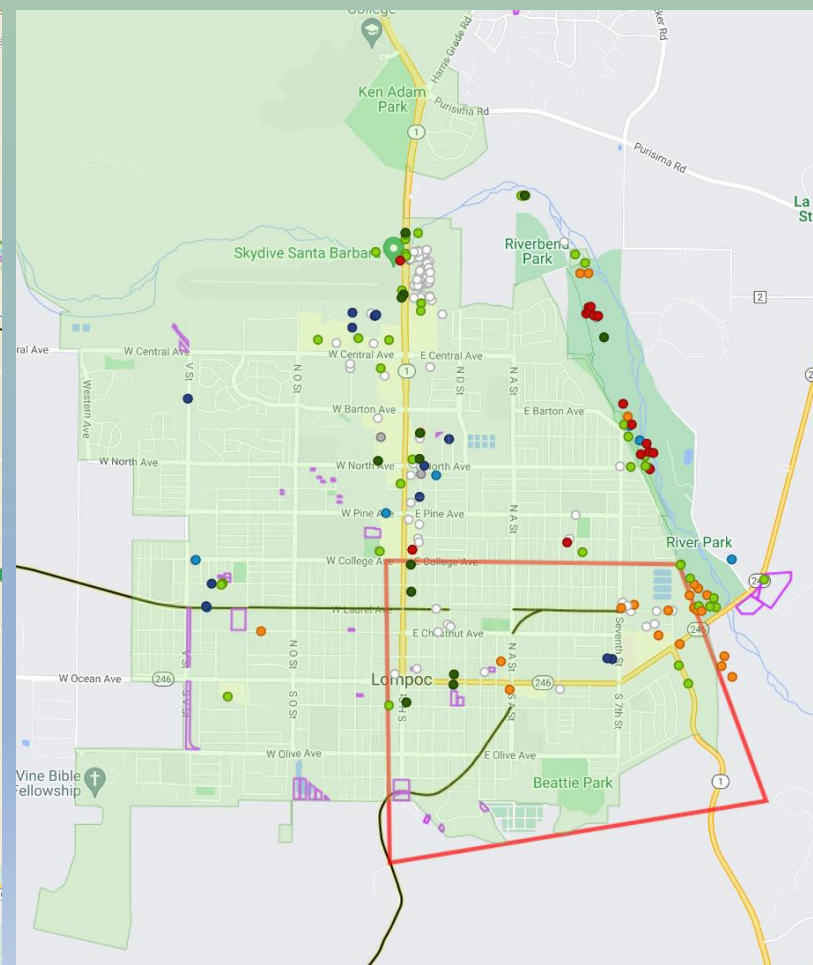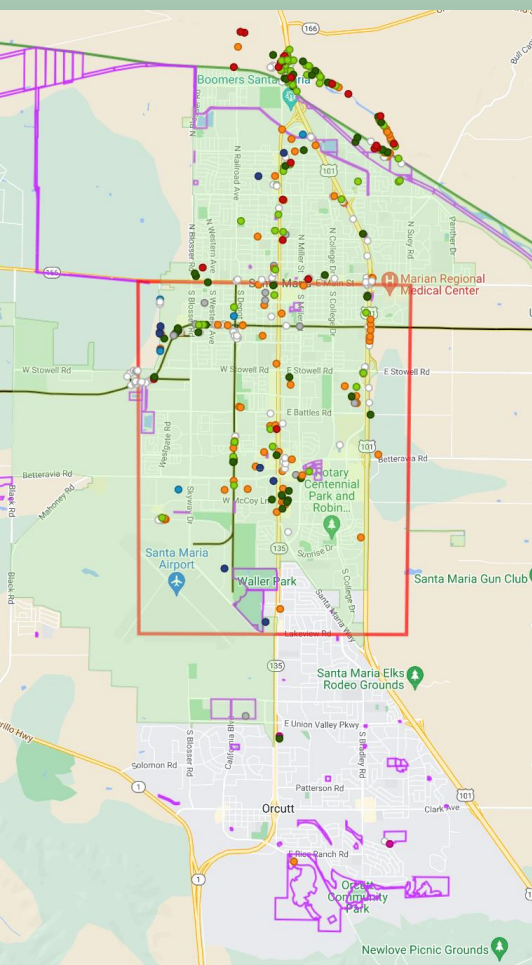
Performance Measures	Year 1 Goal	Year 1 Actual
Participants in resolved encampments who accept alternate shelter/housing	60%	15%
Participants who accept alternative shelter or services are permanently housed	60%	4%*
Resolved encampments not re-established at 3-months	90%	90%
Resolved encampments not re-established at 6-months	80%	50%
Resolved encampments not re-established at 12-months	75%	N/A**
Reduce calls for service to encampment locations (incidents leading to service requests, reduce drug-related and criminal activity)	30%	13%***

*Individuals from sites not assessed by the Encampment Response Team have been housed.

**Encampments resolved have not yet met the 12-month mark.

Timeframe	Transient-related incidents	Medical-related	Fire-related	Unauthorized burning (Cooking/ warming fire)
Jul 1, 2020 – Jun 30, 2021	387	265/387	47/387	23/47
Jul 1, 2021 – Jun 30, 2022	337 (13% decrease)	196/337	45/337	32/45

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