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Annual Update on Homelessness

County of Santa Barbara | Board of Supervisors

April 23, 2024

Recommended Actions

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More than a Point in Time

Key Trends Within the Homelessness Response System

For Calendar Year 2023



1,400 people transitioned **out** of homelessness in 2023



Consistent inflow of people accessing services for the first time



Increase in the number of families requiring shelter and housing services

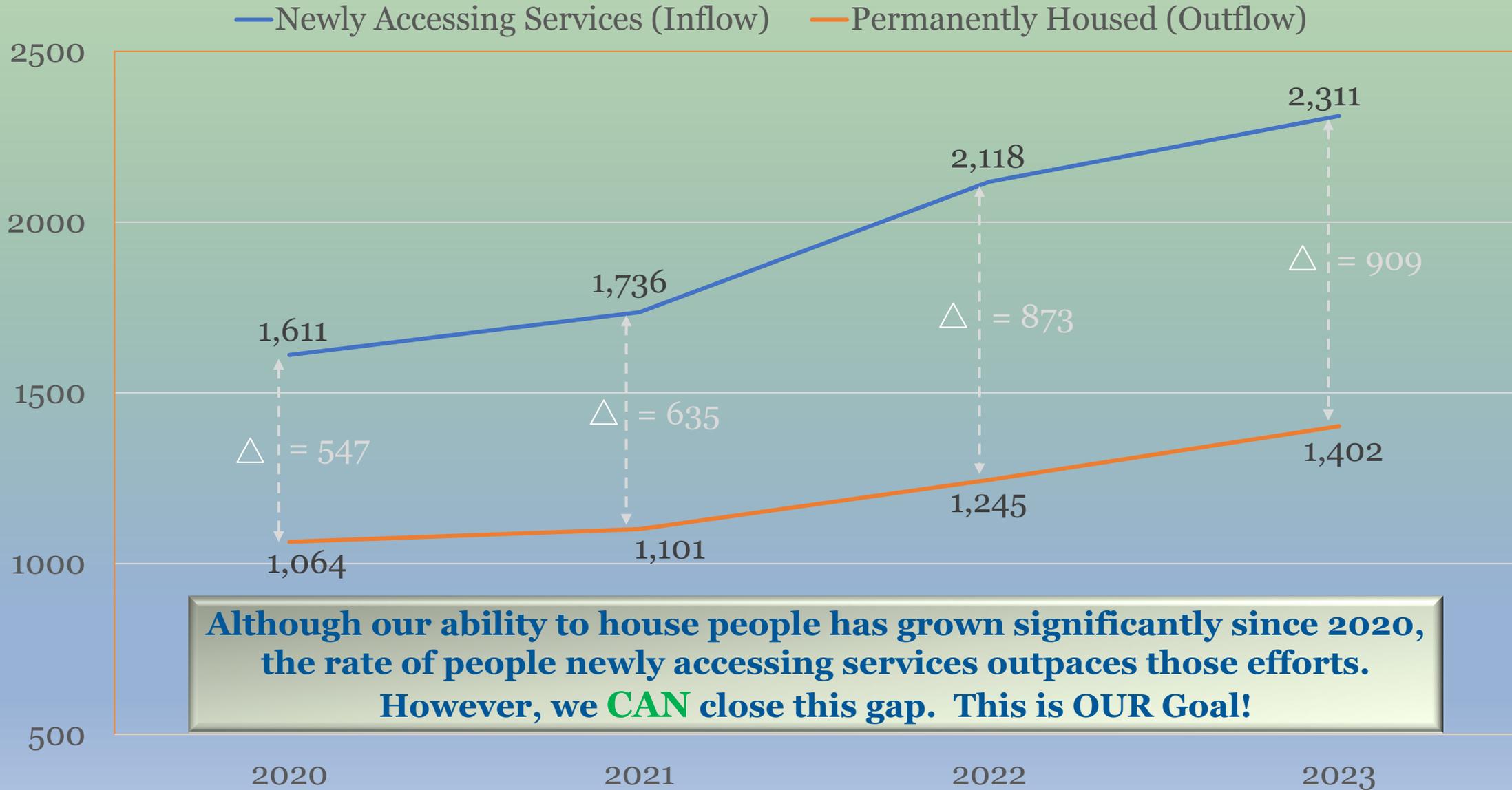


More people living in vehicles (including a disproportionate increase in seniors and families)

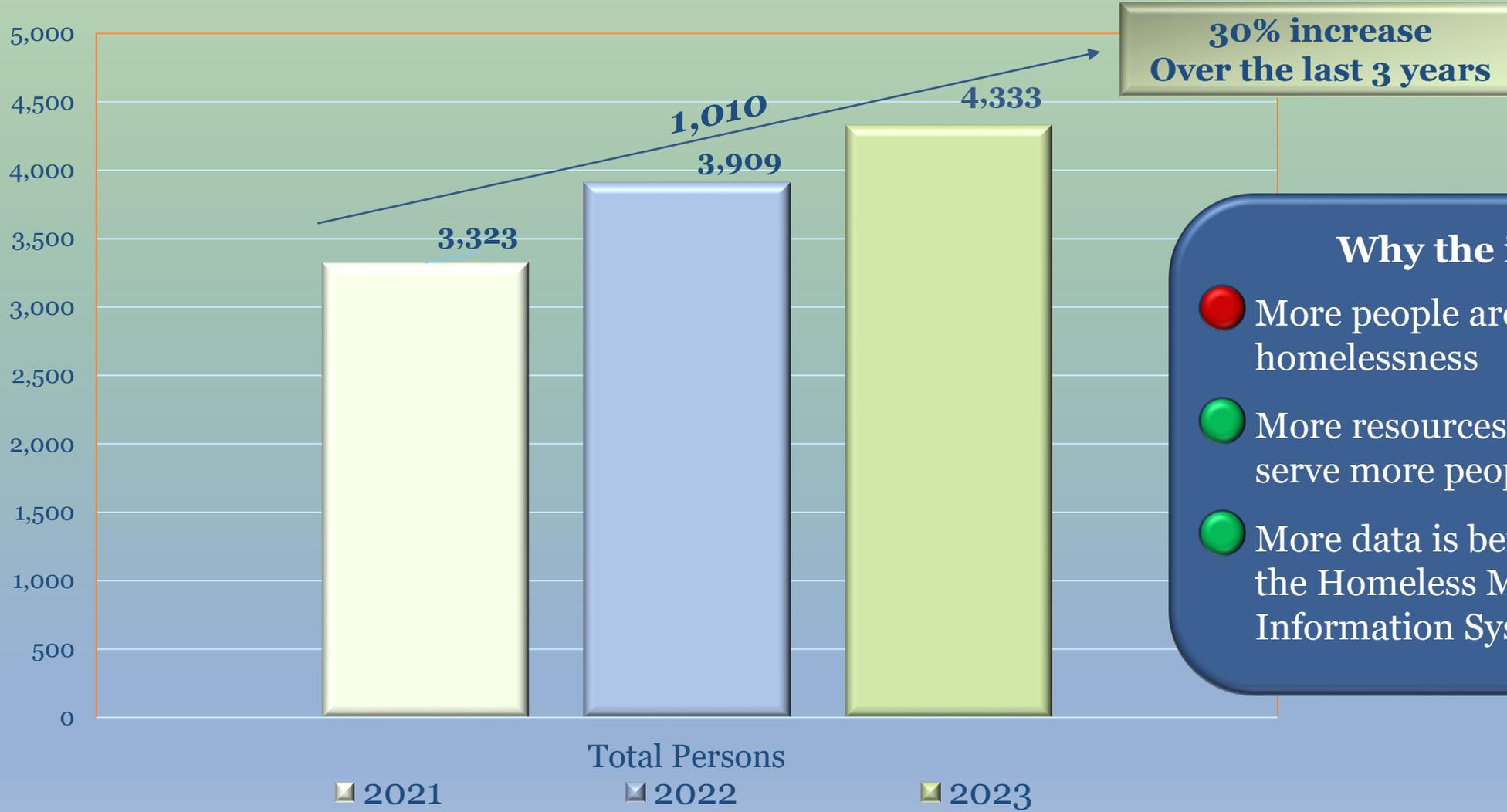


La Posada and Hope Village have opened & Over 300 permanent housing units under development

Comparison of Persons Newly Accessing Services (Inflow) to Persons Permanently Housed (Outflow)



Annual Number of Unhoused Persons Served 2021 – 2023



- ### Why the increase?
- More people are experiencing homelessness
 - More resources are available to serve more people
 - More data is being captured in the Homeless Management Information System

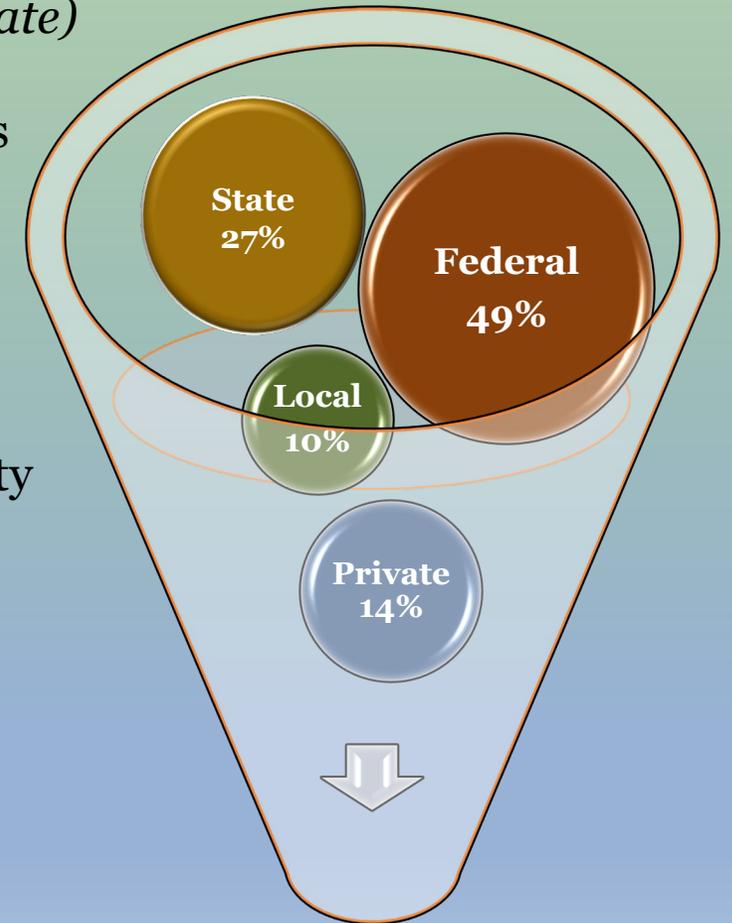
FY 23/24 Regional Annual Investment

Funding to Address Homelessness

The *Regional Annual Investment (RAI)*

- 4 funding sources (*Federal, State, Local, Private*)
- EXCLUSIVELY DEDICATED to homelessness
- Considers FY23/24 *expenditures* only
- \$112M expended *throughout* the County
 - \$52.5M (46%) administered *by* the County
 - \$35M (31%) administered by County *Community Services – Housing and Community Development*

Funding Sources



\$112 M in Housing, Shelter, and Services

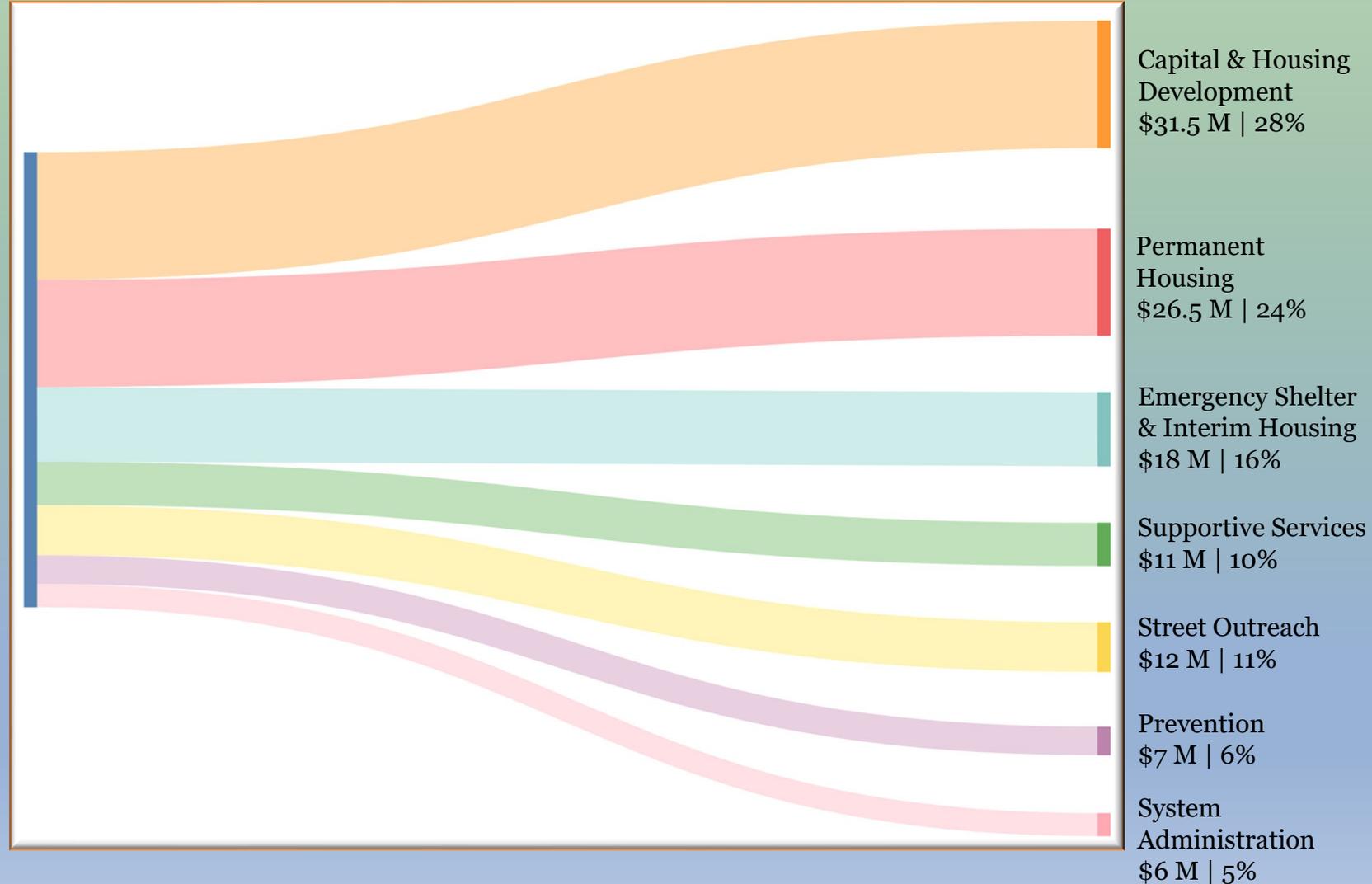
Regional Annual Investment in Addressing Homelessness FY 2023-2024¹

Estimated² Distribution of all funds to Provide Housing and Services for Persons Experiencing Homelessness
Based on Expended and Dedicated³ FY 23-24 Investment Amounts

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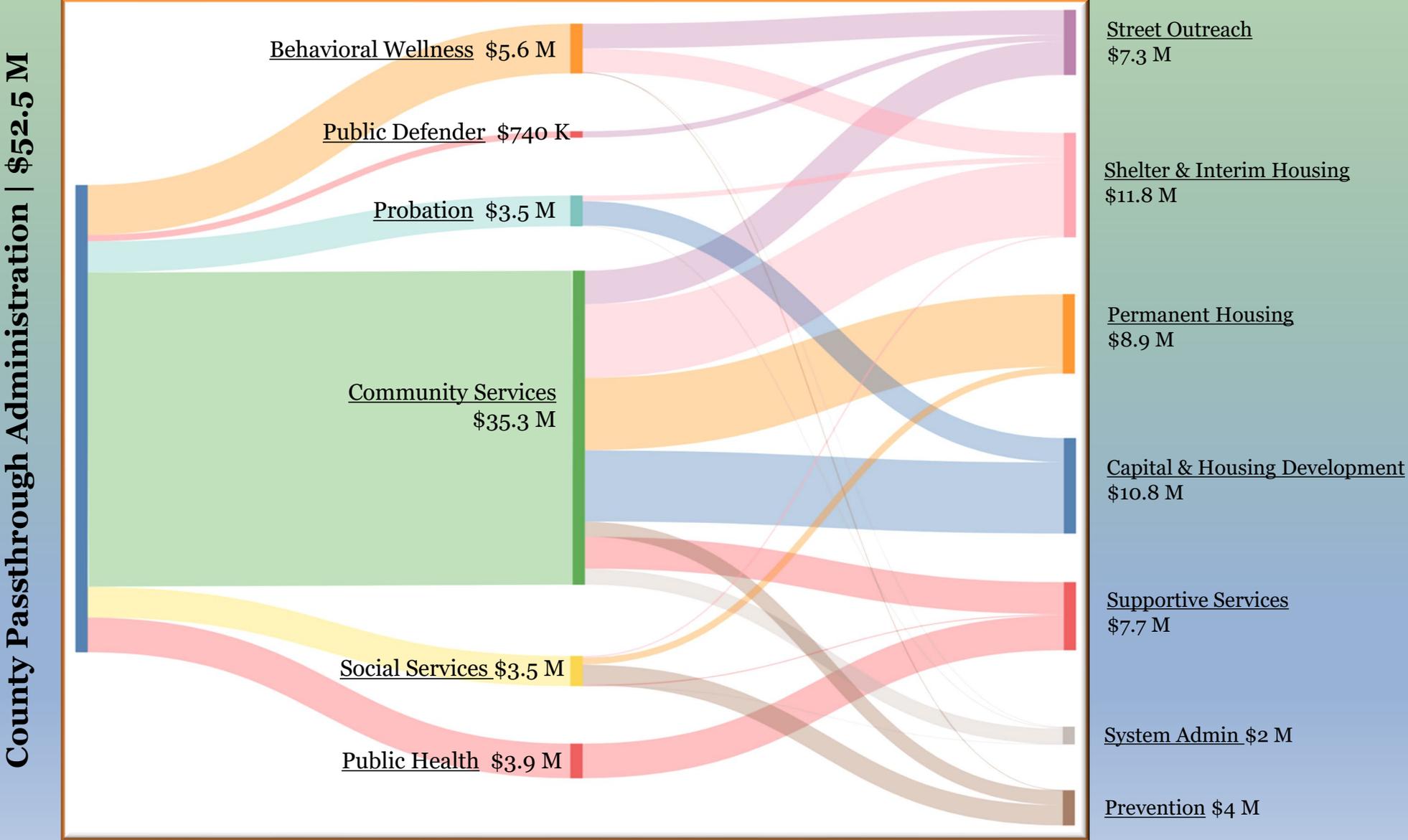
1. 46% of the funding reflected in this chart passes through or is administered by the County of Santa Barbara. The remainder goes directly to providers, and some passes through other jurisdictions.
2. Based on estimated expenditures during the 2023-24 fiscal year (*not awarded or budgeted*).
3. Dedicated: Funding source is exclusive to serving persons experiencing homelessness.

Federal, State, Local, and Private Investments
in Addressing Homelessness | \$112 M



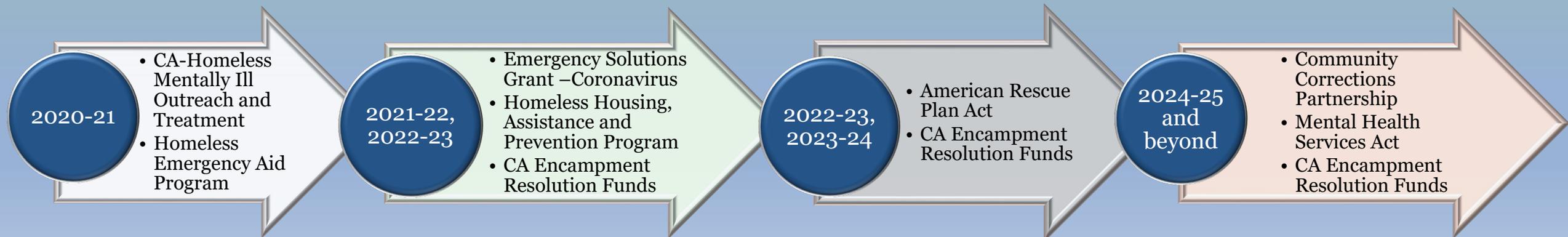
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County Passthrough as Administered by SB County (\$52.5M of \$112M)

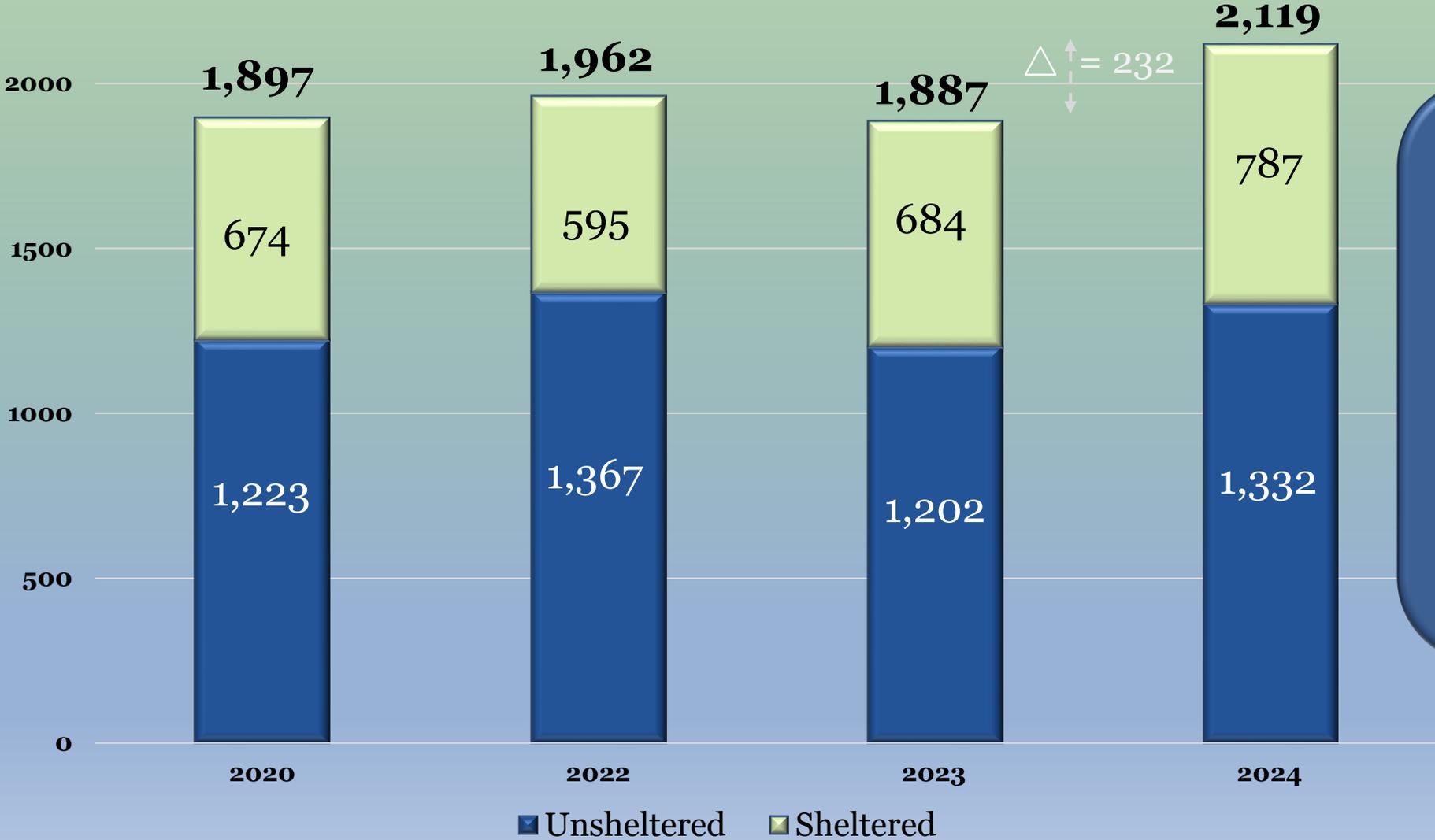




Keeping Street Outreach Teams Funded Through a Series of Funding “Cliffs”



Point In Time Count Trends



Sub-populations increasing

- ❖ Persons living in their vehicles
- ❖ Families with minor children
- ❖ Persons newly experiencing homelessness

Community Impact

Gained Permanent Housing:
1,402

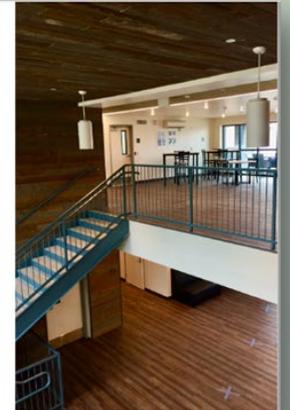
Sheltered in Interim Housing:
2,746

Engaged in Street Outreach services:
1,219



Community Action Plan to Address Homelessness

3 Year Progress Report



Santa Barbara County
Phase II Community Action
Plan to Address Homelessness



Five Strategies to Address Homelessness



1. More Housing



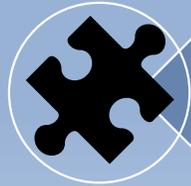
2. Meet Individual Needs



3. Obtain and Maintain Housing



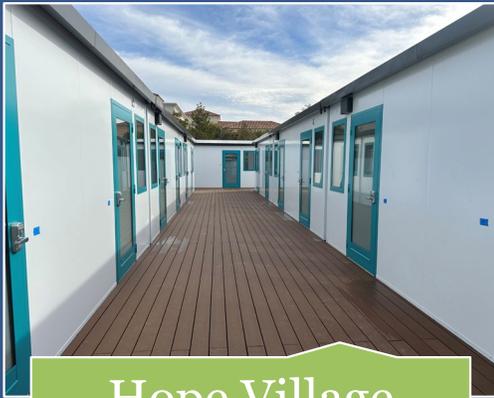
4. Build Provider Capacity



5. Collective Action

More Housing

Increase Access to Safe,
Affordable Housing



Hope Village
Interim Housing

Community Action Plan Key Progress

- Increased Inventory of Affordable Permanent Housing – 496 units including both new units and new long term rental subsidies with services
- Expanded and Enhanced Interim Housing – 330 new beds created
- Increased the Pool of Funding Available – \$134 million in new one time funding and competitive awards
- Develop and Improve Partnerships with Landlords to Secure Housing in the Private Rental Market - 531 new private market property owners

Meet Individual Needs

Expand Supportive Services to Meet Client Needs

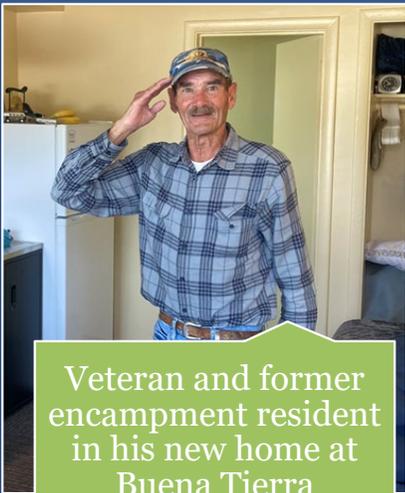


CalAIM Enhanced Care Management

Community Action Plan Key Progress

- Implementation of Medi-Cal billable support services - 931 persons enrolled in Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports
- Over 350 housed with Emergency Housing Vouchers supported by an interdisciplinary team
- \$ 7 Million Mental Health Services Act Innovations Award – Behavioral Wellness Housing Assistance and Retention Team
- 106 persons with disabilities received housing and disability benefit advocacy services through new State program

Obtain and Maintain Housing



Veteran and former encampment resident in his new home at Buena Tierra

Community Action Plan Key Progress

- Expanded Reach to Those Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness with Encampment resolution efforts including \$8.5 million in funding awards and creation of a cross departmental County Multi-Disciplinary Team
- 57% Reduction in Veteran Homelessness (210 → 90 individuals)
- Increased prevention programs through Emergency Rental Assistance programs, multi-lingual housing access line, shelter diversion programming to quickly intervene when a housing crisis occurs



City Net

Build Provider Capacity



Bridge House Farm
growing hope

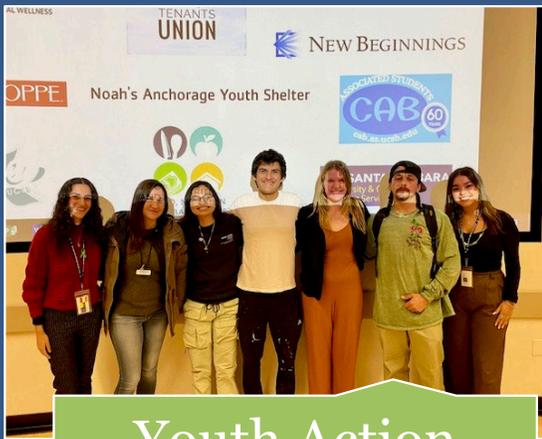
Community Action Plan Key Progress

- CenCal Health Incentive Funding Programs invested in service providers (\$8 million)
- Private philanthropic investments
- Consistent training and monitoring on best practices and funded technical assistance
- Increased coordination through regular case conferencing and by-name lists
- Expansion of Community Services Department Homeless Assistance Program Team through state and federal funding to improve service coordination and support providers.



Collective Action

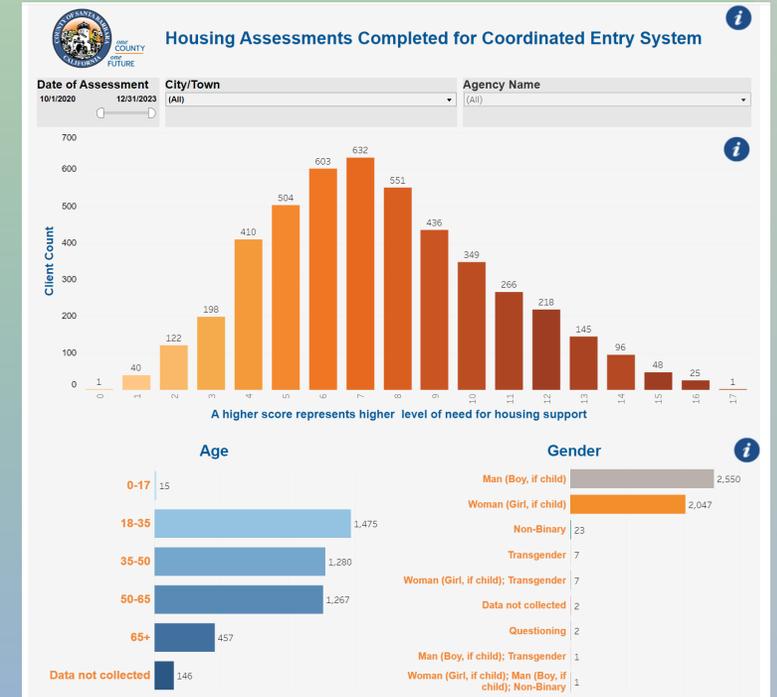
Implement Plan and Improve Data Sharing



Youth Action Board

Community Action Plan Key Progress

- Approved Plan
- Youth Action Board working to end youth homelessness
- 45 organizations are part of coordinating care through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), up from 35 since 2021
- 96% of active participants have a signed Release of Information in HMIS to better coordinate care
- Community accessible Interactive Homelessness Data Dashboard



Progress Report: Year 2 Encampment Resolution Strategy & Protocol

- Deploy Encampment Response Protocol and Team
- Increase access to shelter
- Leverage long-term rental subsidies
- Create new permanent housing units
- Provide robust outreach and engagement
- Sustain adequate funding



Encampment Resolution Data



Collective efforts among:

County

Cities

Caltrans

railroad partners

321 encampments removed by County-led efforts

95 on the transit corridor

226 on County-controlled property



Sanitation services include debris removal, biohazard disposal, and site rehabilitation.

289 people relocated to **shelter or housing**

- 143 have been permanently housed
- 146 have relocated to interim housing/emergency shelter
- 13% decrease in calls for service (County Fire)

The County's established **protocol** and \$1.9 million **investment** was leveraged to acquire **\$8.52 million in competitive funding**

Investments in Robust Outreach & Engagement

CA Encampment
Resolution
Funding (CERF)
Transit Corridor
Street Outreach &
Engagement



CA Encampment
Resolution
Funding (CERF)
Waterways Street
Outreach &
Engagement



ARPA-funded
Vehicular Street
Outreach &
Engagement



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Goals & Objectives



Clean streets & open spaces



Meet housing, shelter, & service needs



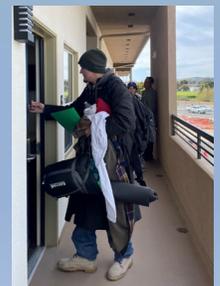
Improve medical & behavioral health



Coordinated service delivery

Successes

- Expanded robust outreach & engagement
- Increased number of people moving into shelter and housing
- Dedicated funding to resolve encampments
- New housing developments in the pipeline
- Partnership with County Fire



Challenges

- Need for more shelter beds
- Clients leaving congregate shelter before attaining housing
- Limited Board and Care facilities
- Need for more Permanent Supportive Housing units

HOW DO WE END HOMELESSNESS?



HOUSING



+
SERVICES



SHELTER

HOW CAN WE SUPPORT OUR SYSTEM OF CARE NOW?



IDENTIFY
RENTAL UNITS

GROW SERVICE PROVIDER
WORKFORCE



SECURE HOUSING
SITES

Very simply stated...

How do we end homelessness? How can we support our system of care right now?

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Why We Do What We Do

