



**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS
To Tracy Homelessness Strategic Plan**

Given that the Tracy Homelessness Strategic Plan has not been updated since the inception of the COVID-19 pandemic health crisis, Councilman Arriola proposes the following additions in light of current circumstances and potential opportunities:

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

GOAL 1: INCREASE HOUSING OPTIONS IN TRACY

OBJECTIVE 1: [SHORT-TERM] Identify immediate temporary “Emergency Housing” options and integrate crisis support services.

TASKS:

“PANDEMIC” EMERGENCY SHELTER

- Consider re-purposing previously approved “Warming Center” as temporary “Pandemic Emergency Shelter” during COVID-19 pandemic
- Communicate information to the public and local organizations to support/access this temporary shelter

“PROJECT ROOMKEY” HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

- Investigate whether City of Tracy may access “Project Roomkey” temporary housing resources from State of California for people experiencing homelessness
- If opportunity is unavailable, then evaluate the viability of partnering with local hotels to provide temporary shelter during COVID-19 pandemic

UNAUTHORIZED SETTLEMENT IN PUBLIC SPACES

- Identify locations where significant unauthorized settlement is occurring in public spaces
- Provide access to temporary restroom facilities near these unauthorized settlements to reduce spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic
- Provide access to temporary hygiene stations near these unauthorized settlements to reduce spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic
- Provide information for individuals to transition to “Pandemic Emergency Shelter” once established

DONATION CENTER

- Identify location/organization for donations of essential items for people experiencing homelessness
 - Including: Sanitizer, Face masks, Soap, Shampoo/Conditioner, Feminine hygiene items
- Communicate information to the public and local organizations to support/access these donations

OBJECTIVE 4: [CONTINUOUS] Proactively pursue local, state, and federal funding to support housing options and support services.

TASKS:

CENTRALIZE COMMUNICATIONS RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS

- Create specific contact resources for communications related to homelessness in the City of Tracy
 - Including: Email, Phone number, Informational webpage, Social media platforms

“PANDEMIC” FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify local, state, and federal funding opportunities to address homelessness support services during COVID-19 pandemic
- Assign department to evaluate and complete applications for any available funding opportunities specific to COVID-19 pandemic

REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES

- Monitor amount of resources spent on COVID-19 pandemic (including staff hours) for potential reimbursement by future funding opportunities
- Evaluate current resources spent on homelessness and consider reallocation to homelessness support services during COVID-19 pandemic

GOAL 2: INCREASE ACCESS TO COORDINATED SUPPORT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

OBJECTIVE 3: Enhance coordination between local service providers and county agencies.

TASKS:

PRIORITIZE COORDINATION EFFORTS RELATED TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Partner with other agencies to evaluate how to leverage resources and pursue funding opportunities.
- Commit to actively coordinating support services and funding opportunities with local service providers, and local, state, and federal government agencies.

GOAL 4: ENACT SPECIFIC STRATEGIES FOR VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

OBJECTIVE 1: Identify people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in vulnerable subpopulations within the City of Tracy — including veterans, youth, the LGBTQ community, victims of crime, and people with behavioral health needs.

TASKS:

IDENTIFY VULNERABLE SUBPOPULATIONS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Identify vulnerable subpopulations during COVID-19 pandemic

- Suggested subpopulations include:
 - Veterans of Armed Forces
 - Youth (Aged 17 and below)
 - LGBTQ Community
 - Victims of Crime
 - People with Mental/Behavioral Health Needs
 - People with Disabilities
 - Non-Native English Speakers
 - Undocumented Immigrants

OBJECTIVE 3: Identify and apply for funding opportunities to secure resources that are specifically available to support people from vulnerable subpopulations.

TASKS:

IDENTIFY SUPPORT SERVICES DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Identify organizations & government agencies that generally provide support to these identified groups

CONTACT ORGANIZATIONS/AGENCIES FOR SUPPORT DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- Contact government agencies & organizations that support these identified groups for possible collaboration of services, and information about potential funding opportunities related to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Create a list of funding opportunities that may be available to offer support services for these identified groups during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Apply for available funding opportunities to support identified groups during the COVID-19 pandemic