

Item 3C



HOMELESSNESS STRATEGIC PLAN – SUMMARY

GOAL 1

Increase Housing Options
in the City of Tracy

1. SHORT-TERM: Identify immediate temporary “Emergency Housing” options & integrate crisis support services.
2. MID-TERM: Identify “Transitional Housing” options & integrate wrap-around support services with Navigation Center.
3. LONG-TERM: Increase affordable housing stock & assist in securing “Permanent Housing” with continued support services from Case Managers.
4. CONTINUOUS: Proactively pursue local, state, and federal funding to support housing options and support services.
5. Create property-owner economic initiative to increase the number of private housing options to support housing for people transitioning out of homelessness.

GOAL 2

Increase Access to Coordinated
Support Services for People
Experiencing Homelessness

1. Create a centralized location to serve as a “Navigation Center” where people experiencing homelessness can gain access to appropriate services and resources based on their immediate needs.
2. Secure access to addiction, mental health, family reunification, job training, & other appropriate support services at the Navigation Center.
3. Enhance coordination between local service providers and county agencies.
4. Evaluate effectiveness of current spending and consider reallocating resources, while continuing to pursue other funding options.

GOAL 3

Develop Action Plans for
Engaging with People
Experiencing Homelessness

1. Establish “Law Enforcement Protocol” for initiating contact with people experiencing homelessness that complies with the recent *Martin v. Boise* decision.
2. Establish “Crisis Response Protocol” for local service providers to render rapid crisis support — including after-hour services for people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.
3. Partner with county agencies (including the D.A.’s Office & County Jail) to evaluate opportunities for diversion programs or other alternatives to incarceration for people experiencing homelessness — including a warm “hand off” to service providers to render immediate crisis support services or emergency housing.

GOAL 4

Enact Specific Strategies for
Vulnerable Subpopulations
Experiencing Homelessness

1. Identify people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness in vulnerable subpopulations within the City of Tracy — including, but not limited to, veterans, youth, the LGBT community, victims of crime, and people with behavioral health needs.
2. Ensure access to “Case Managers” for the vulnerable subpopulations who will educate and provide connections to appropriate support services and housing options.
3. Identify and apply for funding opportunities to secure resources that are specifically available to support people from the vulnerable subpopulations.
4. Develop a targeted initiative program to prevent “new” at-risk individuals from becoming homeless.

OBJECTIVES