



A ROADMAP TO

Prevent and Respond to End Homelessness

IN SACRAMENTO



The following roadmap is based on a needs assessment and gaps analysis that provides a picture of the annual number of people experiencing homelessness, and the service gaps that exist in our current response system. With this understanding, we can effectively apply targeted and focused actions to ensure that homelessness in Sacramento is rare, brief, and one-time.

Estimated Annual Number of People Who Experience **Literal Homelessness*** in Sacramento =

16,500 to 20,000

**Represents those in emergency/temporary shelter or unsheltered*

Homeless Response System Interventions

PREVENT HOMELESSNESS



TARGETED PREVENTION

One-time and short-term prevention assistance for highest risk

DIVERSION

Immediate problem-solving and resources to avoid shelter

RESPOND TO HOMELESSNESS



STREET OUTREACH

Individualized engagement and connection to housing assistance and services

TEMPORARY HOUSING

Emergency shelter, transitional housing, interim housing

END HOMELESSNESS



SHORT/MEDIUM-TERM REHOUSING

Individualized housing search/ placement and time-limited financial assistance and stabilization services

PERMANENT HOUSING

Permanent supportive housing and other dedicated permanent housing assistance with ongoing services

Business as Usual

Emphasizes crisis response once a person becomes homeless



Leads to increasing need for shelter and other crisis responses and less capacity to prevent or quickly end homelessness for people.

Transformed System

Emphasizes targeted prevention, diversion, rehousing and permanent housing assistance, reducing need for crisis services



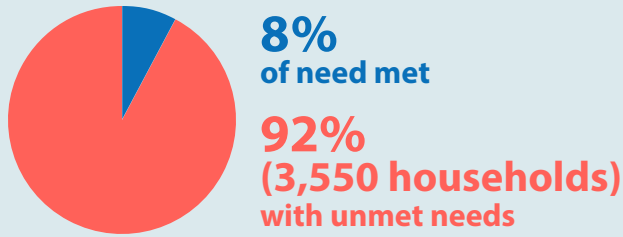
Leads to less people experiencing homelessness and more people receiving the help they need to quickly end their homelessness and remain housed.

Eliminates or significantly reduces the need for additional emergency shelter capacity.

Creating a Transformed System in Sacramento

PREVENT HOMELESSNESS

Current capacity for **Homelessness Prevention:**



To close the gap, Sacramento needs at least an additional:

- 16 full-time employees** who provide individualized housing support
- \$11.3 million** in annual financial assistance

Very little capacity currently exists for targeted homelessness prevention, but one third of all households could be offered targeted prevention prior to becoming literally homeless. Of these, an estimated 76% could successfully avoid homelessness. The total amount of Diversion services is still to be determined. However, it is estimated that 15% of single adults and 30% of families can avoid entering shelter if provided timely diversion assistance.

RESPOND TO HOMELESSNESS

In a transformed system that emphasizes prevention and housing, current **Temporary Shelter** might be sufficient. However, near-term investment in additional shelter capacity is needed, with a system goal of:

2,200–2,700 beds for individuals
300–350 units for families

New investments should allow for facilities to be re-purposed for housing later. The shelter system capacity gap at any given point will depend on many factors, including the amount of prevention and re-housing assistance available.

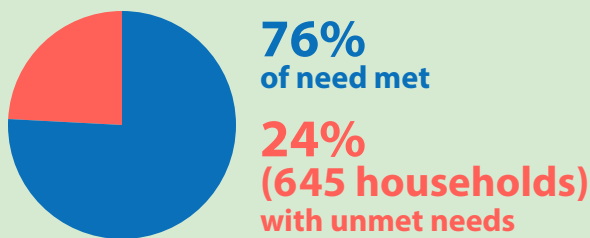
Street Outreach requires at least:

- 21 full-time employees** who provide individualized support and housing connections

An estimated 55% of single adults and 36% of families need at least some level of street outreach. Street outreach should have low caseloads to ensure integration with other behavioral health and physical supports. Further analysis of current capacity and need is underway.

END HOMELESSNESS

Current capacity for **Rehousing Assistance:**

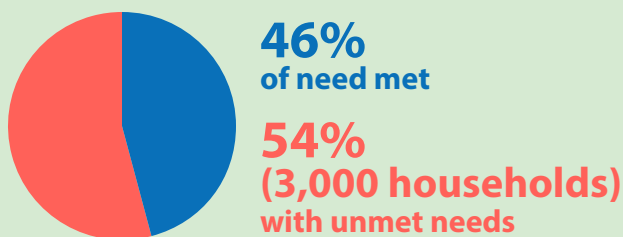


To close the gap, Sacramento needs at least an additional:

- 29 full-time employees** who provide individualized placement/stabilization supports with financial assistance
- Annual financial rehousing assistance is also needed and to be determined.**

Key improvements are needed to ensure efficient and effective rehousing assistance including landlord engagement, tenant retention, increased unit availability, intensive case management, and full incorporation into the community-wide coordinated access system.

Current capacity for **Permanent Supportive Housing:**



To close the gap, Sacramento needs at least an additional:

- 4,100–5,000 permanent supportive housing units**
- 1,600–2,000 permanent housing assistance placements with ongoing services annually**

For Permanent Supportive Housing, efforts are needed to increase positive turn-over and openings among current units, and increase the overall number of units funded with homeless assistance and other resources to meet the needs of people who are chronically homeless. For others who are disabled and homeless, the need for rehousing supports and affordable, supportive housing options cannot be met by the homeless crisis response system alone. Cross sector collaboration to develop sustainable housing and service supports for people with needs beyond housing are needed.