Strategies to Achieve Change

The local homeless action plan is comprised of six core strategies that represent essential components to build an effective and coordinated homelessness response system with capacity to move the needle and make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring within the Sacramento community.

1. Build and Scale a Coordinated Access System
   Centralized access to homeless and rehousing services across a variety of geographically and virtual access points.

2. Ensure Emergency Shelter and Interim Housing is Focused on Rehousing
   Develop additional units (congregate and new non-congregate) of flexible, emergency shelter and interim housing that focuses on permanent housing.

3. Increase Permanent Housing Opportunities
   Expand housing opportunities and capacity dedicated to meet the rehousing needs of persons experiencing homelessness.

4. Expand Prevention and Diversion Programs
   Prevent at-risk households from falling into homelessness and/or divert from entry into the homeless response system.

5. Invest in Community Capacity-Building and Training
   Attract and retain a robust and diverse workforce to deliver homelessness services across the response system.

6. Ensure Adequate Behavioral Health Services
   Ensure people with behavioral health care needs have equitable, timely, and ready access to behavioral health care supports as they receive homeless crisis response and rehousing services.

One strategic plan outlining the county-wide approach to ending homelessness that is:

- Actionable
- Results Oriented
- Roadmap for Future Funding

Implementation of this plan is supported by guiding principles and includes a commitment to racial equity, inclusion of partners with lived expertise, improved data collection, a person-centered, trauma-informed county-wide response system, which provides access to immediate and on-going supportive service needs (i.e. mental health, substance use, housing retention), and continuation of collaborative planning and decision-making across jurisdictions.

First Steps

- Increase dedicated coordinated access navigators to support diversion and system access
- Increase emergency shelter, interim, and transitional housing full-service beds dedicated to rehousing
- Increase housing exits for households through landlord engagement and increased coordinated rehousing resources
- Increase availability of housing problem-solving and diversion services for all people engaged with the Coordinated Access System
- Develop and provide general educational materials that explains how to access services and navigate the homeless crisis response system