

Sacramento Homeless Policy Council: Q1 Progress Highlights

A summary of key progress within the homelessness response system.

The All In Sacramento Action Plan

A new plan to make homelessness in Sacramento rare, brief, and non-recurring was approved by the City, County, and Continuum of Care. The plan provides a framework including 8 solutions for homelessness efforts and funding in FY 24-25, along with agreed-upon actions, strategies, principles, and performance measures. Learn more at: bit.ly/RCHAP24

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| 1. Coordinated Access & Navigation | 5. Rehousing Assistance |
| 2. Diversion & Prevention Assistance | 6. Permanent Supportive Housing |
| 3. Outreach & Engagement | 7. Integrated Services |
| 4. Emergency Shelter & Interim Housing | 8. System Capacity Building & Training |

Coordinated Access System 2023 Achievements

The Coordinated Access System (CAS)—a partnership among Sacramento Steps Forward, 2-1-1, the City of Sacramento, and Sacramento County—launched in December 2022 to provide a single point of access and support for people experiencing homelessness. The Year One Annual Report lays out the impact and planned improvements of the System. Key highlights from 2023 are included below. Learn more at bit.ly/CAS2023report

37,310

Callers connected to homelessness and housing services

4:20

Minutes median wait time maintained for someone calling 2-1-1 (#8)

24/7, 365

Availability of support via 2-1-1 started in November 2023

2,133

Households moved into housing during the year

10

Days median time from shelter assessment to shelter enrollment*

*Because capacity does not currently meet demand, 34% of total shelter demand was met. Of those who received referrals, 10 days was the average time between shelter assessment and shelter enrollment.

2024 Point-In-Time Count Update

The 2024 count of those experiencing unsheltered homelessness was a success, with a high turnout of volunteers and extensive coverage across the county. The data collected is now being processed and will be released later this spring alongside data from the annual count of those experiencing sheltered homelessness and the annual count of available housing and shelter units.

Community Highlights

These highlights are based on the March 8, 2024, Sacramento Homeless Policy Council (SHPC) meeting and reflect achievements between December 2023 and March 2024.

Sacramento County

- Opened the second Safe Stay Community of 45 cabins (56 beds) and wrap-around services.
- Opened a weather respite center with 24/7 on-site staffing, serving up to 75 people.
- Received approval for the Stockton Boulevard Safe Stay, a collaborative project with the State of California and the City of Sacramento providing shelter, supportive services, and housing assistance for up to 175 people simultaneously. Construction set to complete Fall 2024.

City of Sacramento

- Roseville Road opened with 60 pallet homes, 40 trailers, and potential to expand.
- City Council approved the extension of a Shelter Crisis Declaration for the City of Sacramento.
- City Council approved authority to apply for a second round of State Prohousing Incentive Program funds to accelerate affordable housing production and preservation.
- Completed an agreement with the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency to transfer \$3.2 million of City HHAP funds to support the Rodeway Inn motel conversion project, which will have 70 units of permanent supportive housing when complete (est. 2025).
- Completed agreement with Bridge Housing to develop an affordable housing project on Arden Way for 124 units, including 31 units of permanent supportive housing.
- Continued Incident Management, including 8,177 calls closed and 263 rapid placements.

Elk Grove

- Added a second homeless services navigator with a background in severe mental health.
- Planning to pilot a payee service program to encourage housing stability.
- Constructing 800 units of affordable housing.

Folsom

- Constructing 152 units of affordable housing.
- Planned construction of 136 affordable senior affordable housing units for summer 2024.
- Completed the Folsom Homeless Assistance Resource Team (HART) winter shelter.

Rancho Cordova

- Completed the Rancho Cordova HART Winter Shelter.
- Increased coordination with the Rancho Cordova Food Locker, with navigators on-site three days a week and regular food deliveries to the Transitional House.
- Ongoing attractive nuisance cleanup services available 7 days a week.
- 82 units of affordable housing under construction, to be completed this summer.

The Sacramento Homeless Policy Council meets quarterly to share and collaborate on regional strategies and actions to address homelessness. During these meetings, key leaders from across the county discuss plans and progress while the public can listen and learn about efforts to serve all members of our communities. Learn more: bit.ly/SacSHPC