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Homelessness in Mendocino County

An update to the Board of Supervisors

May 9, 2023



overview

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Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness

Timeline

CoC's Strategic Planning Committee met in 2019 to develop the plan.

First draft approved in April 2020. Update completed in August 2022.

Underlying Themes

Strategic Planning Committee carefully reviewed all existing reports, including the "Marbut Report" from 2018.

Twenty of the twenty-eight recommendations from Mr. Marbut were incorporated into the Strategic Plan.

Endorsements

Plan was endorsed by County of Mendocino, City of Fort Bragg, City of Point Arena, and City of Ukiah.

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal 1 Make homelessness rare.

Goal 2 Make homelessness brief and one-time.

Goal 3 Improve community and policymaker engagement around homelessness.

Goal 4 Improve the Mendocino County Homeless Services Continuum of Care's (CoC) capacity to govern itself.

Detailed version of the plan available at www.mendocinococ.org

the past three years....

2020

- Completed Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness in Mendocino County
- CoC approves funding for new housing for homeless households
 - Orr Creek Commons II in Ukiah
 - “The Plateau” in Fort Bragg
- County purchases Best Western Inn in Ukiah under Round 1 of Project Homekey
- Project Roomkey shelters hundreds of County residents at risk of Covid-19 in local hotels

the past three years....

2021

- Project Homekey opens as Live Oak Apartments after Phase 1 Remodel
- County staff facilitates the allocation and distribution of Emergency Solution Grant - CV, specifically for Covid-related impacts on homelessness
- Project Roomkey continues to shelter hundreds of County residents at risk of Covid-19 in local hotels
- Homeless Encampment Coordination Protocol implemented with City of Ukiah

the past three
years....

2022

- Permanent housing projects open to new homeless residents
 - Orr Creek Commons II – 20 units
 - “The Plateau” in Fort Bragg – 20 units
 - Live Oak Apartments – 48 units
- Local shelters and rapid rehousing projects sustained through ESG-CV funding
- Special project: Extreme winter shelter in Fort Bragg

Spotlight: Project Homekey



- ✓ Live Oak Apartments was originally funded through a Project Homekey grant from the State of California
- ✓ After remodel, the project provides housing to over 80 formerly homeless adults and children in 48 self-contained units
- ✓ Focus populations include: veterans, elderly, families with children, people experiencing complex physical and mental health conditions
- ✓ Project provides a runway to stability and self-sufficiency in a healthy, supported living environment

www.projecthomekeymendocino.org



Spotlight: Housing Programs in Social Services Dept.

Home SAFE

- ✓ Targeted to elderly residents in need of housing support to gain housing or stay housed

CalWorks Housing Support Programs

- ✓ Targeted to households with children experiencing homelessness

HDAP – Homeless Disability Assistance Program

- ✓ Targeted to persons with disabilities who have not yet enrolled in relevant Social Security programs

Bringing Families Home

- ✓ Targeted to families involved with child welfare

current projects....

2023

- Request for Proposals will be released this spring for homelessness related projects using Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) funds
- Front Door for Families formally launched in March 2023
 - Project specifically focused on providing a one-stop shop for families with children experiencing or at-risk of homelessness
www.frontdoormendocino.org

Spotlight: Front Door for Families

- ✓ Funded by a Family Homelessness Challenge Grant from State of California
- ✓ Provides a single point of entry for families with children seeking guidance on resolving homelessness

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what lies ahead....

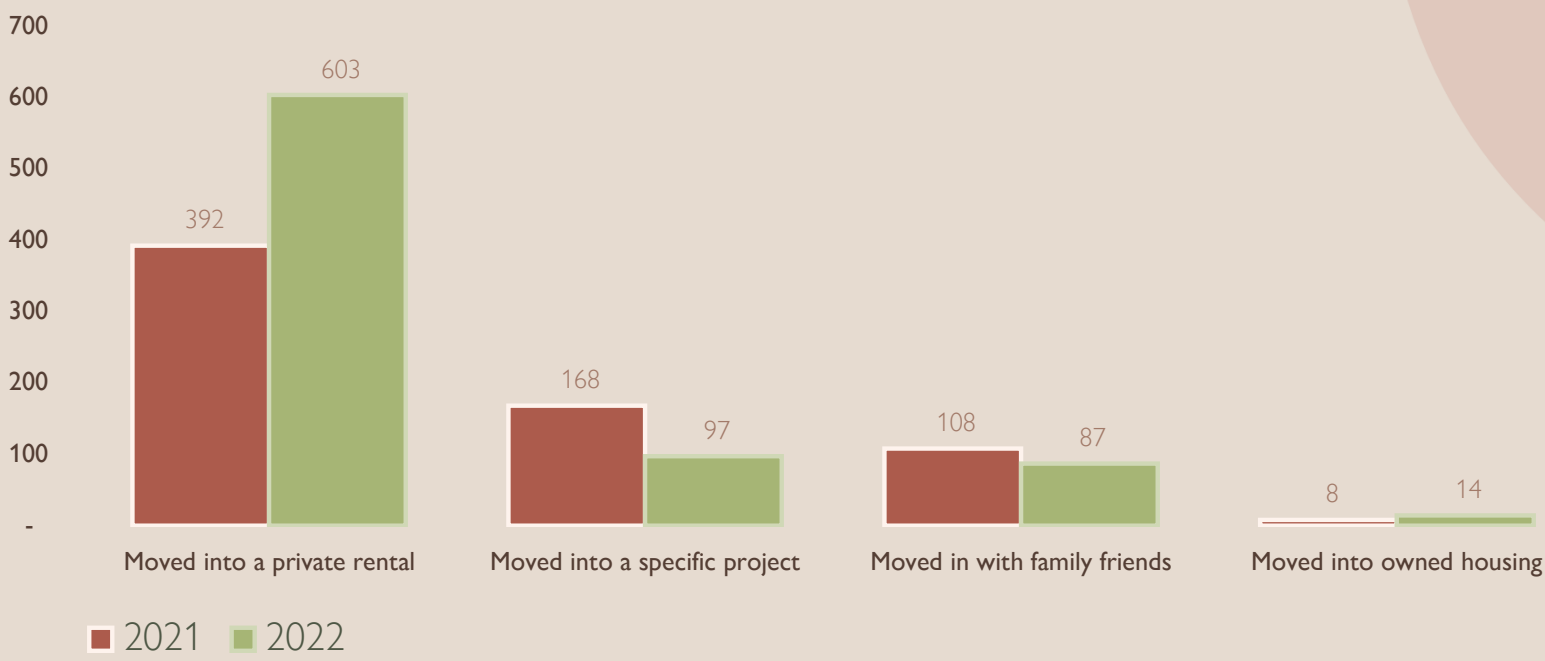
2024 and beyond

- ✓ Seek to develop new housing that can support larger families
- ✓ Explore sustainable funding opportunities through CalAIM to support engagement services for homeless individuals
- ✓ Possible new housing opportunities for people experiencing severe mental illness

what is working well....

- ✓ New permanent housing developments for all income levels are boosting housing supply
- ✓ Collaboration and communication between the Homeless Services Continuum of Care (CoC) and the County is excellent and positive
- ✓ Collaboration of the County with cities and local law enforcement agencies is improving
- ✓ Significant improvements in our HMIS systems (Homeless Management Information System)

Homeless Individuals Moving In To Permanent Housing – All Sites and All Programs (data from HMIS)



areas of challenge....

- ✓ Locally, we are struggling with capacity and workforce issues.
- ✓ We have limited strategies and tools to support homeless individuals that are the hardest to serve.
- ✓ County and CoC have not communicated effectively or proactively with the public about progress and limitations.
- ✓ We have a limited ability to accurately quantify the impact of homelessness in our community. Yet the public is justifiably concerned and frustrated.

funding sources

HOMELESS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - HEAP

Complete. Primarily focused on capital improvement projects, including Orr Creek II, the Plateau.

HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM - HHIP

Funded via Partnership HealthPlan.
Appx \$5 million available.
Can be spent through 2027.

HOMELESS HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM - HHAP

Collaboration with CoC and County.
\$7 million available from 2020 through 2026.

ESG-CV

Complete. Pandemic-specific funding.
Will end in September 2023.

MISCELLANEOUS

Bringing Families Home
Family Homelessness Challenge Grant
CalWorks Housing Support
HDAP
Home Safe

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for more information...

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