



Comprehensive Covid-19 Homeless Response

- What I have been asked to present is a response to two questions:
- “What have we done with the COVID-19 Homeless Response Funding to date?” ...and
- “How will we continue the COVID-19 Response to the Homeless beyond September?”

This is a Comprehensive Community-Wide COVID-19 Homeless Response

- The City has been a full partner in the Homeless Strategy Calls assembled in March to plan, develop, and implement a community regional homeless response. This has included representatives from the Mayor's Office as well as from the Council Subcommittee on Homelessness.
- Goal is to safeguard the health of our homeless population by getting as many off the street as possible and into shelter
- As homeless individuals are placed, the goal is to care for them across the spectrum utilizing a Homeless COVID Health Algorithm

COVID-19 Homeless Response Multi-Pronged Approach Results to Date

- 425 beds were added:
 - 287 unit style housing for high risk individuals (60+ years of age, pregnant, and/or underlying health conditions) that need isolation; meals are provided; communal areas are closed
 - 28 congregate beds at Poverello House; ADA and single stall toilets added
 - 30 hotel rooms used to house persons released from local hospitals pending testing results or they are COVID positive but do not require hospitalization; meals provided
 - 20 hotel rooms for victims/survivors of domestic violence
 - 60 hotel rooms in Selma for Selma Community Outreach Ministries
 - 11 hotel rooms in Sanger
 - Transportation to medical appointment is provided

COVID-19 Homeless Response Multi-Pronged Approach Results to Date

- 24 Travel Trailers deployed and used to isolate/quarantine
 - Trailers placed at existing shelters
 - Majority in metro Fresno; 2 placed in Selma
- Existing shelters:
 - Strategically filled vacant beds with persons confirmed to be COVID free and non-symptomatic
 - Social distancing was implemented
 - Hand washing and sanitizer stations added on site
- Hand washing and sanitizer stations provided near shelter locations

COVID-19 Homeless Response Joint Funding Plan

- Braided Funding to Support Strategic Investments
- City of Fresno, County of Fresno, FMCoC, City of Reedley and many community partners.
- Leverage short term funding to build capacity for long term homeless service delivery system

Uses of COVID-19 Homeless Response Funding after September

- Maintenance of current efforts through end of December.
- From January through March, 2020 focus on rehousing services. (Up to \$2 million in ESG CV-2)
- Depending on the outcome of our partnership with Fresno Housing and our application for Project Homekey funding, fund the operations and subsequent permanent conversion and development costs for 278 doors of homeless response housing into 139 units of permanent affordable housing. (Up to \$2 million in operations; Up to \$6 million in conversion/development costs)

For Council's Consideration

- We will continue to monitor the investments made and the effectiveness of efforts to date through the Council's Subcommittee on Homelessness.
- Approve in concept today the expenditure of up to \$2 million dollars for rehousing those currently housed in COVID 19 Response shelters into permanent housing. If you approve this in concept today, we will return to the Subcommittee and then to Council with a resolution and sub-recipient agreement for your consideration and approval in September.
- Upon award of Project Homekey funding, the Subcommittee will review and at their recommendation, Council will consider expending COVID-19 Homeless Response funding for the implementation of Project Homekey.