



HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO Accomplishments

As of May 2017

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO, the San Diego Housing Commission's (SDHC) three-year Homelessness Action Plan (2014-17), is an effective, diverse funding and housing strategy that is on target to impact the lives of close to 3,000 homeless San Diegans—Veterans, families and individuals in the city of San Diego—which far exceeds its initial goal of 1,500 homeless San Diegans. Initially launched as a five-point action plan, **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** was announced on November 12, 2014.

1. Award up \$30 million Development Funds over three years (up to \$10 million per year) to create Permanent Supportive Rental Housing Units – Launched November 12, 2014

- **Total:** 407 Permanent Supportive Housing units for homeless individuals - 8 properties (This does not include Hotel Churchill or Village North Senior Garden Apartments, which are listed separately.)
- **Total:** \$29.8 million awarded

2. Commit up to 1,500 federal housing vouchers over three years, awarded to nonprofit agencies and developments that are providing supportive housing – Launched November 12, 2014

- 1,869 awarded to nonprofit agencies and affordable housing developments:
 - 1,189 – **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO** developments and programs
 - 100 – San Diego State University (SDSU) Guardian Scholars Program
 - 25 – Monarch School Project
 - 155 – Project One for All - County Partnership
 - 400 – Housing Our Heroes Initiative

3. Renovate Hotel Churchill, creating permanent supportive housing—Grand reopening September 19, 2016

- 72 permanent supportive housing studios for 56 homeless Veterans; 8 transitional age youth, ages 18-25; and 8 adults exiting the corrections system
- \$20.6 million total development cost, utilizing federal, state and city funding
- Supportive services are provided on-site by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans); Pathways Community Services – Catalyst (transitional age youth); and Mental Health Systems – Center STAR Assertive Community Treatment (adults exiting the corrections system). Services for non-Veteran residents are funded by the State Mental Health Services Act, administered by the County of San Diego's Behavioral Health Services Division.



Hotel Churchill



- 4. Invest up to \$15 million from Moving to Work Federal Funds to acquire a senior citizen property, setting aside 20 percent of units for homeless San Diegans – Purchased May 1, 2015**
- SDHC purchased the 120-unit Village North Senior Garden Apartments in Clairemont Mesa.
 - 44 units – 36 percent – are set aside for homeless seniors, with 44 federal rental housing vouchers committed by SDHC to provide rental assistance.
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- 5. SDHC-owned Housing Units - 25 Units dedicated year-round for homeless individuals and families – Launched January 2015**
- SDHC is one of the first public housing agencies in the nation to commit affordable rental housing that it owns for this purpose.
 - This is a rapid re-housing component of **HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO**. Rapid re-housing assists individuals and families who become homeless because of a recent, unexpected life experience, such as a job loss, domestic violence or a medical crisis.
 - 36 families have been assisted with rental housing (139 people, including 89 children) since the program was launched on January 1, 2015.
 - 16 families have become financially self-reliant and were able pay rent on their own for permanent housing.
 - 12 individuals secured employment through the SDHC Achievement Academy.
 - 10 individuals enrolled in education or vocational training programs through the SDHC Achievement Academy.

HOUSING FIRST – SAN DIEGO also includes three additional initiatives that were launched by SDHC during the 2015-16 Fiscal Year (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016).

San Diego State University (SDSU) Guardian Scholars Program – Launched August 2016

- A nationally unprecedented partnership between SDHC and SDSU to provide rental assistance for up to 100 SDSU students who have been homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- 62 Guardian Scholars students have secured housing.
- 1 student is pending a move-in inspection.
- 13 students are searching for housing.

The Monarch School Project – Launched December 2015

- SDHC is providing rental housing vouchers through this three-year pilot program for up to 25 families who have at least one child enrolled at The Monarch School, which serves homeless children.
- 23 families have secured housing.
- 2 vouchers are available for families.

Housing Our Heroes Initiative – Launched on March 1, 2016

- Housing Our Heroes will provide housing opportunities for up to 1,000 homeless Veterans in the city of San Diego. Landlord outreach is one of the four major programs of the Housing Our Heroes initiative.
- 737 Homeless Veterans have secured housing;
- 324 Homeless Veterans are searching for housing; and
- 371 individual landlords have joined the program.

