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San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Homelessness Prevention Efforts

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Homelessness Prevention Overview

San Diego Housing Commissions Prevention Efforts

- Help families at risk of homelessness to remain permanently housed.
- Combine counseling, mediation and financial assistance, such as temporary help paying rent, including rent arrears.
- Preventing homelessness reduces the demand for temporary shelter beds and other housing assistance.



Homelessness Prevention Overview (Continued)

Strategies

UPSTREAM



Activities that reduce the prevalence of risk of housing crises within communities



Activities that reduce the risk of homelessness while households are engaged with or are transitioning from systems



Activities that target assistance to prevent housing crises that do occur from escalating further and resulting in homelessness

HOMELESSNESS

Source: United States Interagency Council on Homelessness; www.usich.gov



Homelessness Prevention Mitigating Housing Crises

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- Prevention Programs:
 - Prevention: Helps people remain housed.
 - Prevention Extension Pilot Program (PEPP): Helps people at imminent risk of homelessness whose current needs exceed the Homelessness Prevention and Diversion program guidelines or who need a higher level of assistance to stabilize their current housing crisis.
- Landlord Engagement and Assistance Program (LEAP):
 - Provides incentives and benefits to landlords who rent to San Diegans experiencing homelessness, as well as housing location and financial assistance for tenants to pay security deposits and application fees.



*Mahendra
Participating Landlord
LEAP*



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Mitigating Housing Crises (Continued)

Additional Prevention Programs

- Housing Instability Prevention Program:
 - 32 enrolled, 63 pending eligibility
- Single-Room Occupancy Relocation Services:
 - Engaged with over 400 households in 10 different communities over the past five years
 - Service types:
 - housing search
 - connection to benefits/community resources



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Reducing Risk of Homelessness

Enhanced cross-system collaboration

- Systems such as education, health care, child welfare and corrections
- Increased awareness and attentiveness to housing stability
- Effective transition and/or discharge planning
- Ensure individuals are linked effectively to mainstream resources, such as employment and health care, to reduce the risk of homelessness upon discharge or after service provision ends.

Source: United States Interagency Council on Homelessness; www.usich.gov



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“Upstream” – Earlier Intervention (Continued)

Guardian Scholars

- Rental assistance for up to 100 students per year who have experienced homelessness or are at risk of homelessness

COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program

- More than \$218 million paid toward rent and utilities for 18,318 households with low income that experienced financial hardship due to or during the pandemic



Laura
COVID-19 Housing Stability Assistance Program
Participant



Homelessness Prevention “Upstream” – Earlier Intervention

“Upstream” prevention

- Requires a multisector approach and active focus on reducing the prevalence of housing crises.
- Is not the responsibility of the homelessness services system alone.
- Can reduce housing crises when multiple sectors focus on:
 - Ensuring an adequate supply of affordable housing;
 - Addressing systemic racial inequities;
 - Improving education and meaningful and gainful employment; and
 - Ensuring access to affordable child care, legal assistance, and physical and behavioral health care.

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“Upstream” – Earlier Intervention (Continued)

Affordable Housing Units Developed and in Pipeline

- 24,858 affordable rental housing units in service in the City of San Diego
- 2,529 SDHC Board-approved units pending completion (new construction and rehabilitation)

Preservation Report

- Strategies to preserve affordable housing units
- 13,450 units at risk of losing affordability from 2020 – 2040
 - 4,200 deed-restricted units
 - 9,250 naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) units



*Mid-City Family Apartments and Harris Family Senior Residence
More than 190 new affordable housing units
Grand Opening: November 14, 2022*



Questions & Comments

