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San Diego Housing Commission (SDHC) Report by the President and CEO February 14, 2025

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Shelter Housing Initiative Update

November 1, 2024 – January 15, 2025

- 153 households exited to permanent housing
 - 143 single adults
 - 10 families with children

- Of the 153 households:
 - Shelter Housing Initiative assisted 55 households.
 - 36 households – diversion program
 - 19 households – system coordination support from SDHC

GOAL 150 households	ACHIEVED 55 households
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Diversion Program	Single Adults (Ages 18+)	Families with Children
SDHC Diversion	6	0
Catholic Charities Diversion	1	0
Shelter Provider Diversion *RTFH Funded Program	25	3
DSDP Family Reunification	1	0
TOTAL	33	3
SDHC System Coordination	Single Adults (Ages 18+)	Families with Children
System Coordination	19	0
TOTAL	19	0



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Active Shelter Households Receiving Diversion Support

Diversion Program	Single Adults (Ages 18+)	Families with Children
SDHC Diversion	3	0
Catholic Charities Diversion	10	0
Shelter Provider Diversion *RTFH Funded	7	0
TOTAL	20	0

Active Shelter Households Receiving System Coordination Support

SDHC System Coordination	Single Adults (Ages 18+)	Families with Children
Shelter Households Currently Enrolled in Permanent Housing Resources	49	3
Shelter Households with a Pending Referral to Coordinated Entry System Resources	54	3
TOTAL	103	6



Chamber of Commerce Legislative Visit to Sacramento

- Moderated a panel discussion with Assemblymembers Chris Ward and Tasha Boerner.
 - Housing
 - Homelessness
 - State and local funding
- Met with Assemblymember Darshana Patel.
- Engaged in discussions with local business leaders.
 - Rising cost of living and housing challenges in the San Diego region
 - Collaborative solutions to increase affordable housing, support workforce stability, and reduce homelessness
 - Regional policy initiatives, public-private partnerships, and investment strategies to improve housing accessibility for residents



Inclement Weather Shelter Program

Activations

Fiscal Year (FY)	Number of Activations
FY 2022	19
FY 2023	79
FY 2024	53
FY 2025*	36

**Activations November 1, 2024 – February 5, 2025. Projecting 52 activations this season.*

Reasons for Activations

Fiscal Year (FY)	Temperature $\leq 50^{\circ}$ and Chance of rain $\geq 40\%$	Temperature $\leq 45^{\circ}$	Exceptional Weather Condition	Total
FY 2023	38%	55%	7%	100%
FY 2024	50%	33%	17%	100%
FY 2025*	9%	91%	0%	100%

**Activations November 1, 2024 – February 5, 2025.*



Inclement Weather Shelter Program

Beds

Maximum Number of Beds per Night November 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025	
Father Joe's Villages	123 for adults
Father Joe's Villages	11 for families with children
Living Water Church of the Nazarene	28 for adults
TOTAL	162 beds

Average Utilization Rate

Fiscal Year (FY)	Number of Activations
FY 2023	66%
FY 2024	63%
FY 2025*	69%

**Activations November 1, 2024 – February 5, 2025.*



Flood Recovery Program for Displaced Families



\$5,424,616
Total Assistance Payments
Phases 1 and 2
As of January 29, 2025



424
Total Families Assisted
Phases 1 and 2
As of January 29, 2025



\$5,424,616
Total
Payments Issued

Payment Type	Amount of Assistance
Housing Assistance Payments	\$1,441,720
Lump Sum Assistance Payments (Phase 1)	\$2,561,902
Hotel Expenses	\$420,823
Moving Costs	\$63,204
Landlord Leasing Incentives	\$189,000
Security Deposit	\$142,967
Lump Sum Assistance Payments (Phase 2)	\$605,000
TOTAL	\$5,424,616

Projected rental assistance obligations through March 2025: \$17,433



Pause on Federal Grant Funding

- January 28, 2025: Federal Office of Management and Budget memo paused federal grants and loans for a variety of programs nationwide.
 - The memo has been rescinded, but uncertainty remains.
- SDHC's focus: Making sure payments are made for rental assistance families that rely on SDHC.
 - SDHC spends approximately \$28 million per month on rental assistance programs.
 - SDHC was advised the freeze on federal funding did not apply to programs providing direct benefits, including rental assistance, or payments required by law.
 - SDHC needs to ensure it has the financial resources to make rental assistance payments for at least four to six weeks when unexpected disruptions occur.
- Aggressive federal actions demonstrate the critical importance of ensuring SDHC can continue to provide rental assistance payments for families with low income.
- National affordable housing groups responded, advocated and informed member organizations, including SDHC.
- Advocacy efforts continue, including letter to San Diego's congressional delegation.





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