Homeless Services Update
City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services
City Council Study Session
June 28, 2022

OVERVIEW

• NCS Staffing
• Encampment Removals
• Inclement Weather
• City 5-Year Homelessness Strategy
• Outreach
• Shelter Progress
NCS PROGRAM STAFFING

• Homeless Strategy Systems and Services Manager
  • Systems Analyst
• Homeless Engagement Alternatives Liaisons (HEAL)
  • HEAL Manager
  • Outreach staff

PUBLIC PROPERTY ENCAMPMENT REMOVALS

• Authorization based on:
  • Emergent public health and safety impacts
    • Size of encampment or type of activity
  • Unmanageable environmental impacts
  • Planned public work needs
• City has initiated 11 removals from public property since January 2022 (City and State property)
PRIVATE PROPERTY ENCAMPMENT ABATEMENT PILOT PROGRAM

- Council authorization for funding and program launch in December 2021
- Provides support for trespass and removal of debris
- Performed 11 private property encampment abatements since launch

INCLEMENT WEATHER

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<td>32 Degrees or 35 degrees with rain/wind</td>
<td>85 Degrees</td>
<td>Above 101- Unhealthy for sensitive groups</td>
<td>Supplies provided or Reimbursement depending on Need and Shelter Type; Heat events – Water for distribution; Air events – masks for distribution</td>
<td>Existing Shelters overflow during Inclement Weather; additional Warming Centers during cold weather</td>
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<td>Above 151- Unhealthy</td>
<td>90 or Higher- Use existing Day Center/Shelters, open Cooling Centers; Above 151- Use Existing Day Center/Shelters add Air Quality Center</td>
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HOMELSS STRATEGY

Housing
• Provide rental assistance and early intervention
• Leverage all available financial resources
• Implement policy
• Increase affordable units

Shelter and Service Access
• Increase understanding of need
• Understand daily shelter capacity
• Diversify provider pool and shelter options
• Expand outreach services
• Expand day services

Approach is aligned with Pierce County Comprehensive Plan

SHELTER STATUS

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<td><strong>Total beds</strong></td>
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SHELTER AND OUTREACH

• Connecting Shelter and Outreach
• Diversifying providers and types of available shelter
• Shelter supporting outreach

OUTREACH SYSTEM

• Increasing outreach presence, supportive services, and resources
• Diversifying outreach services and providers
• Adapting resource options for diverse needs
• Continuing to strengthen partnerships
• Creating a system for outreach response
SHELTER WORK UNDERWAY

- Brotherhood RISE 2135 MLK Jr Way
  - Capacity 35 adults
  - Anticipated Opening in July 2022
- Tacoma Rescue Mission 35th and Pacific
  - Capacity 50 adults
  - Anticipated Opening in August 2022
- Total anticipated capacity
  - Increased by 85
- Total available shelter
  - Capacity 1,225
- Response since 2017 declaration of emergency:
  - Increased by 577

SOUTH 35TH AND PACIFIC
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• Emergency Shelter:
  • Mitigation Site Shelter
  • Serves 50 individuals at a time
  • Case Manager and Employment Opportunities Available
  • Hygiene Services
  • Cedar Fencing and Vegetation
  • Community Outreach will begin week of June 27th
  • Operational as early as August 2022

NEXT STEPS

• Continued Community and Partners Dialogue
• Finalizing Strategy Document
• Continued Partnership with Pierce County’s Comprehensive Plan
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