



## What Each Local Government is Spending on Homelessness

Overall, few local tax dollars are used for homelessness. The majority of projects are funded through state and federal programs directed at housing and homelessness, such as HUD's Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program, or Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. In addition to these funds, housing trust fund dollars, redevelopment agency funds (20% tax increment set-aside), taxes from a downtown maintenance assessment district and general city funds are currently used for homeless programs by the City of San Diego. Other jurisdictions at times will also draw on general city funds for some homeless programs.

The per capita analysis determines the ratio of homeless funds allocated to each local jurisdiction's estimated population base. The purpose is to adjust for a jurisdiction's population when comparing with other jurisdictions' homeless budgets.

This ratio was obtained by dividing the jurisdiction's estimated general population (not homeless) by the budgeted dollars for homeless programs and services. Population estimates for each year were obtained from the California Department of Finance Demographic Research Unit.

This analysis only includes funds for homeless programs; it does not include funds for cash assistance.

The **County of San Diego**, with ultimate legal responsibility for the health and welfare of its residents, spends 67.2 percent of program funds administered locally for homeless services in the region. This is the largest per capita funding, at \$10.79 per resident. The majority of the County's homeless program expenditures are for mental health services, substance abuse services, transitional shelters, and health services.

The **City of San Diego**, with 51 percent of the county's general population is administering more than \$7 million for homeless programs this year. This is 15 percent of the funds spent by all jurisdictions for homelessness and represents a ratio of dollars to population, at \$5.62 per resident.

This year 14 of the 18 local cities are responding to homelessness: San Diego (whose programs are described on *page 34*), Carlsbad, Chula Vista, Del Mar, El Cajon, Encinitas, Escondido, La Mesa, National City, Oceanside, Poway, San Marcos, Santee, and Vista. *(A listing of all programs funded by each individual City (except San Diego) is included in Appendix B).*

The following discussion uses funding percentages from page 28 which are all funds for programs and cash assistance by local jurisdiction except the City and County of San Diego.

**Carlsbad** has budgeted \$532,246 for homeless services, this is 20.6 percent of funds spent by local jurisdictions. This covers a variety of services and shelters including permanent supportive housing programs. Funds benefit urban homeless persons as well as homeless farm workers and day laborers. They also assist families with children and victims of domestic violence.

**Chula Vista** is allocating \$183,872 for homeless services. With 8.2 percent of the County's' population this works out to be \$0.88 per capita which is a decrease from last year.

**Del Mar** is spending \$27,500 on homelessness, which is 1.1 percent of the overall funds. The per capita (\$6.03) is the third highest in the County as their population is 0.2 percent of the total. They are also a nonentitlement city and part of the Urban County CDBG allocation.

**El Cajon** is contributing \$68,000 or 2.8 percent of the funds spent by the local jurisdictions. They continue to assist East County with winter shelter vouchers and other emergency services.

**Encinitas** is allocating \$38,500 with 2.5 percent of the County's population this works out to be \$0.62 per capita.

**Escondido** is addressing homelessness this year with a budget of \$956,931. This is 37.1 percent, the highest of all funds spent by the local jurisdictions. With only 5.5 percent of the population this works out to be \$6.81 per resident. The city offers a wide spectrum of homeless programs, including assistance to victims of domestic violence and families with children. They also support health services and food programs offered to the general homeless population.

**La Mesa** has budgeted \$10,368 with 2.2 percent of the County's population this is \$0.19 per capita.

**National City** is allocating funds in the amount of \$58,000 for homelessness this year, this is 2.2 percent of funds spent by local jurisdictions. With 2.2 percent of the population, this works out to be \$1.02 per resident.

**Oceanside** has budgeted \$524,803 for a wide variety of facilities and services. This is 20.3 percent of all funds spent by local jurisdictions except the City and County of San Diego and ranks third among the cities. With almost seven percent of the county's population their per capita amount is at \$3.03. Shelter programs include emergency, transitional and permanent supportive

housing. Other services include support for women with children, youth on their own, families, those who suffer from mental illness, and victims of domestic violence.

**Poway** has allocated \$70,710 for assistance to homeless persons. The per capita spent (\$1.40) ranks seventh among the cities. This is a significant amount considering that they are also a nonentitlement city and part of the Urban County CDBG allocation.

**San Marcos** has granted \$11,651 to homeless services this year. This is their fifth direct allocation to homeless assistance that has been reported in this study. This represents 0.5 percent of funds spent by local jurisdictions.

**Santee** has budgeted \$6,500 with 2.1 percent of the County's population this is \$0.12 per capita.

**Vista** is addressing homelessness this year with \$93,500. This ranks fourth among the local cities. The allocation has been granted to supportive services, transitional shelter for families and a winter shelter program. With 3.7 percent of the population this works out to be \$0.99 per resident.