



## How the County of San Diego is Assisting with Homelessness

The County of San Diego is administering more than \$32.5 million in program funds and \$6 million in cash assistance for homelessness this year. This is 79.7 percent of all homeless funds and 67.2 percent of homeless program funds in the region (*see pages 7 and 29*). The County programs and the County cash assistance (*page 41*) section both experienced an increase in funding allocation. Much of the County programs increase is in health services and transitional shelter funding.

The County permanent supportive housing allocation, which in the past was reported in the cash assistance section, is now reported in the programs section. A portion of these permanent supportive housing funds are from the shelter plus care program. This program provides Section 8 vouchers, which are connected to homeless service agencies that provide case management and supportive services. Since the funds are connected to programs with services it is consistent with other reporting to now report them in the programs section. All of these funds are allocated by The County of San Diego, Department of Housing and Community Development.

The County of San Diego, Department of Housing and Community Development administers approximately \$5.2 million in funds for homeless shelters and permanent supportive housing. Supportive services are contracted through local homeless service providers and the County Health and Human Services Agency.

Most of the County homeless expenditures continue to be for mental health services, substance abuse services, health services, and transitional shelters.

A majority of the County effort is directed to behavior: 36.7 percent of the funds target those who are severely mentally ill, and 21.5 percent is directed to substance abuse services.

The County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency administers over \$25 million in funds for mental health, alcohol and drug, and medical services for the homeless.

Mental health services include homeless outreach teams, crisis residential treatment, semi-supervised living, socialization services, outpatient treatment, and emergency shelters. The homeless outreach teams provide crisis intervention, counseling, and outreach in five regions.

Almost all substance abuse services are delivered through private service provider contracting agencies. These include detoxification, outpatient recovery, day treatment, and longer-term residential recovery programs.

Funding levels from the State are uncertain at the time of this report. However, considering the recent cuts from State funding sources it is reasonable to assume that additional cuts will be made. The majority of these cuts are expected to affect health services, mental health services and substance abuse services.

Nearly all of the County funds for homelessness are derived from federal and state funds. Less than two percent of the County's budget for homeless programs is derived directly from local tax dollars.