



Homeless Encampment Assistance Pilot Program

The Homeless Encampment Assistance Pilot Program (Pilot Program) employs a multi-disciplinary team focused on a compassionate approach to address the health, safety, and shelter needs of persons living in encampments and to ease impacts to surrounding communities. The team is comprised of representatives from various City departments and Catholic Charities' Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST). The City maintains a list of encampments which are prioritized based on the following criteria: the number of individuals estimated at the site and an assessment of their vulnerability due to living outdoors, associated health, safety, and fire risks, and property ownership.

To date, the Pilot Program has resolved encampments at the Farmers Lane Extension, 101 underpasses and Doyle Community Park, resulting in approximately 55% to 70% of occupants accepting services, shelter, and housing. The Pilot Program also provided advisory assistance to the County of Sonoma's resolution of encampments at Roseland Village and Joe Rodota Trail.

The Pilot Program will continue at the Corporate Center Parkway encampment over the next few weeks with a target resolution date of mid-September, as follows:

- Intensive, proactive, and coordinated outreach and engagement with occupants by HOST, including continued engagement following resolution of the encampment
- Relocation of occupants through a comprehensive services plan to include shelter options at the housing-focused Samuel L. Jones Homeless Shelter, enrollment in Coordinated Entry for access to community-wide programs, and resources to reconnect with family and support networks or for placement into permanent or temporary housing, including RV parks or campgrounds
- Weekly cleanups of the area to mitigate public health and safety concerns
- On-going enforcement to address criminal activity, removal of unregistered vehicles and RVs, illegal dumping, and tent camping in the roadway
- On-going management of the area following relocation of the individuals and resolution of the encampment to discourage reoccupation. Enforcement will be coordinated with outreach to connect those returning to the area in need of services

HOST, operated by Catholic Charities and funded by the City, is a street outreach team that actively works to engage persons experiencing homelessness into services and housing in collaboration with the Police Department and other service providers. For more information: srcity.org/HOST; referrals: 855-707-4678 (HOST) or email: HOST@srcharities.org.

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