



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Countywide plan for homelessness prevention

August 2025

System goals and key objectives

GOAL 1

Strengthen and grow the capacity of the prevention system

Test and refine targeting approaches to effectively and equitably prioritize support services and financial assistance for residents at greatest risk for homelessness.

Reduce resident “runaround” through aligned eligibility criteria, streamlined referrals, and coordinated service delivery across all agencies and programs.



GOAL 2

Build housing stability among low-income renter households at imminent risk for eviction

Sustain/expand emergency rent assistance availability for low-income households facing eviction for nonpayment of rent.

Address underlying barriers to tenant appearance rates at housing court, with a focus on disproportionately impacted cultural groups and communities.



GOAL 3

Foster short- and long-term housing stability for households residing in unstable, temporary housing situations

Develop and target outreach strategies to identify and engage households in unstable, temporary housing.

Sustain/expand coverage of support services and financial assistance for residents in precarious housing to include all zip codes and subpopulations countywide.



GOAL 4

Promote housing stability for people involved in and exiting justice and human service systems

Integrate and expand housing-focused discharge planning in partnership with justice and human service systems, with a priority on programs and institutional settings from which residents exit to homelessness at the highest volume and rate.

Implement a flexible financial assistance fund to support stable housing access for residents exiting systems.





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