



# County of Orange Investments to Address Homelessness

## Building a System of Care

April 2, 2019

### Shelters/Housing Options and Supportive Services

#### Armories Cold Weather Shelter in Fullerton and Santa Ana

- FY 2018-2019 Season
  - Santa Ana Armory opened on December 3, 2018.
  - Fullerton Armory opened on December 17, 2018, after receiving a letter from the City of Fullerton requesting the activation of the Fullerton Armory for the FY 2018-2019 season.
- Board of Supervisors approved a one-time advance of \$350,000 on December 4, 2018, to cover unanticipated start-up costs and operational needs associated with the operation of the Fullerton location.
- Board of Supervisors approved \$496,056 in funding to support the ongoing operations of the Armories Cold Weather Shelter through the end of the FY2018-2019 season on February 26, 2019.

#### Anita Drive Building in Orange for Behavioral Health Services Campus

- On February 2018, the Board of Supervisors approved the acquisition and related cost of renovations/remodeling
  - Purchase price (including escrow charges) – \$7,822,338
  - Estimated relocation of current tenants – \$1,270,000
  - Estimated renovation/remodeling – \$16,896,959
- The Board of Supervisors approved the distribution of \$16,600,000 to Mind OC on January 24, 2019, for the design and construction of the Be Well OC Behavioral Health Services campus at Anita Drive.
- The behavioral health campus will deliver the following services at a single site, resulting in improved outcomes due to better integrated services and community relations:
  - Wellness and social services,
  - Crisis stabilization units,
  - Substance use disorder intake and referral,
  - Withdrawal management,
  - Crisis residential, and
  - Substance use disorder and co-occurring residential treatment.

#### Health Care Agency Full Service Partnership for Individuals Experiencing Homelessness or At-Risk of Homelessness

- On February 26, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved \$2,134,384 in funding for General Population Full Service Partnership Services for the Central Service Planning Area Region for services to severely and persistently mentally ill adults, age 18 to 59 years, who may be experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Orange County.
- The funding comes from Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment (HMIOT) funding opportunity through Senate Bill 840 to serve individuals with serious mental illness who are also experiencing homelessness or at immediate risk of becoming homeless.
- With the additional HMIOT funds, it is anticipated that there will be an increased number of successful linkages to appropriate mental health treatment, increased number of members engaged in treatment and increased number of successful assessments for housing opportunities.

#### Commission to End Homelessness

- The Commission to End Homelessness serves as a collaboration of the County government, cities, philanthropic sector, business sector, community and faith-based organizations, and other key stakeholders to focus on regional policy and implementation strategies, affordable housing development, data and gaps analysis, best practice

research, social policy, and systemic change to promote an effective response to homelessness within Orange County.

- The Commission meets every other month, on the odd months of the year at the Orange County Transportation Authority Board Room – 550 S. Main St., Orange CA.

#### **2019 Point In Time Count – Change in Methodology and Increased Accuracy**

- The Board of Supervisors approved funding on August 28, 2018.
- The 2019 Sheltered Point In Time Count took place the night of Tuesday, January 22, 2019
- The 2019 Unsheltered Point In Time Count took place over two days on Wednesday, January 23 and Thursday, January 24, 2019.
- Change in methodology to a more comprehensive count process with enhanced data collection. Homeless individuals encountered were surveyed with Survey 123, a smart phone application, to collect demographics, subpopulation information, answer to local questions and ArcGIS geographic location.
- Data collection created a unique identifier that allows for deduplication of the individuals encountered and counted multiple times.
- The County will release the result of the 2019 Point In Time count prior to submitting results to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on April 30, 2019.

#### **Purchase of Yale Street Property in Santa Ana for Courtyard Transitional Center Relocation**

- The Board of Supervisors approved the purchase of an industrial building for \$12,250,000 on November 20, 2018.
- The 2.85 acre property at 2229 South Yale St., Santa Ana, is located among other industrial buildings and includes a 62,000-square foot building with high ceilinged industrial space and first floor and mezzanine office space.
- The County and City of Santa Ana worked to identify the property to achieve the mutual goal of relocating the Courtyard Transitional Center to a more appropriate location.

#### **Chrysalis Center – Employment Services for Homeless Population**

- The Board of Supervisors approved the contract on October 16, 2018.
- The program provides client outreach and engagement, job readiness and barrier removal services, job search assistance and support, transitional employment opportunities and job retention support to the County's homeless population and help assist in the ongoing regional coordination of resources.
- Quarter 1 (11/17/2018 to 1/31/2019) Reported
  - 95 clients served by Chrysalis
  - 15 clients securing employment in construction, food service, retail and warehouse work
  - Chrysalis connected with over 70 nonprofit and public sector partners to inform them on their services

#### **Landlord Incentive Program to Reduce Barriers to Housing**

- The Board of Supervisors approved funding November 6, 2018, to help develop a program that engages private market landlord and facilitates permanent housing placements for households holding Orange County Housing Authority rental/housing vouchers. Funding will go toward payments that reduce barriers to housing, including:
  - credit report and application fees,
  - security deposit for rent and utility assistance,
  - minor improvements or repairs, and
  - unit holding fees and other landlord incentives.

#### **Restaurant Means Program Expansion**

- The Board of Supervisors approved expanding the Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) countywide on November 20, 2018, following a successful pilot in Anaheim and Santa Ana.

- RMP is an optional program that enables elder, disabled and homeless CalFresh recipients to buy meals at participating restaurants using their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) cards to increase food access for those who do not have a place to store or cool food, may not be able to prepare food, or lack access to a grocery store.
- Of the roughly 30,000 RMP eligible participants, 53% are elderly, 40% are homeless and 7% are disabled.

## Permanent Housing Development and Funding

### Housing Funding Strategy

- Board of Supervisors approved the strategy on June 12, 2018.
- Identifies the overarching goal of producing 2,700 units of supportive housing and provides recommendations on the types of units needed.
- Outlines the regional efforts, provides an overview of supportive housing including housing needs and goals, reviews existing supportive housing resources and summarizes potential opportunities and challenges.

### Orange County Housing Finance Trust

- Assembly Bill (AB) 448, co-sponsored by the Board of Supervisors, was signed into law on September 11, 2018.
- The Board of Supervisors approved the Orange County Housing Finance Trust Joint Powers Authority Agreement and received the draft bylaws to facilitate the establishment of the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT) on March 12, 2019.
- The OCHFT will provide and receive funds for housing for the homeless populations and persons and families of extremely low, very low and low income within Orange County.
- The OCHFT will allow the 34 cities and the County to collaborate towards the development of affordable and supportive housing – rather than compete for State funding.

## Grants and Funding

### State Funding – California Emergency Solution Housing (CESH) Program Round 1 - \$1,948,684

- Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) named the County of Orange the Administrative Entity on August 22, 2018.
- The Board of Supervisors authorized the County to apply for the funding on September 25, 2018, with the County submitting the application on October 15, 2018.
- OC Community Resources released a Request for Proposals for CESH funding on February 19, 2019 and submissions were due March 20, 2019.
- Recommendations are expected to be brought to the Board of Supervisors on July 2019.

### State Funding – California Emergency Solution Housing (CESH) Program Round 2 - \$1,116,463

- California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is announced the availability of approximately \$29 million in additional funding.
- Any funds not distributed after the second round of awards shall revert to HCD to be used for the Multifamily Housing Program.
- Orange County Continuum of Care (CoC) named the County of Orange the Administrative Entity on March 27, 2019.
- The Board of Supervisors to authorize the County to apply for the funding and issue a Request for Proposals for sub recipient selection at the April 9, 2019 meeting.
- Applications are due May 6, 2019. Award announcements are expected in July 2019.

### State Funding – Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) - \$15,568,715

- Orange County Continuum of Care named the County of Orange the Administrative Entity on August 22, 2018.
- The Board of Supervisors authorized the County to apply for the funding on September 25, 2018 and the County is submitted the application in November 2018.

- The County in partnership with the Orange County Continuum of Care conducted a request for proposals and made the following funding recommendations in the total amount of \$15,568,715 that the Board adopted on November 20, 2019.

<b>North Service Planning Area</b>	
City of Placentia \$5,650,000	A capital improvement project to create 80 to 100 emergency shelter beds and serve the entire North Service Planning Area
City of Buena Park \$6,412,300	A capital improvement project to create 150 to 200 emergency shelter beds and serve the entire North Service Planning Area
<b>Central Service Planning Area</b>	
City Net \$350,000	An emergency service project to provide street outreach to the entire Central Service Planning Area
<b>South Service Planning Area</b>	
City of Laguna Beach \$909,000	A capital improvement and emergency services project to renovate and rehabilitate the existing Alternative Sleeping Location facility and expand operations to 24 hours/7days a week with a drop-in day center program
Mercy House \$638,980	An emergency services project to provide street outreach to the entire South Service Planning Area
Family Assistance Ministries \$30,000	An emergency services project to conduct a homeward bound program to reconnect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to reunify with their support systems outside of the jurisdiction.
<b>Countywide – Family Focus</b>	
Families Forward \$500,000	An emergency services and rental assistance program to provide financial assistance, rental assistance and flexible housing funds to families at-risk of homelessness or experiencing homelessness
<b>Youth Specific Programming</b>	
\$778,435	OC Community Resources will award the youth-specific programming through a separate process, currently underway.
<b>Administrative Costs</b>	
OC Community Resources \$300,000	Funding to carry out the functions of the Administrative Entity and HEAP funding implementation
<b>Total</b>	
\$15,568,715	