





Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

City Council Study Session
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OVERVIEW

- NCS Staffing
- Encampment Removals
- Inclement Weather
- City 5-Year Homelessness Strategy
- Outreach
- Shelter Progress

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NCS PROGRAM STAFFING



- Homeless Strategy Systems and Services Manager
 - Systems Analyst
- Homeless Engagement Alternatives Liaisons (HEAL)
 - HEAL Manager
 - Outreach staff


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PUBLIC PROPERTY ENCAMPMENT REMOVALS



- Authorization based on:
 - Emergent public health and safety impacts
 - Size of encampment or type of activity
 - Unmanageable environmental impacts
 - Planned public work needs
- City has initiated 11 removals from public property since January 2022 (City and State property)



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PRIVATE PROPERTY ENCAMPMENT ABATEMENT PILOT PROGRAM






- Council authorization for funding and program launch in December 2021
- Provides support for trespass and removal of debris
- Performed 11 private property encampment abatements since launch

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INCLEMENT WEATHER



	Cold Weather	Hot Weather	Air Quality Advisories	Supplies	Shelter
Tier 1	32 Degrees or 35 degrees with rain/wind	85 Degrees	Above 101- Unhealthy for sensitive groups	Supplies provided or Reimbursement depending on Need and Shelter Type; Heat events – Water for distribution; Air events – masks for distribution	Existing Shelters overflow during Inclement Weather; additional Warming Centers during cold weather
Tier 2	-	90 Degrees	Above 151- Unhealthy		90 or Higher- Use existing Day Center/Shelters, open Cooling Centers.; Above 151- Use Existing Day Center/Shelters add Air Quality Center

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HOMELESS STRATEGY

Housing

- Provide rental assistance and early intervention
- Leverage all available financial resources
- Implement policy
- Increase affordable units


Shelter and Service Access

- Increase understanding of need
- Understand daily shelter capacity
- Diversify provider pool and shelter options
- Expand outreach services
- Expand day services

Approach is aligned with Pierce County Comprehensive Plan

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SHELTER STATUS


SHELTER TYPE	SHELTER	NUMBER OF BEDS/UNITS
Temporary	Bethlehem Baptist Church	40
Temporary	Alzheimer Memorial Church	32
Temporary	Shiloh Baptist Church	40
Emergency	Stability Site	100/58
Emergency	Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #3 (TEMS)	60/40
Emergency	FOB Hope	35/25
Emergency	Tacoma Emergency Micro-Shelter Site #4 (TEMS)	85/66
Emergency	Aspen Court	100
Permanent	Nativity House	167
Permanent	The Rescue Mission Adams Street Family Shelter	100
Permanent	The Rescue Mission Adults Shelters	179
Permanent	The Salvation Army	76
Permanent	Beacon Young Adult Shelter	40
Permanent	Youth Crisis Residential Center	12
Permanent	YWCA Domestic Violence Shelter	56
Permanent	Korean Women's Association Domestic Violence Shelter	18
Total beds		1140

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SHELTER AND OUTREACH




- Connecting Shelter and Outreach
- Diversifying providers and types of available shelter
- Shelter supporting outreach

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OUTREACH SYSTEM




- Increasing outreach presence, supportive services, and resources
- Diversifying outreach services and providers
- Adapting resource options for diverse needs
- Continuing to strengthen partnerships
- Creating a system for outreach response

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SHELTER WORK UNDERWAY



- Brotherhood RISE 2135 MLK Jr Way
 - Capacity 35 adults
 - Anticipated Opening in July 2022
- Tacoma Rescue Mission 35th and Pacific
 - Capacity 50 adults
 - Anticipated Opening in August 2022
- Total anticipated capacity
 - Increased by 85
- Total available shelter
 - Capacity 1,225
- Response since 2017 declaration of emergency:
 - Increased by 577

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SOUTH 35TH AND PACIFIC



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SOUTH 35TH AND PACIFIC

- Emergency Shelter:
 - Mitigation Site Shelter
 - Serves 50 individuals at a time
 - Case Manager and Employment Opportunities Available
 - Hygiene Services
 - Cedar Fencing and Vegetation
 - Community Outreach will begin week of June 27th
 - Operational as early as August 2022

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NEXT STEPS

- Continued Community and Partners Dialogue
- Finalizing Strategy Document
- Continued Partnership with Pierce County's Comprehensive Plan

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