

City of Emeryville Homeless Strategy

1. Prevent at-risk persons from becoming homeless or returning to homelessness
 - Provide information regarding homeless prevention efforts on the City's website, in City offices and at City sponsored events.
 - Support efforts to fund rapid re-housing efforts including ongoing funding from the Alameda County "Boomerang Funds"
 - Continue to work with EUSD staff when families are at risk of homelessness or are who are experiencing homelessness
 - Provide financial management and independent living resources and training to low-income households
2. Remove barriers to accessing homeless services
 - Provide transportation services to people experiencing homelessness who have reduced capacity to access services
 - Improve security of possessions of people experiencing homelessness while they are seeking services.
 - Provide services to people experiencing homelessness in a shared or consolidated space to improve efficiency
 - Coordinate referrals by providing intake and service needs assessment for people experiencing homelessness regardless of specific provider
 - Provide street outreach to, and engagement of, people experiencing homelessness and provide information about available resources
 - Provide case management from the point of engagement and continue while permanent housing is retained
 - Reduce violence against people experiencing homelessness and provide a safe way to access services
 - Provide the ability for people experiencing homelessness to meet basic human needs such as food security, medical services and sanitation - including restroom facilities
 - Support coordinated homeless needs assessment tools
3. Participate in regional strategies for preventing and reducing homelessness
 - Work with Alameda County Housing and Community Development, Behavioral Health and Public Health to reduce homelessness through the provision of mental health, medical and social services
 - Work with Alameda County to provide housing services to the chronically homeless and medically fragile.
 - Work with the Cities of Albany, Berkeley, and Oakland to coordinate and fund outreach, shelter, re-housing and case management services.
 - Support the formation of Homeless Crisis Centers
4. Provide Housing Services
 - Provide funding for permanent supportive housing
 - Include the provision of permanent supportive housing in future Requests for Qualification for affordable housing developments
 - Identify sites and funding sources for extremely low income housing
 - Work with residential management companies to remove institutional housing access barriers including denial of applications for housing due to arrest records, credit issues and substance abuse