

CITY OF WOODLAND

Homeless Action Plan

Description	Proposed Actions
H1 – <u>Housing First Model</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore funding opportunities to increase the supply of permanent supportive housing (PSH) for homeless families and individuals. • Work with Yolo County Homeless Coordinator to apply for Partnership HealthPlan of California’s Innovation Grants on Housing RFP to fund predevelopment costs of PSH project. • Continue to support developments gap loans and other assistance that increase the supply of affordable housing units
H2 – <u>Affordable Housing</u>	
H3 – <u>Federal Continuum of Care</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to apply for grants through the Federal Continuum of Care program in partnership with Fourth & Hope to support permanent housing projects for homeless families and individuals. • Apply for renewals of Consolidated PSH, Relocation PSH, Bonus Project PSH on an annual basis.

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S1 – <u>Housing First Model</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explore funding opportunities to purchase 1 to 2 residential properties for the City’s Housing First Pilot Project. • Work with Yolo County Homeless Coordinator to apply for Partnership HealthPlan of California’s Innovation Grants on Housing RFP to fund the purchase of 1 to 2 residential properties. • Apply for grant funds through Sutter Getting to Zero to support the operation of the City’s Housing First Pilot Project. • Explore funding opportunities to increase the supply of temporary shelter for singles and couples in a village-type, tiny homes setting with services component. • Work with Yolo County Homeless Coordinator to apply for Partnership HealthPlan of California’s Innovation Grants on Housing RFP to fund predevelopment costs of temporary shelter for singles and couples.
S2 – <u>Tiny Homes</u>	
S3 – <u>Shelter Capacity</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to support the operations of Fourth & Hope’s emergency shelter through the Community Development Block Grant program. • Expand capacity of Fourth & Hope shelter Allocate funding (public services component) through the CDBG Annual Action Plan. • Explore options for assisting Fourth & Hope with the financial sustainability of the emergency shelter • Consider funding a capital project for the shelter in FY 2018/19 CDBG Action Plan • Identify suitable site(s) for pilot daytime shelter • Evaluate means to improve coordination with Yolo County Homeless Coordinator • Consider designating specific areas where homeless are encouraged to live / sleep; ground rules; • Provide/connect the homeless with basic life skills training, job training and employment opportunities.
S4 – <u>Daytime Shelter / Service “Club”</u>	
S5 – <u>County Homeless Coordination</u>	
S6 – <u>Designated “camping” zone(s)</u>	
S7 – <u>Life Skills / Job Training</u>	

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<p>M1 – <u>Outreach / Visibility</u> Enhance outreach and police visibility to better coordinate the City’s approach for addressing homeless encampments and other homeless-related issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish a HOST team (Homeless Outreach Street Team) to include representatives from City departments, staff from mental health agencies, and other partners. • Proactive approach to addressing “hot spots” and chronic issues/concerns • Consider hiring / assigning position of City Homeless Outreach Coordinator
<p>M2 – <u>Influx of homeless</u> Assist “stranded” homeless who want to return to their areas of origin in order to reconnect with family and friends support systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Yolo County Jail, Yolo County Probation Office, Dignity Health, Fourth & Hope, and other services providers to ensure clients from other communities are reconnected with their areas of origin. • Explore options for offering travel assistance to other individuals not receiving services in Woodland, provided that family or friends are available to house these individuals when they return.
<p>M2 – <u>Homeless encampments</u> Cleanups generate a significant amount of personal property that must be transported to a storage area and stored until the property can be returned to owners.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide PD, PW and Parks with vehicle(s) to transport personal property and • Purchase a cargo container for storing the property at the City’s Municipal Service Center or other location.
<p>M3 – <u>Trespassing / Private Property</u> Homeless individuals are using unsecured, vacant properties as makeshift residences resulting in health hazards and other problems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise City ordinances to increase penalties for property owners who do not secure vacant properties. • Cite squatters for trespassing / Neighborhood Court / Community service
<p>M4 – <u>Dumpsters</u> Locked dumpsters are being broken into with the contents scattered.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engage with Waste Management, commercial property owners and apartment complex managers on protocols to minimize disruption of regular garbage and recycling pick-up. • Evaluate applicability of ordinances enacted in other communities specific to this issue.
<p>M5 – <u>Aggressive / Inappropriate Behaviors</u> Use of the library as a “de facto” day shelter has undermined the comfort level of library patrons and staff as some of the homeless patrons have brought in large sticks and knives; bathed in the restrooms; brought in luggage; and created other nuisance issues.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot Program to hire a security guard for the library and potentially other City facilities. • Support the establishment of a day shelter to provide a safe place for homeless to gather during the day and access services.
<p>M6 – <u>Illegal Activity / Parks</u> Explore options for monitoring and reducing the increased instances of drug use and nuisance-type issues occurring at Freeman Park.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install POD cameras in selected parks Freeman Park City Park Ferns Park

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<p>M7 – <u>Shopping carts</u> Explore options for reducing the proliferation of grocery store shopping carts at locations distant from grocery stores.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review City’s Shopping Cart ordinance • Collaboration with shopping centers / stores • Review contract services
<p>M8 – <u>Recycling centers</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evaluate number, location and permits for recycling centers to reduce illegal scrap metal activity
<p>M9 – <u>Engage Homeless Population</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish relationships with (selected) homeless individuals / liaisons to assist with needs, self-policing and problem solving • Provide Public Works and Parks field staffs with training on handling sharps through YCPARMIA.
<p>M10 – <u>Sharps / Needles</u> There has been an increase in the number of sharps (drug needles) discarded at City facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security / harden facilities • Maintenance plan – reduce impacts
<p>M11 – <u>Vandalism / Theft</u> Increased instances of irrigation and electrical systems being tapped into at City facilities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security / harden facilities • Maintenance plan – reduce impacts
<p>M12 – <u>Expand Community Partnerships</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish collaborative initiatives with Downtown Businesses, Faith-based community and Neighborhood groups to assist with identifying problem issues / individuals and shared responsibility for response.