

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 10, 2025

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SUBJECT: HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE 2025 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the 2025 Homelessness Task Force Annual Work Plan.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

On November 4, 2024, the Homelessness Task Force reviewed and approved six key categories designed to build an effective System of Care for individuals experiencing homelessness in the City. As part of this process, two categories were renamed to better reflect their scope and objectives:

- Housing to Bridge Housing
- Supportive Services to Crisis Intervention and Prevention

Additionally, a new sixth category, Homeless Prevention Resources, was included to further enhance the City's comprehensive approach to homelessness.

To support the development of the 2025 Homelessness Task Force Annual Work Plan, Task Force members completed a survey to assess services within these six categories. The survey results were incorporated into the Work Plan, ensuring alignment with Task Force preferences.

Staff is requesting that the City Council approve and ratify the Work Plan to solidify the City's commitment to these initiatives.

2025 Homelessness Task Force Annual Work Plan

These six categories are as follows:

	Category	Services
1.	Outreach & Engagement	Street outreach, case management, linkage to permanent supportive housing, linkage to treatment centers, and vital documentation. Also focus on hotspots as they appear or cause concerns for the community.
2.	Shelter	5 beds at CVRM with the option to increase or decrease bed count, renew agreement for next Fiscal Year 25/26, consider and include a transportation services element to the agreement.
3.	Bridge Housing	Continue partnership with CVAG's CV Housing First program and gather refined metrics.
4.	Crisis Intervention and Prevention	Prioritizes strengthened coordination with County Behavioral Health resources, including CBAT and Mobile Crisis Teams, to improve responsiveness to mental health crises.

5.	Community Programs	Focuses on enhancing visibility and access to essential services through an upgraded City website and comprehensive resource directories.
6.	Homeless Prevention Resources	Work with the City's Housing Authority on connecting with the low-income community complexes to provide resources for families who may need assistance.

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and ratify the 2025 Homelessness Task Force Annual Work Plan to ensure continued progress in addressing homelessness. By reinforcing service priorities, strengthening partnerships, and expanding preventive efforts, the City will enhance its System of Care and provide meaningful support to its most vulnerable residents.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Homeless Services Program costs are covered by Opioid Settlement and Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Funding. Therefore, there is no direct impact on the General Fund.