

CITY OF PALM DESERT STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 11, 2025

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SUBJECT: APPROVE THE HOMELESSNESS TASK FORCE 2026 ANNUAL WORK PLAN

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve and reaffirm the existing Work Plan categories for the 2026 Annual Work Plan, effective January 1, 2026.

BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:

The Homelessness Task Force has six (6) established service categories that guide staff on how to focus their efforts on homelessness. On September 11, 2025, staff distributed an online survey to the Task Force members to submit their rankings of the six (6) established service categories. The survey results were incorporated into the final plan, ensuring it reflects Task Force priorities and aligns with past practice.

The survey gathered input on the importance of each category, allowing staff to align service prioritization with Task Force preferences. These six categories, with the associated services, were ranked by the Task Force as follows:

	Category	Existing/New	Services
1.	Outreach & Engagement	Existing	Street outreach, case management, linkage to permanent supportive housing, linkage to treatment centers, and vital documentation. Additionally, focus on hotspots as they emerge or raise concerns for the community.
2.	Shelter	Existing	Reduce shelter capacity from five beds to three. Reduced shelter beds to better align with actual utilization.
3.	Bridge Housing	Existing	Continued partnership with CVAG's Housing First program, subject to Permanent Local Housing Allocation funding allocation.
4.	Crisis Intervention and Prevention	Existing	Prioritizes strengthened coordination with County Behavioral Health resources, including CBAT and Mobile Crisis Teams, to improve responsiveness to mental health crises.
5.	Community Programs	Existing	Focuses on enhancing visibility and access to essential services through an upgraded City website and comprehensive resource directories.
6.	Homeless Prevention Resources	Existing	Collaborate with the City's Housing Authority to connect with low-income community complexes and

			provide resources to families who may need assistance.
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Staff recommends that the City Council approve the 2026 Homeless Task Force Annual Work Plan to support continued progress in addressing homelessness. By reinforcing service priorities and maintaining strong partnerships with regional providers, the City will support a coordinated response to homelessness and provide meaningful support to residents who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.

Homelessness Task Force:

On November 10, 2025, the Homelessness Task Force reviewed and recommended that the City Council approve the proposed Work Plan.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Homeless Services Program costs are covered by Opioid Settlement and Permanent Local Housing Allocation funding. Therefore, there is no impact to the General Fund with this action.