

Homeless In Oakland

Sheltered	Unsheltered (on streets or places not meant for human habitation)	Total Homeless Population
861	3210	4071

- The total number of people experiencing homelessness in Oakland increased 47% between 2017 and 2019
- 79% of people are unsheltered
- 70% of people experiencing homelessness are African American compared to 24% of general population

City of Oakland Community Cabins

<u>Public-Private Partnership:</u> General Fund City of Oakland funds, State of CA funds, Alameda County, Private donations (money and in kind services) Kaiser Foundation, and Caltrans (property).

<u>Goal</u>: Address health and safety issues for housed and unhoused residents, provide a platform to engage participants in intensive services, reduce the impact of encampments on neighborhood

<u>Target Population</u>: Serve people directly from streets/encampments in the area. Surrounding encampments closed over time.

Objectives:

- Increased health and safety
- Connection to mainstream benefits/healthcare system
- Connection to the homeless services system for additional resources
- End the unsheltered status of participants



Community Cabins Programs

- Pilot program began December 2017
 - Seven sites have been opened, 6 operating currently (232 beds)
- Extremely low barrier, interim (6-month) program for 40 individuals at one time.
- 20 framed, roofed, and insulated structures (2 people per unit).
- 24-hour on-site management/security
- Housing Navigation (intensive case management)-
- Portable bathrooms, Mobile showers, Garbage pick-up; Storage
- Low Barrier: Allows partners, pets, and possessions, and privacy
- Flexible housing funds
- served over 700 people: 56% of all exits to date are positive- perm housing or a longerterm program and 41% of total exits were to perm housing.

Lake Merritt Community Cabins

- The LMCC site has 19 cabins and 38 beds (2 per cabin).
- This site serves the unsheltered communities who were living around Lake Merritt.
- The LMCC site is managed by the non-profit Housing Consortium of the East Bay (HCEB)
- 196 individuals have been served by the LMCC program

Community Cabins...

LMCC Outcomes

- 39% of exits were to permanent housing
- 54% of client exits were to either permanent or temporary housing











Covid Considerations

- One cabin is being held open for anyone who needs to be isolated.
- Additional meals are being provided to the site to reduce the need for people to come and go.
- Staff do regular wellness checks / symptom screening of all residents.
- Staff encourage residents to stay on site as much as possible.
- PPE (masks, hand sanitizer) is available on site for all staff and residents.
- Any residents who are symptomatic, exposed, or test positive are immediately referred to one of the County's covid response hotels.

Questions:

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