



Community  
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# 10-MINUTE QUICK HITS

## County of San Bernardino Community Development and Housing Agency

### 2019 Forum on Homelessness

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Riverside, California

## STATE OF HOMELESSNESS LOCALLY

- According to the 2019 Point-In-Time Count (PITC) conducted in San Bernardino County, there were a total of 2,607 homeless individuals counted within a 4 hour time period. 1,920 Unsheltered and 687 Sheltered.
- A comparison of the last two counts, 2018 & 2019, reveals that 489 more persons were counted in 2019, which represents an increase of 23.1%.
- According to the 2019 PITC, 67.5% of all homeless adults and children were counted within six of the twenty-four incorporated cities.
- Locally, the CoC has prioritized the following groups as targeted populations: Veterans, Chronically Homeless, Families, Seniors 62 years of age and older, Unaccompanied Women, and Youth.



## WHAT IS WORKING?

- SBCounty Interagency Council on Homelessness, CoC, adopted a Housing First Approach in dealing with homelessness.
- On July 21, 2015, the San Bernardino County (SBC) Board of Supervisors convened a Special Study Session on homelessness to implement a plan to end veterans' homelessness in the County.
- The Veterans Initiative has been successful in housing 1,171 veterans and resolving homelessness for 1,346 veteran families to-date.
- Over the past 5 years, the CoC Homeless Partnership, resource outreach events have provides services to over 15,000 homeless and at-risk of homelessness households.



## WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES?

- The annual income needed to afford a one bedroom apartment in San Bernardino County is \$37,040, or \$46,240 for a two bedroom.
  - According to the PITC, 92.8% of unsheltered homeless have an income of \$1,000 or less per month.
- Nationally, according to HUD, the average length of time it takes an individual or family to move into permanent housing is 151 days.
  - San Bernardino County: from 104 to 190 days.
  - This is compounded by the lack of available permanent supportive housing throughout the county and funding to add to housing stock.



## WHAT CAN THE REGION OFFER YOU?

- The County of San Bernardino, as a unit of local government, does not have the full resources, infrastructure and will to have a major impact in resolving homelessness for our region.
- The ongoing development of private and public partnerships along with city/county collaboration has made substantive changes and developed new successful interventions to help curtail our local housing crisis.
- These collaborations assist the County to move forward with the San Bernardino County Homeless Partnership in resolving homelessness in our County and creating a vibrant community where all can prosper.



## WHAT CAN YOU OFFER THE REGION?

- The County of San Bernardino is a leader on the issue of homelessness in the largest geographical county in the United States.
- Over the past several years, the County has had tremendous success in reducing chronic homelessness and housing veterans through its aggressive housing initiatives.
- The County has been on the forefront of creating, adopting and adapting ideas to address homelessness such as:
  - Partnering with Inland Empire Health Plan to leverage healthcare resources for the homeless
  - Looking at innovative ways to create new and affordable housing for the homeless
  - Modelling successful Housing Search Programs
  - Adapting new Employment initiatives
  - Partnering with ESRI to improve our targeted mapping for the provision of homeless services

