

City of Tacoma

Neighborhood & Community Services

2015-2019 Human Services Funding Priorities, Service Categories, and Goals

Priority: Meet the Basic Needs of Tacoma Residents (40% Competitive Funding Target)

Service Category: Housing Stabilization

- *Goal:* Prevention of and pathways out of homelessness are available which connect individuals and families with housing and/or supportive services tailored to their unique needs.

Service Category: Food Security

- *Goal:* Residents have access to healthy food and optimal nutrition year-round.

Service Category: Safety

- *Goal:* Interpersonal and intimate violence/abuse is reduced.

Priority: Prepare Children and Youth for Success* (35% Competitive Funding Target)

Service Category: Children, Youth, and Family Development

- *Goal:* Parents/caregivers have the skills to provide quality environments for children and/or have the skills to recognize, intervene in, and reduce the effects of negative childhood experiences and trauma.
- *Goal:* Barriers to academic success are reduced so students graduate with competence and confidence.
- *Goal:* Unaccompanied youth, youth involved in the juvenile justice system, youth experiencing homelessness, and children experiencing exploitation have the safety, resources, and skills to meet their needs.

Service Category: Gang Prevention & Intervention

- *Goal:* Gang prevention, intervention and/or suppression services are available in Tacoma neighborhoods that are disproportionately impacted by gang crime.

*Children and Youth, as defined by this strategic priority includes ages 0 -24

Priority: Increase Employability, Self-determination, and Empowerment for Adults**

(20% Competitive Funding Target)

Service Category: Workforce Development

- *Goal:* Education, training, and individualized employment support services are available that enable all residents, especially historically marginalized populations, to enter and/or progress in the job market.

Service Category: Self-determination & Empowerment

- *Goal:* Opportunities for individuals to build upon their strengths are available so that they can live as independently as possible and have options for positive and meaningful involvement in the community.

****Adults**, as defined by this strategic priority are age 16 and over

Priority: Enhance Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services

Service Category: Jail and Hospital Diversion (20% Competitive Funding Target)

- *Goal:* Expand services providing direct care to individuals leaving hospitals or crisis facilities and/or being released from jail.
- *Goal:* Increase coordinated support for crisis intervention systems through community-based care for individuals.
- *Goal:* Increase housing inventory for programs diverting individuals from jail and/or engaged in the client discharge process from hospitals and crisis facilities or released from jail.

Service Category: Programs Targeted to Help Youth* (35% Competitive Funding Target)

- *Goal:* Increase support for Tacoma Public Schools' elementary students struggling with mental health and/or substance use disorders.
- *Goal:* Expand prevention and early intervention for youth struggling with mental health and/or substance use disorders.
- *Goal:* Support innovative programming designed to strengthen the family unit where youth are identified to have a mental health and/or substance use disorder.

Service Category: Community-based Care (20% Competitive Funding Target)

- *Goal:* Programs focus on addressing the unmet needs of at risk/vulnerable populations struggling with mental health and/or substance use disorders.
- *Goal:* Meet the needs of Tacoma citizens struggling with co-occurring disorders (mental illness and substance use) and/or dually diagnosed (co-occurring intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and a mental illness).
- *Goal:* A reduction of the mental health impacts resulting from interpersonal and intimate violence/abuse.

Service Category: Reduce Chronic Homelessness (25% Competitive Funding Target)

- *Goal:* Support innovative programming designed to reduce the impacts of chronic homelessness for Tacoma businesses.
- *Goal:* Support innovative approaches that reach out to and engage chronically homeless individuals.
- *Goal:* Support innovative programming designed to ensure chronically homeless individuals, once housed, remain housed.

* **Youth** is defined within this priority as ages 0-24 years