



City of Tacoma
City-Funded Homelessness Programs
Use of Mental Health Sales Tax Revenue

Community Vitality and Safety Committee
 April 25, 2019



Contracted Services to Address Homelessness



2019-20 Contracted Amounts

	Community Development Block Grant	Emergency Solutions Grant	General Fund	Mental Health Substance Use Disorder	TOTAL
Homeless Services	\$120,542	\$0	\$158,398	\$1,733,908	\$2,012,848
Housing Services	\$193,166	\$184,842	\$1,328,518	\$1,498,872	\$3,205,398
Sheltering	\$20,000	\$97,357	\$888,437	\$1,303,273	\$2,309,067
Complementary Services	\$65,591	\$0	\$422,378	\$389,244	\$877,213
TOTAL	\$399,299	\$282,199	\$2,797,731	\$4,925,297	\$8,404,526



Complementary Services



- **Complementary Services** includes: Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder services, food banks, furniture, legal services, and other case management services, and rental and/or utility assistance.
 - An industry term that means it supports other programs. (Ex. Family using homeless shelter services can learn to access food banks and/or legal services to address barriers to housing.)

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Contracted Services for Homeless Youth and Young Adults



- The Young Adult Overnight Shelter opened in 2015 as a temporary solution to providing shelter for young adults.
 - More than 100 young adults accessed overnight shelter at Beacon Center during the past year and over 400 since opening.
 - Also located at Beacon are drop-in services for youth/young adults
 - 2019 – 2020 Authorized Budget = \$603,600
- The Crisis Residential Center (CRC) opened in 2016
 - 140 youth have accessed services at the CRC since 2017
 - 2019-2020 Authorized budget = \$250,670
- The City has provided \$1.8M in in capital funding toward a 12-bed crisis residential center being developed by THA.

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Therapeutic Mental Health Court



- Pilot Program launched October 2018
 - Behavioral health, case management, and housing support to individuals who are homeless or became homeless during incarceration at the Pierce County Jail
 - Pilot Program evaluation will be completed September 2019
- 31 individuals are participating in the program
 - All have completed a Housing Stability plan
 - All have completed brief mental health screenings
 - Three individuals have been permanently housed due to this intervention
- Funding authorized in 2019-2020: \$124,000

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Homeless Emergency Declaration



- Council Action in May 2017 Launched 3-Phase Plan
 - Phase I = Mitigation Site
 - Phase II = Stability Site
 - Phase III = Evolving
- Council extended the Declaration in 2017 and 2018
- Currently expires in December 2019

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Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)



- Launched May 2017
- Innovative partnership between TPD and NCS
 - 5 full-time TPD officers and two full-time NCS outreach workers
 - Prioritize locations, coordinate responses, ensure monitoring
- Integrated what we've learned into operational approaches
 - Collaborate with community outreach workers to identify high population areas (Positive Interactions)
 - Partnership with other homeless supportive service providers
 - Designated mental health provider embedded with HOT

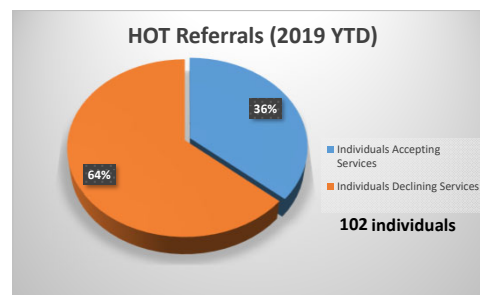
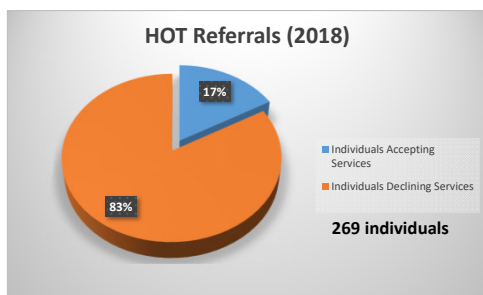
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HOT Results



	2018	2019 (YTD)
Encampment Cleanups*	127	38
311 Responses	2069	507



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*Encampment cleanups took place on multiple sites

Mental Health Tax



In accordance to RCW 82.14.460, July 1, 2012 City of Tacoma, sales and use tax increased one-tenth of one percent (.001), to be used for chemical dependency or mental health treatment services. Tax collected is used for programs and services to include treatment services, case management, transportation, and housing that are a component of a coordinated chemical dependency or mental health treatment program or service.

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Mental Health Tax Funded Programs



2019-20 Contracted Amounts	
Homelessness and Household Stability	\$4,925,297
Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder (Co-Occurring) Treatment	\$239,177
Domestic Violence	\$89,000
Gang Prevention	\$388,334
Youth Development	\$758,959
Health and Health Care	\$2,602,137
Total	\$9,002,904

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Programs Funded



- Crisis Residential Center
- Youth Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment
- Adult Co-Occurring Disorder Treatment/Shelter Co-Responder
- Youth/Young Adult Drop-in Center & Young Adult Overnight Shelter
- Tacoma Fire Department Cares Program
- Tacoma Police Department Co-Responder
- Tacoma Whole Child Initiative
- Positive Interactions
- Housing First
- Gang Prevention and Intervention
- Domestic Violence

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Historical Revenue



2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 1 ST Quarter	Grand Total
\$2,177,089	\$4,434,656	\$4,510,024	\$4,828,967	\$5,221,291	\$5,675,182	\$6,032,743	\$1,584,248	\$34,464,186

Projected Revenue	2019	2020	Total
MH Sales Tax	\$6,133,448	\$6,292,486	\$12,425,934

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