Homelessness Programs Update

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OVERVIEW

• Housing
• Mitigating impacts
• Root causes
BACKGROUND

• City Council Study Session Presentation – July 16, 2019
  • Youth and Young Adult program funding: $6,843,458
    • Crisis Residential Center: $1.8M
    • Youth and Young Adult Drop-in/overnight shelter: $721,060
  • Homelessness Programs funding: $10,741,971
    • Contracted Services: $8,404,526
    • Stability Site Operations: $2,337,445

HOUSING

• City of Tacoma Affordable Housing Action Strategy
  • 2.01 Address Derelict Properties
  • 3.02 & 4.01 Resources for Households in Housing Crisis and Rental Assistance
• Mayors’ Roundtable on Housing Affordability
  • Housing needs
  • Regional approaches
• Mental Health Court
  • In partnership with Tacoma Municipal Court
  • Served 17 individuals in 2019
  • Completed 7 Housing Stability Plans
  • Completed 8 mental health assessments/evaluations
MITIGATING IMPACTS

• Mental Health Court
  • Reduces recidivism

• Encampment Response
  • Washington State Department of Corrections
  • Washington State Department of Transportation
  • Port of Tacoma
  • Tacoma Metro Parks

ROOT CAUSES

• SPARC (Supporting Partnerships for Anti-Racist Communities)
  • Study on the intersections of race and homelessness
  • City of Tacoma one of six communities participating in the project
  • Continued efforts with SPARC:
    • Neighborhood and Community Services Equity and Diversity Initiative
    • Pierce County/Tacoma/Lakewood Continuum of Care
    • Neighborhood and Community Service competitive funding process
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