

## City Launches Homeless Strategic Plan

The City of Concord has officially launched its strategic planning effort to help guide the City in its response to addressing homelessness and its impacts.

In February, the City Council approved a contract with a consultant who will collaborate with City staff and the community to develop the plan. In addition, Council appointed nine individuals to serve on a working group that will provide guidance throughout the development of the plan. At press time, the working group was scheduled to hold its first meeting on March 22.

The City Council has affirmed its commitment to addressing homelessness in the community and has previously set aside \$5.4 million to fund priorities established in the forthcoming plan.

Diverse stakeholder groups of residents, businesses, individuals with lived experience, service providers, faith-based groups, and others, will be invited to share their input as part of a broad community engagement component.

The plan will include a background report, an assessment of unmet needs, an overview of opportunities for funding and partnership, and the development of a vision, goals, and objectives with measurable performance targets.

The final plan will offer a comprehensive collection of strategies that the City can prioritize and implement to align with regional and state initiatives for collective impact on homelessness.

### Ongoing Work

Concord also remains committed to ongoing efforts to address homelessness. This includes supporting nine organizations with \$556,000 annually to provide direct services to the City's unhoused residents. Through funding from Measure V, Concord funds a full-time Coordinated Outreach Referral and Engagement (CORE) team, which makes referrals to supportive services and delivers case management to assist individuals.

Concord also launched a rapid rehousing program last fall, which is now fully enrolled. The program provides short-term rental subsidy and move-in assistance to individuals and households, while participants work toward self-sufficiency and ongoing stability.

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## City Council Adopts Housing Element Update

On March 14, 2023, following an 18-month public process, the City Council held a hearing and adopted the 2023-2031 Housing Element Update.

The document, which includes various new programs and policies requested by the City Council, has been sent on to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review and approval, and the City anticipates certification within 60 days.

As a required component of the City's General Plan, the Housing Element contains goals, policies and programs to address the housing needs of all Concord residents from 2023 to 2031, including the City's Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 5,073 new housing units.

View the Housing Element Update document at [concordhousingelement.org](http://concordhousingelement.org).

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