



Strategy to Reduce Homelessness

The County, through the Health & Human Services Agency, has responded to the challenges of homelessness in our community by developing programs and providing services that are aligned with available State & Federal funding. To reduce homelessness, a community-wide, coordinated, cost-effective approach to delivering services, housing, and programs is needed. The County is developing a step-up system that moves eligible & willing participants from being unhoused to emergency housing (through community partnerships), and then to interim housing and transitional housing. All clients will be assisted in finding private-sector permanent housing, and in some cases, County-provided permanent supportive housing. County staff is currently developing ordinances to support law enforcement efforts to address homeless who choose to not engage in services as a deterrent for behavior that negatively impacts the community at large.

Priorities

Tuolumne County Board of Supervisors approved nine Homeless Services priority projects as a part of a more comprehensive plan to reduce homelessness in Tuolumne County. Two of these priorities are the development of the Navigation Center and Distributive Housing Programs.

- *Oak Terrace Navigation Center: Purchased in Spring of 2023 and opening in late Fall of 2023 the Navigation Center is a critical tool to provide intensive case management to connect people to individualized care and housing solutions. providing interim housing for up to six months.*
- *Distributive Housing: Homes used in house share agreements that are designated for those with specific supportive housing needs and located throughout the County. Tuolumne County currently operates two homes for supportive housing services.*

Eligibility for County Housing Initiatives

Homeless housing initiatives are a continuum that engaged participants move through on a path to self-sufficiency and permanent housing. Participants may exit the program at any point on the continuum because they have secured permanent housing or no longer want to participate in County Homeless Housing initiatives.

- *Housing initiatives are designed to temporarily house and support Tuolumne County residents*
- *Housing programs are for participants who are engaged with Health & Human Services Agency are eligible to participate.*
- *An assessment team of community partners will determine the level of need, available supportive services, program eligibility and appropriate housing resources.*
- *Participants agree to the housing rules and expectations.*

Funding

The County receives a variety of program funding allocations and grant awards each with strict use and reporting guidelines. Most funds are to be used for reducing homelessness and providing case management.

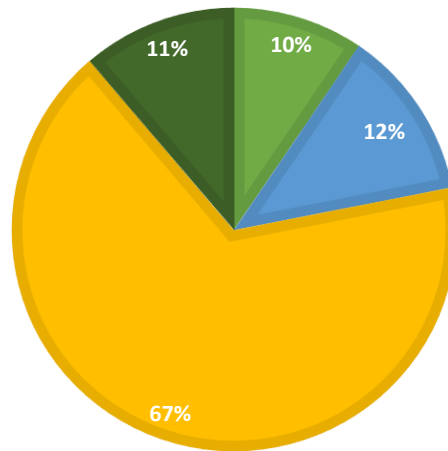
- *Available funding for Housing Initiatives for 2023-2024 will allow for the development of the Navigation Center and the acquisition of houses/hotels to be a part of supportive distributive housing.*
- *Program participants will be expected to pay rent for transitional and permanent supportive housing.*
- *The County General Fund will not be used to purchase, develop, or operate homeless housing programs.*

Homelessness Data

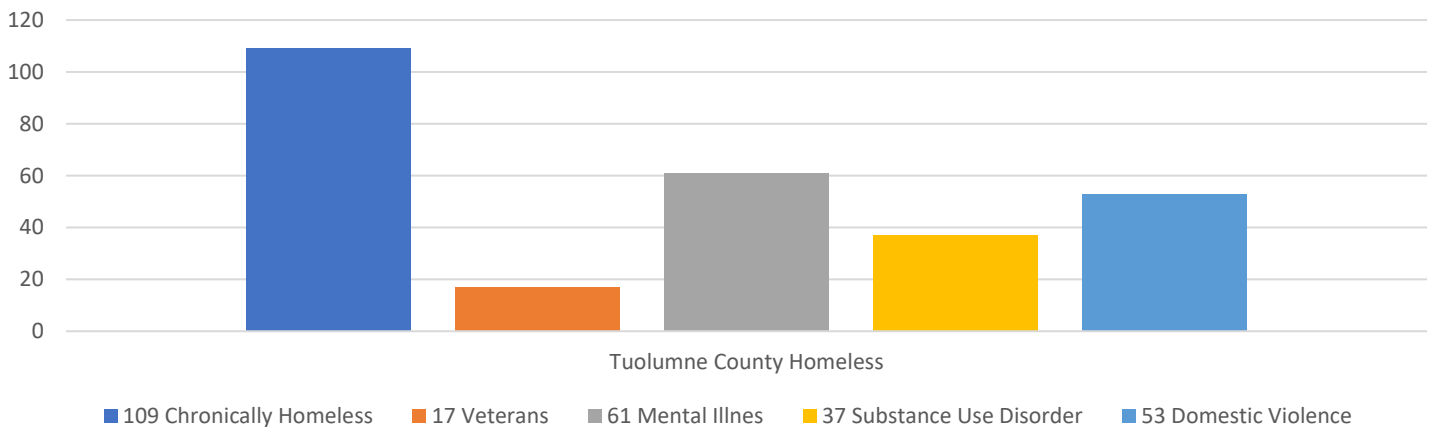
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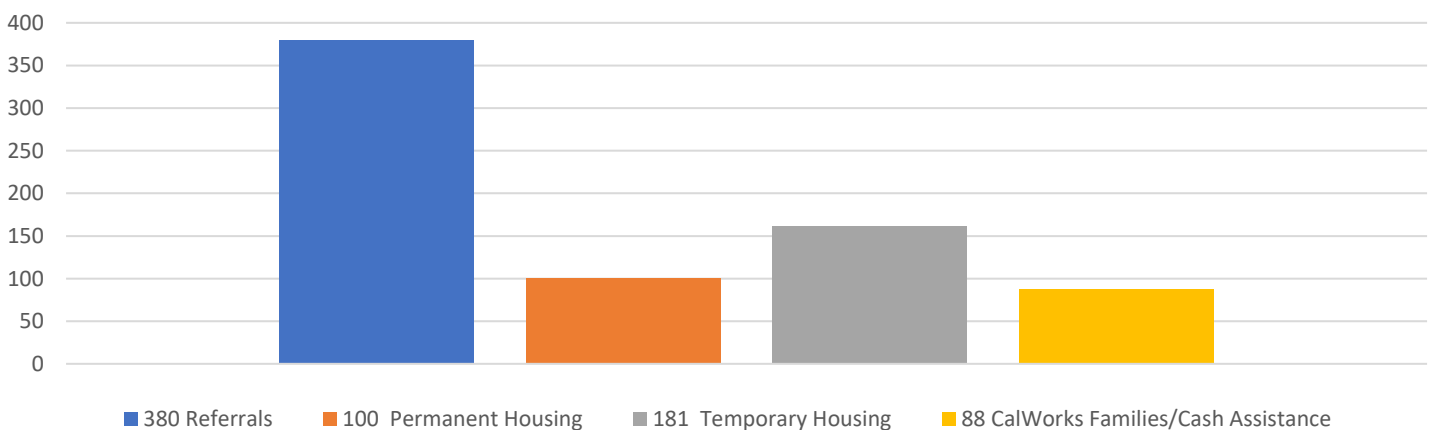
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2022 Tuolumne County Point in Time Data



2022 Housing Placement Data



Homeless Housing Needs



For more information and a statistical dashboard on Tuolumne County Homeless Services follow this link:
<https://www.tuolumnecounty.ca.gov/1505/Homeless-Services-Virtual-Bulletin-Board>.