



PRIORITY PROJECTS 2024

On December 14, 2023, The Tuolumne County Homelessness Committee approved the following priorities list, in priority order, as the establishment of the committee work program for the year. These priorities were also discussed with a gathering of unhoused Tuolumne County residents for their input on January 11, 2024. The Board of Supervisors approved these priorities on February 6, 2024. The committee has established work groups comprised of committee members, County staff and community-based organizations to develop the program priorities prior to making final recommendations to the Board.

Life Skills Training

Development of day labor programs, job boards, internships, health, education, and vocational training programs for people who are unsheltered.

Transitional Age Youth Housing

Development and provision of supportive housing for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) ages 18-25 years old.

Medical Respite Housing

Post-surgical rehabilitation housing for the unhoused who need medical procedures that are currently being denied because of their housing status and lack of safe and healthy housing to heal in.

Safe Parking/Camping

Development of a safe parking/camping program that supports law enforcement efforts to restrict use of public lands for parking and camping by unhoused individuals consistent with the establishment of new County ordinances. This program would also include an outreach effort to engage individuals in services.

Landlord Education & Engagement

Private market landlords are critical partners in the work to help people quickly exit homelessness. Strong connections to landlords are even more important in high-cost, low-vacancy markets, where affordable housing options are limited and even those with a voucher may find themselves unable to locate a unit. Successful landlord partnerships are locally driven and involve ongoing engagement. No single approach is the answer, the unique needs and assets of each community must be considered. Partnership with Amador Tuolumne Community Action Agency (ATCAA), Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority, Tuolumne County Association of Realtors, local property managers and landlords are essential in this effort. Core components should include a housing locator, a housing manager, a centralized housing hotline, housing search assistance, risk mitigation funds for landlords, mediators, subsidies for flexible funds, education classes and landlord recruitment events.

Homelessness Prevention

Identifying funding sources and program development to prevent homelessness for those who are vulnerable to homelessness.

Sanitation & Fire Abatement in Encampments

Providing sanitation, water, garbage and fire-safe services for encampments.

House Share Program

Development of matching system for available bedrooms in homes to connect homeowners and those in need of housing.

Distributive Housing

Continued development and implementation of distributive housing is a model that Tuolumne County currently uses through services provided by HHSA staff. Homes designated for specific purposes and distributed around the County could be used for Veteran's, women, families, recovery, recuperation, or support to those with a mental health diagnosis. Shared housing agreements and rent amounts would be structured fairly. For those who need personal, or housing supports, services would flow through HHSA and community-based service providers. In addition, active participation in a care plan would be required.