



## Homelessness Programs Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

**Community Vitality and Safety Committee**

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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

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## 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

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## 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

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## 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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