



Subcommittee on Homelessness Duties and Responsibilities

The Subcommittee on Homelessness was formed to develop recommendations to the City Council for a Homeless Strategy Framework by gathering information on homelessness, the service types that are available to people experiencing homelessness, and the current and future funding resources available for homelessness responses.

On January 28, 2019, the Subcommittee proposed a work plan to the City Council for approval. The proposed work plan includes a series of community meetings with presentations from experts and service providers to expand the community dialogue around homeless issues and to discuss potential program strengths, challenges, and resources for the short-term, medium-term, and long-term topic areas.

The Homeless Strategy Framework is expected to include short, medium, and long-term strategies. The short-term strategies are intended to address and manage immediate priorities related to basic needs, health, and safety, while developing a sustainable model for services. The medium-term strategies are intended to address the increase in homelessness through prevention and options for temporary housing as people transition from homelessness and locate permanent housing. Finally, the long-term strategies are intended to build dedicated permanent affordable housing for homeless with wrap-around services that promote long-term stability. All of these strategies will require development of a program to address policy, implementation, funding, and long-term sustainability.

The Subcommittee's proposed work plan to develop recommendations for the Homeless Strategy Framework, along with the anticipated timeline for the Subcommittee's work, is as follows:

Short-Term Strategies/Solutions: Completed

- Safe-Parking, Biohazard/Encampment Cleanup
- Restrooms/Showers, Storage, and Trash
- [7/29/19 City Council Presentation on Short Term Strategies](#)

Medium-Term Strategies/Solutions: In Progress

- Homeless Prevention
- Temporary/Interim Housing

Long-Term Strategies/Solutions: To Be Discussed in Future Community Meetings

- Permanent Affordable Housing Development with Supportive Services
- Market Rate Housing Acquisition and Rehabilitation to Secure New Units
- Development of a Services Infrastructure Needed to Transition People from Homelessness
- Development of Citywide Policies and Funding