



Human Services Homelessness

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Causes of Homelessness in Livermore

In 2014, Mayor Marchand hosted a homelessness summit with the public, local leaders and service providers.

Need for additional information resulted in a comprehensive survey, in 2015.

Reported causes noted in survey:

- 33% Lost Job
- 23% Divorce/Separation
- 18% Alcohol/Substance Abuse
- 13% Illness/Medical/Mental Health
- 12% Family/Domestic Violence



Number of Homeless in Livermore

- Steady increase in homelessness and resource need in subsequent years
- Alameda County, 2017 Point-in-Time Count:
 - 243 individuals in Livermore were homeless
 - 102 individuals are sheltered
 - 141 individuals are unsheltered



Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District

LVJUSD currently has a count of 137 vulnerable students of which:

- 83 live in over crowded/doubled up housing
- 32 live in temporary shelters
- 20 live in hotel/motels
- 2 are unsheltered



Strategies to address LVJUSD vulnerable/homeless families:

- Work with LVJUSD administrators, teachers, social workers to identify homeless families
- Work with service providers to assist with available resources and support services



Segments of Homelessness

Homelessness has varying segments and sub-populations that require a tailored approach.



Segments:

- Families
- Veterans
- Youth
- Seniors
- Working poor
- Mental/physical health barriers
- Domestic Violence
- Housing insecurity
- Bad credit/eviction
- Alcohol/substance abuse

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Homeless Service Categories

- Housing Navigation/Case Management
- Homeless Prevention
- Temporary/Transitional/Emergency Shelter
- Safety Net Services (Housing, Health, Safety and Food)
- Basic Needs (Bathrooms, Showers and Laundry)
- Outreach/Resource Referrals
- Health and Sanitation Services

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Livermore Housing First Strategy

The City Council recognized homelessness as a priority and committed local funds and dedicated staff to develop and implement strategies that address the growing number of homeless families and individuals.



Identified strategies:

- A need to create, acquire and secure new permanent supportive units targeted for the unsheltered homeless population
- A focus on veterans, families with children, chronically homeless with disabilities



Homeless Housing Strategy

- 9 new housing projects in the pipeline
- 437 new affordable rental units
- Estimated 61 units for homeless
- Deeply affordable = 30% of Area Median Income (AMI) or rent that shall not exceed 30% of the annual income



2018 Low to Moderate Income Limits

Household size	Extremely Low (30%)	Very Low (50%)	Low income (80%)	Median (100%)	Moderate (120%)
1	\$24,400	\$40,700	\$62,750	\$73,100	\$87,700
2	\$27,900	\$46,500	71,700	\$83,500	\$100,250
3	\$31,400	\$52,300	80,650	\$93,950	\$112,750
4	\$34,850	\$58,100	89,600	\$104,400	\$125,300



City of Livermore Human Services

- Regional approach to secure additional Federal, State and County Funds
- Researching homeless programs and services in other jurisdictions
- Advocating for Health Services at the County level
- Engaging community partners to explore homeless program options and health and safety solutions
- Coordinating and streamlining all efforts with Livermore Police Department and other Community partners



Community Partners



- Community Based Organizations
- Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District
- Livermore Downtown Inc.
- Las Positas College Homeless Outreach Liaisons
- County EveryOne Home
- Alameda County Health Care for the Homeless
- Zone 7



Faith Based Homeless Assistance

Shepherd's Gate- residential program for women and children

Arukah House- transitional housing for men recently released from prison and/or are homeless

Cornerstone Fellowship- serves hot breakfast, showers and clothing for the homeless on the Vineyard Fellowship Church grounds Monday mornings

Asbury United Methodist Church- provides hot meals, showers and laundry facilities 3 days a week

Livermore Homeless Refuge- provides 25 beds in rotating warming station shelters



Homeless Online Portal

http://cityoflivermore.net/citygov/cdd/hhs/report_homeless_activity.htm



Livermore Police Department at 925-371-4987



Homeless Taskforce



- Development of strategies to improve or enhance supportive services
- Welfare checks on the most at risk individuals
- Review of data captured from online portal
- Promotes and maintains a strong and congruent working group



City of Livermore Police Department

Homeless Liaison & Policing Team

- Two full time officers
- Engage homeless community
- Work closely with homeless providers, District Attorneys office, Zone 7, Caltrans, LARPD
- Visit other jurisdictions to assess outreach and program models
- Coordinate appropriate encampment clean ups



Homeless Services Providers

Outreach and Crisis Stabilization Services:

ABODE

ECHO

Tri Valley Haven

Abode

City Serve

2-1-1

Food Services:

Open Heart Kitchen

Tri Valley Haven Pantry

LVJUSD Marilyn Pantry

Health Services

Tri City Health Street Medicine Outreach





EveryOne Home

County of Alameda Continuum of Care

- Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- HUD requires that County Continuum of Care implement CES as the intake assessment process, to house the most vulnerable through a fair and consistent prioritization method
- CES coordinates housing resource centers or housing hubs through a database that matches people, factoring in geographic location, housing barriers, and other influences



Local Approach

The City of Livermore Council implemented a Subcommittee on homelessness to develop a strategic framework.

- **Short-Term:** Address and manage immediate priorities related to basic needs, health and safety, while developing a sustainable model.
- **Medium Term:** Address the increase in homelessness and options for transitional/ temporary housing.
- **Long Term:** Build dedicated permanent affordable housing for homeless with wrap around support services and long-term sustainability.



Community Meeting Topics

March/April

Short-Term Strategies/Solutions

Safe-Parking, Bio-hazard/Encampment Cleanup

Restrooms/Shower, Storage and Trash

May/June

Medium-Term Strategies/Solutions

Homeless Prevention

Temporary/Interim Housing



Community Meeting Topics Cont'd

July/September

Long-Term Strategies/Solutions

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



Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funds (HEAP)

- Alameda County received HEAP funds from the State of California, Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) under Senate Bill 850
- One time funds to address immediate homelessness challenge
- Must be expended by March 31, 2021
- Each City must provide a 30% funding match
- Eligible use for services: Rental assistance or subsidies and Capital Improvements



Homeless Emergency Aid Program Funds (HEAP) Tri-Valley Allocation

City	Allocation Amount
Dublin	\$ 107,620
Pleasanton	\$ 92,246
Livermore	\$ 931,800
Total Tri-Valley Allocation	\$ 1,131,666



How can you get involved?

Visit our website Homeless Information Page

Cityoflivermore.net/homelessness

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