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TASK FORCE FOR THE HOMELESS Report to the City Council



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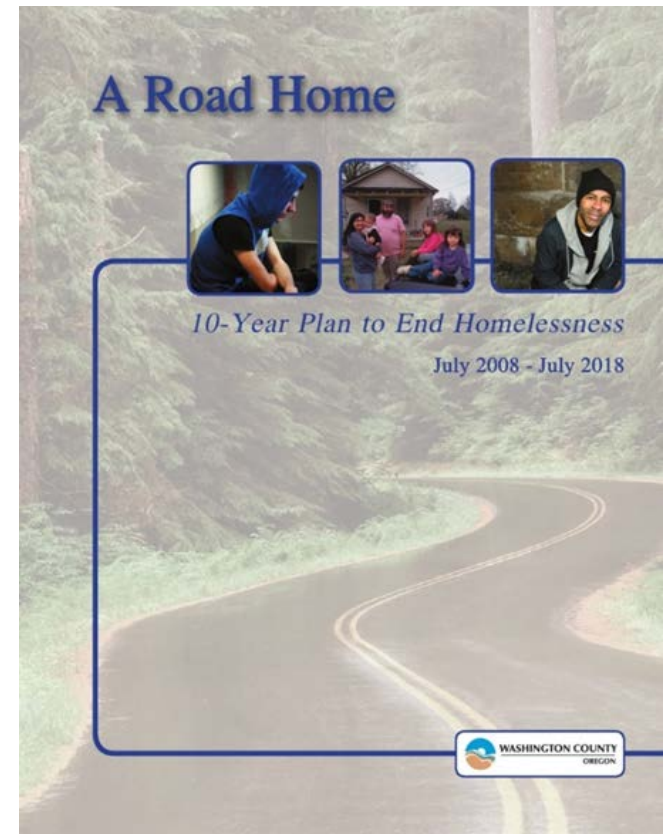
About the Task Force for the Homeless

- ▶ 2016 City Council Goal
- ▶ Previous Council Discussions
- ▶ Composition of the Task Force
- ▶ Purpose of the Task Force
 - ▶ Provide insight & recommendations
 - ▶ Identify partnerships
 - ▶ Discuss needs in the community
 - ▶ Identify key projects and actions.
- ▶ Activities of the Task Force



Data on Homelessness

- ▶ Nationally, homelessness increased in 2017 for the first time since 2010.
- ▶ Increase is due to a severe shortages of affordable housing facing West Coast cities.
- ▶ Washington County Point-in-Time Homeless Census
- ▶ Role of Washington County & Metro



Task Force Recommendations

1. Expand & improve services to homeless individuals by working with local non-profits.

- a. Assist Just Compassion with the down payment for a day center (\$60k).
- b. Fund an annual Project Homeless Connect event (\$5,000).
- c. Continue to provide in-kind support to non-profits addressing homelessness (\$1,000).
- d. Continue to fund a post office box for Just Compassion to use for their homeless clients (\$100).
- e. Provide public bathrooms and/or portable restrooms in the downtown core and surrounding neighborhoods (\$2,000).

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2. Expand shelter and housing options for the homeless and others facing housing barriers.

- a. Partner on homeless outreach with Luke-Dorf (4hr/week - \$5K; 8hr/wk - \$10K).
- b. Allocate funding for 4 hours of police overtime dedicated to proactive outreach to the homeless community (\$31,200).
- c. Appoint a Homeless Services Coordinator (Varies based on labor costs).



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3. Improve public understanding and the public's ability to assist in improving the situation.

- a. Approve a guiding statement for City's approach to homelessness (staff time).
- b. Host an annual service event focused on homeless (\$500).
- c. Create an internal tracking system to track homeless related incidents (staff time).
- d. Participate in the annual Point-in-Time Count (staff time).
- e. Issue a proclamation for Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week (\$500).
- f. Create a GIS map with resources available in Tigard & Washington County for people experiencing homelessness (staff time).
- g. Replicate Oregon City's outreach stories which tell the stories of police officers interacting with homeless community (staff time).

Task Force Recommendations

4. Advocate for Regional, State & Federal Support.

- a. Prioritize homelessness & affordable housing in the City's federal and state legislative agenda and advocate for grant funding to help support city initiatives for homelessness (\$0).
- b. Meet quarterly and once a year with the City Council (staff time).



Next Steps

- ▶ Decide whether any recommendations require immediate action.
- ▶ Request any additional information needed to consider the recommendations.
- ▶ Decide whether the Task Force for the Homeless should continue to convene.

