



Funders Together TO END HOMELESSNESS SAN DIEGO

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Funders Together to End Homelessness San Diego (FTEHSD) is an alliance of philanthropists and public and private grantmakers that invest in effective systems change with the goal of ending homelessness throughout San Diego County.

Philanthropy plays an important role in ending homelessness because its flexibility and quick decision-making allows it to fund innovative projects, provide seed money, and catalyze change that leads to breakthrough solutions and helps position our region to qualify for increased government funding. Through a funder collaborative like FTEHSD you will achieve greater impact by leveraging your investment with that of the other members and in alignment with public funds.


**SAN DIEGO COUNTY HOMELESSNESS
GREW 5% IN 2017**

**9,116
TOTAL HOMELESS
INDIVIDUALS**

 **12%**
YOUTH
(UNDER 24)

 **69%**
MEN

 **29%**
WOMEN

 **8%**
VETERANS

39%
SELF-REPORTED
MENTAL HEALTH ISSUE

20%
SELF-REPORTED
SUBSTANCE ABUSE ISSUE

77%
BECAME HOMELESS IN
SAN DIEGO

Source: Point in Time Count 2017

SOLUTIONS: WHAT WORKS TO END HOMELESSNESS?

Funders Together to End Homelessness San Diego invests in an evidence-based Housing First model, aligned with national best practices to end homelessness.

- **Permanent supportive housing**, which combines affordable housing with supportive services that target the specific needs of an individual or family.
- **Rapid re-housing and stabilization services** focus on quickly moving people experiencing homelessness out of temporary emergency shelter and into permanent rental housing and providing supports to help them remain housed.
- **Prevention** strategies, which keep at-risk people from becoming homeless, and **diversion**, which helps those about to enter emergency shelter identify better options, are also important. These strategies include: military and institutional discharge planning, rental subsidies, emergency cash assistance for rent and utilities, help with locating housing and negotiating with landlords, short-term case management, and connections to mainstream social services.

PRIORITY AREAS & DESCRIPTIONS	GRANTS & PROJECTS - FY17-18
<p>SYSTEMS-CHANGE Solutions to ending homelessness that have the potential to have a large community and systemic impact</p>	<p>Coordinated Entry System, North County Coordinator & Matcher – In support of a centralized regional approach to solving homelessness, FTEHSD provided supplementary funding for two staff positions that support the Coordinated Entry System (CES) serving clients in North County.</p> <p>Communities Assessment – FTEHSD is conducting a review and assessment of the efforts of other communities to end homelessness to understand the driving forces within the community that made these other efforts successful and how to nurture them in San Diego County.</p> <p>RTFH Chief Operating Officer & Development Director – In 2017, our community reorganized our homeless response backbone organization, the Regional Task Force on the Homeless, and hired a new CEO. In support of this new structure and vision, FTEHSD granted \$425,000 for a 2-year grant in support of a new COO and Development Director.</p> <p>Permanent Housing for Survivors of Domestic Violence – FTEHSD provided funding to Crisis House for an early start up of the conjoint housing program that moves survivors of domestic violence more quickly into permanent housing.</p>
<p>FAMILY & CHILDREN/YOUTH Prepare the community to utilize upcoming funding opportunities</p>	<p>Youth System Director – In January, San Diego received state funding of \$2.5 million to develop the Youth Ending Homelessness System. Funders Together granted funds to San Diego Youth Services to hire the Youth System Director to oversee the youth system development, coordination, and alignment with the work of the Regional Task Force on the Homeless.</p>
<p>EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES Flexible grants for innovative projects</p>	<p>Bringing Families Home – This County of San Diego program aims to keep families together when they are homeless or at-risk of homelessness with rapid rehousing and housing navigators. FTEHSD provided \$100,000 in matching funds to draw down \$100,000 in additional state dollars.</p>

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