

# INTRODUCTION TO THE BEACH CITIES HOMELESS PARTNERSHIPS

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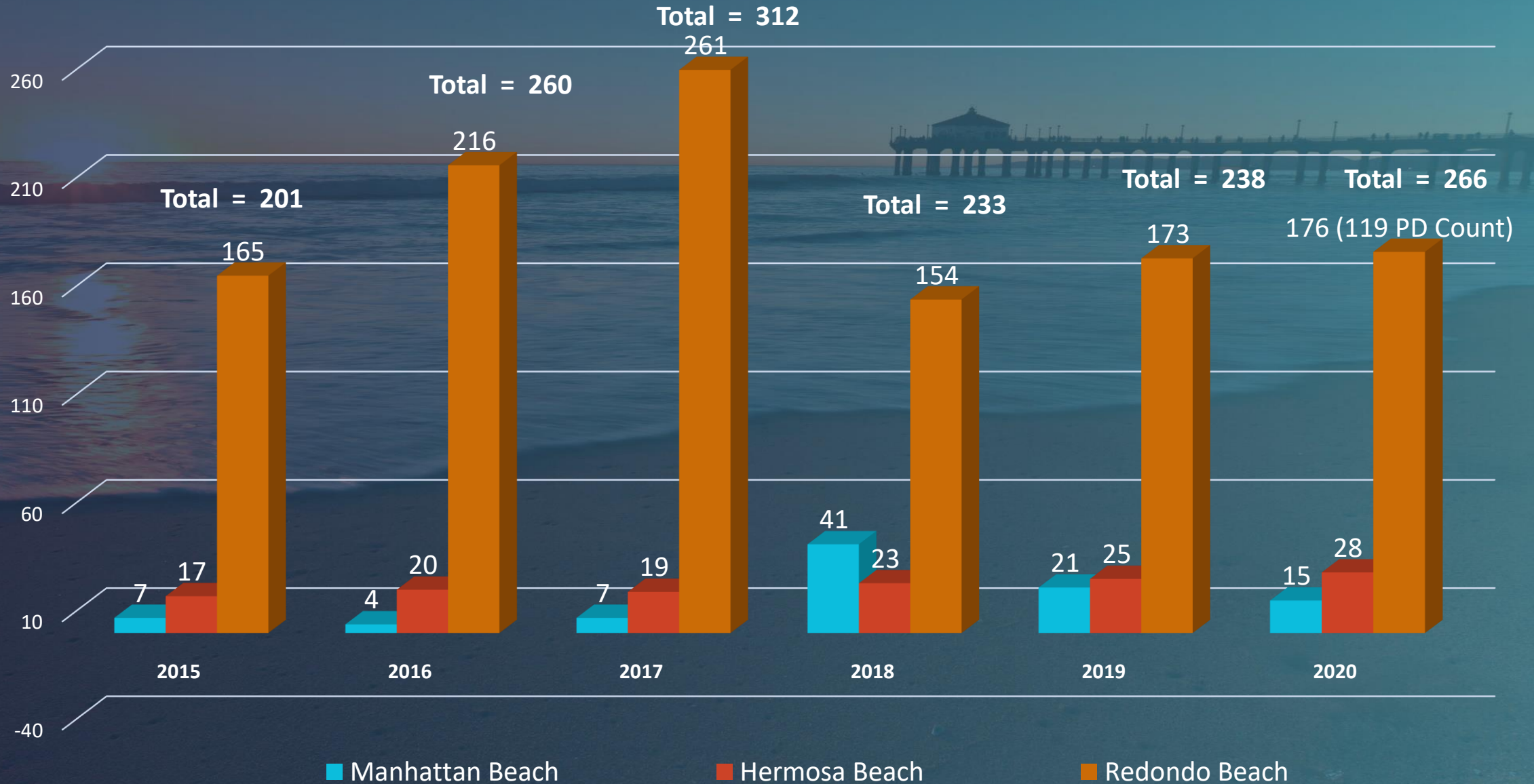
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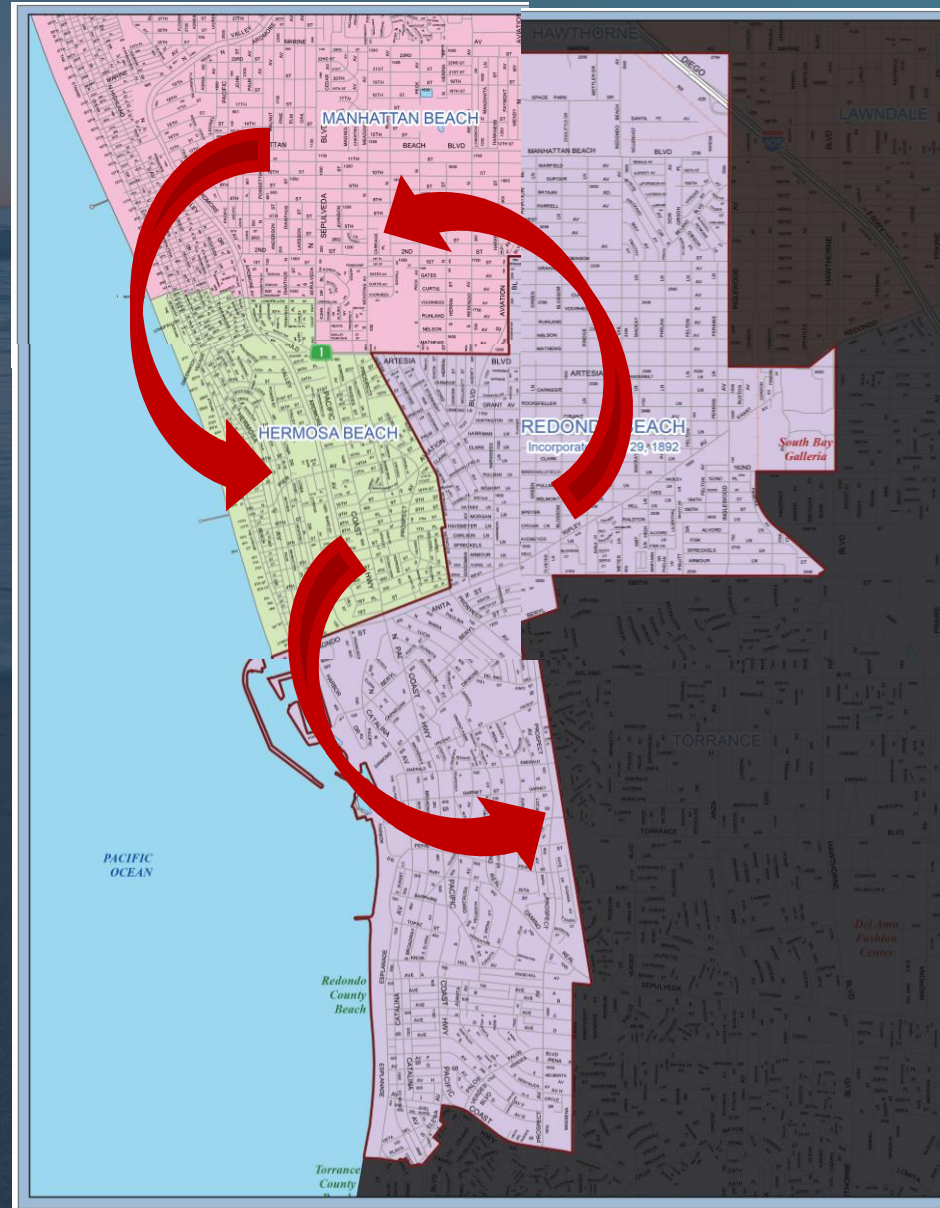
# HOMELESSNESS IN THE REGION



# REGIONAL RESPONSE

Manhattan Beach  
15 Individuals

Hermosa Beach  
28 Individuals



Redondo Beach  
176 Individuals (119  
PD Count)

# CHALLENGES



# PROCESS OF HOUSING A PERSON



# COVID-19 RESOURCES AND CHALLENGES

- Everything is done through a different lens.
- Project Roomkey
- Thinking outside of the box
- Access to public resources
  - Dept. of Public Social Services (DPSS)
  - Social Security Administration (SSA)
  - Dept. of Motor Vehicles (DMV)

# SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

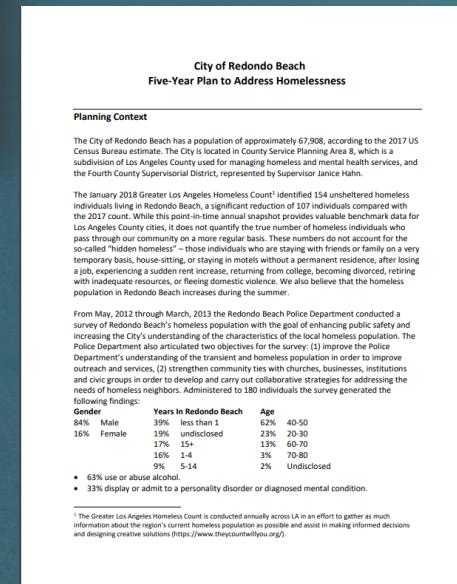
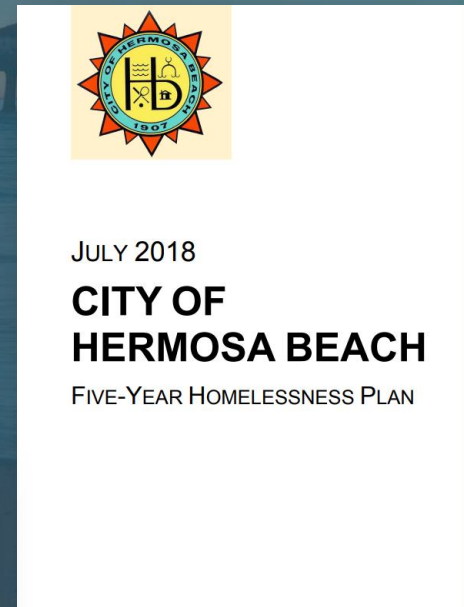
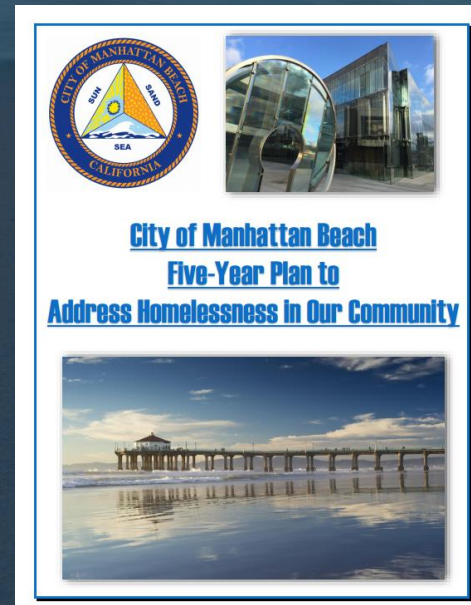
- Harbor Interfaith Services
  - Homelessness Liaison/Coordinator and Outreach Team
- Los Angeles Homeless Outreach Portal ([www.la-hop.org](http://www.la-hop.org))
- City Police Departments
- Dept. of Mental Health
- Other homeless services available to Beach Cities clients through other agencies.
- Other community partners such as faith-based partners and senior services agencies and etc.



# COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

## Common Themes

- General Public Education
- Support training for law enforcement
- Strengthen partnership with County resources
- Provide Beach City outreach and housing navigation personnel to align with CES.



# REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP PRODUCES GRANT

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## Beach cities granted \$330K to combat homelessness

by Michael Hixon and Kirsten Farmer

Even in the affluent beach cities, the issue of homelessness is a growing concern.

Redondo Beach, Hermosa Beach and Manhattan Beach were granted a total of \$150,000 of Measure H funds by the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative Jan. 24, according to senior management analyst George Gabriel with the city of Manhattan Beach.

The quarter-cent sales tax is projected to net \$3.55 billion in the next ten years for homeless programs, including local plans to combat the issues within cities.

"Homelessness is a regional issue and deserves a regional solution," Gabriel said in an email to The Beach Reporter Jan. 29. "This grant award strengthens the continued partnership the beach cities have to address homelessness in our respective communities."

The cities' respective task forces coordinated last fall to apply for the grant.

Measure H gives a needed boost as cities await latest count

For the South Bay, which has seen a near 41 percent increase in homelessness since 2015 according to the Manhattan Beach city website, the \$150,000 Measure H grant is a major shot in the arm.



George Gabriel, senior management analyst for the city of Manhattan Beach, Lt. Jason Knickerbocker of the Manhattan Beach Police Department and Nico De Anda Scaia, assistant city manager in Hermosa Beach, spoke at the League of Women Voters of the Beach Cities "Homeless in the South Bay: Issues and Answers" presentation Monday at the Hermosa Beach Community Theater.

"Homelessness isn't relegated to one area of the beach cities, it's relegated to all of the beach cities in general," said Gabriel Monday night. "We try to work together as best as we can to come up with regional solutions."

The cities have joined forces with South Bay Cities Council of Governments and People Assisting the Homeless, among others, to look at the issue through

Redondo Beach City Manager Joe Hoefgen said the partnerships with PATH and the county are working well.

"We have had a number of successes in connecting people in need with services," he said in an email Jan. 29. "But there is much more work to do."

### Modernizing enforcement

At the Monday night panel, which was

## Giant magnet at Pier attracted messages of love, tolerance

by Daniella Segura

It was 72 and sunny enough Saturday afternoon at the Hermosa Beach Pier to make the locals almost forget about political discord.

And, Manhattan Beach's Court Crandall is doing his part to keep it that way.

Crandall debuted his 10-foot-high sculpture titled "The Positivity Magnet." Passersby were encouraged to jot messages of hope down on paper and attach them to the magnet.

"I wrote, 'Infinite love, infinite light, infinite possibilities,' because I think that is the opening to everything," Brenda Florida said. "I wrote another, which is a quote I love: 'There is no power outside of you greater than the power inside of you,' because we all have everything we need outside of whatever our circumstances are."

Crandall watched as more and

## GRANT FUNDS

- ✓ Training
- ✓ Homelessness Coordination
- ✓ Housing Navigation

A photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue. The ocean is calm with gentle waves. In the distance, a long pier with a small building on top extends into the water. The foreground shows the sandy beach.

# MANHATTAN BEACH UPDATES

# RESOURCE GUIDE

The guide summarizes a variety of resources offered near the Manhattan Beach area for those experiencing homelessness. Additionally, the guide contains a resource card that offers important phone numbers for quick reference.

### TRANSPORTATION

Los Angeles Greyhound Bus  
1716 E. 7th St., Los Angeles, CA 90021  
213-629-8401

LA Metro Transit Information  
One Gateway Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
323-466-3876

Hawthorne DMV  
3700 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne, CA 90250  
800-777-0133

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### MISCELLANEOUS

Torrance Social Security Office  
20000 Marinor Ave., Torrance, CA 90503  
800-772-1213

LA Southwest Dept. of Public Social Services  
1819 Charlie S. Ford Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90047  
323-420-2918

Safe Parking LA  
213-793-8493

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### HOMELESS OUTREACH

**Did you see someone experiencing homelessness who needs help?**  
Notice a homeless neighbor who seems to be struggling with their physical and/or mental health? You can help them by filling out an outreach request at [LA-HOP.org](http://LA-HOP.org)

### BACKGROUND

In response to the passage of Measure H by the County of Los Angeles in 2017, which created significant new resources to address homelessness, the City of Manhattan Beach sought to coordinate with other jurisdictions, including the County, local stakeholders, and neighboring cities, to address homelessness in our community. The City recognizes that this will only be accomplished through an active constituency working together, including government, businesses, and the faith community, to tackle the causes of homelessness, and implement solutions.

The Manhattan Beach Police Department has been responsive to homeless concerns and continues to actively monitor incidents while respecting the rights of homeless individuals and ensuring public safety. To report incidents of concern, related to homeless individuals, please call the Manhattan Beach Police Department non-emergency number at (310) 545-4566.

**Homelessness Liaison Contact**  
George Gabriel, Senior Management Analyst  
Phone: 310-802-5054

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### FAITH-BASED SERVICES

Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, Inc.  
1521 James M. Wood Blvd.  
P.O. Box 15095  
Los Angeles, CA 90015  
213-251-3400

American Martyrs Catholic Church  
624 15th St.  
Manhattan Beach, CA 90266  
310-545-5651

St. Margaret's Center  
10217 Inglewood Ave.  
Inglewood, CA 90304  
310-672-2208

St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church  
1900 S. Prospect Ave.  
Redondo Beach, CA 90277  
310-540-0329

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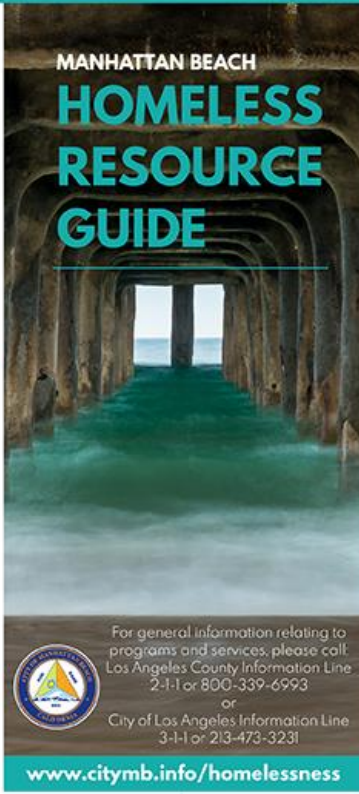
### YOUTH/TEEN SERVICES

Sanctuary of Hope  
13245 Hawthorne Blvd. Suite 202  
Hawthorne, CA 90250  
424-374-8038

CES Families  
310-831-0589

CES Family Shelter  
310-831-5729

HIS Children's Services  
310-547-3762



**MANHATTAN BEACH  
HOMELESS  
RESOURCE  
GUIDE**

For general information relating to programs and services, please call:  
Los Angeles County Information Line  
2-1-1 or 800-339-6993  
or  
City of Los Angeles Information Line  
3-1-1 or 213-473-3231

[www.citymb.info/homelessness](http://www.citymb.info/homelessness)

### CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH HOMELESS RESOURCE CARD

Manhattan Beach Police	310-545-4566
Emergency	911
Homeless Information Line	211 or 311
Harbor Interfaith Services	310-831-0603
Dept. Mental Health Hotline	800-581-7771

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Torrance, CA 90503 310-540-7676	Torrance Memorial Hospital 3330 Lamita Blvd. Torrance, CA 90505 310-325-9110
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People Assisting the Homeless (PATH) Information Line	211 or 311
Outreach Request	LA-HOP.org

# ONGOING EFFORTS

- Quarterly reports to the City Council
- 7 Goals Remain on Homelessness Plan
- Training
- Inform State and County Legislators
- Community Partnerships
- Beach Cities Community Meeting on Homelessness



# REDONDO BEACH UPDATES

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- September 2014 City Manager convened a Homeless Task Force
- Contract with PATH
- Contract with Harbor Interfaith Services
- Police Department attended trainings
- Quality of Life Police Officer
- Department of Health Mental Evaluation Team
- April 2019 City Council approved a Five Year Plan
- July 2019 start of Enhanced Response Pilot Program

# ENHANCED RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS PILOT PROGRAM

- Program was designed to address three categories of homeless individuals that create a disproportionate impact on the local community. Those categories are
  - 1) those with chronic mental illness
  - 2) those with drug addictions, and
  - 3) habitual offenders who live on the street committing crimes of opportunity.
- Homeless individuals in these categories are often unwilling or unable to accept services designed to help their circumstances.



# HOMELESS COURT

Homeless Court gives additional attention to those individuals who have impacted the community through criminal behavior with the goals of

- addressing underlying causes of their behavior, i.e. substance abuse and/or mental health treatment;
- getting them “housing ready,” i.e. necessary documents and expunging criminal history; and
- ultimately getting them permanently housed.
- <https://spectrumnews1.com/ca/la-west/news/2020/10/13/redondo-beach-s-outdoor-homeless-court-gives-unhoused-a-path-home#>

# ADDITIONAL ON-SITE SERVICES

The background of the slide is a photograph of a long pier extending into the ocean. The sky is a mix of blue and orange, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The water is calm, and the pier's structure is silhouetted against the bright sky.

- Clear Recovery Center
  - Mental Health and Substance Abuse Treatment
- LA Public Defender Homeless Mobile Unit
  - Expungements
  - Provide info on existing warrants
  - Sealing Arrest records
- Department of Mental Health Psychiatrist and Clinician
- Salvation Army

# TEMPORARY, EMERGENCY TRANSITIONAL HOUSING

- Health departments and healthcare facilities are aware that people experiencing homelessness are a particularly vulnerable group. The CDC states that if possible, identifying non-congregate settings where those at increased risk can stay may help protect them from COVID-19.
- Temporary emergency transitional housing units made by Pallet that can be moved or removed as the City Council directs.







#	Display Date		Compare To	
	August 2019		August 2020	
1.	Streets and Traffic	35%	Streets and Traffic	33%
2.	Homelessness	26%	Policing Issues	17%
3.	Policing Issues	14%	Theft, Burglary and Break-Ins	15%
4.	Noise	8%	Noise	13%

# Elucd – Resident Concerns

Community Concerns about public safety issues.

August 2019 26% Ranked 2

August 2020 13% Ranked 5



# HERMOSA BEACH UPDATES

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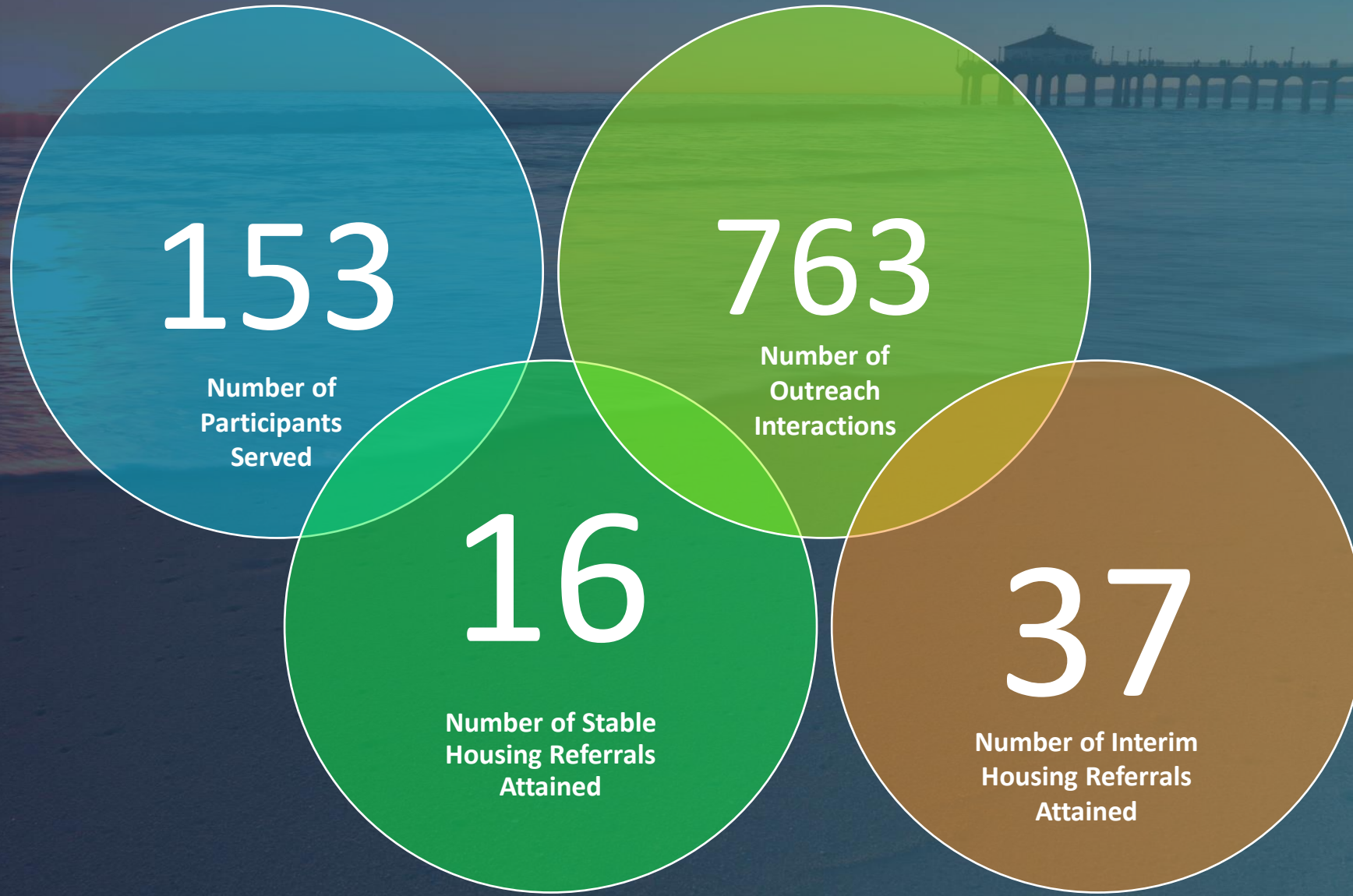
- Executed MOU with Redondo Beach to assist with the Quality of Life Program to provide outreach and services
- Enhanced coordination with monthly case management meetings with LA County DMH and Harbor Interfaith Services
- Promotion of South Bay Cities Council of Governments (SBCCOG) Home Share South Bay program



# BEACH CITIES OUTREACH



# OUTCOMES FROM THE BEACH CITIES HOMELESS PARTNERSHIP SINCE JANUARY



# SUCCESS STORIES: REDONDO BEACH

## Mike (Camo Mike)

- Had lived in Redondo Beach for at least 8 years experiencing homelessness and had been homeless for 20+ years overall.
- Lived with severe physical disabilities that were taking a toll on him after much time on the streets.
- Was matched to permanent housing and worked with his outreach worker on the streets to submit all required documentation to get into housing.
- Client was accepted and moved into permanent housing.
- After moving into housing, he graduated from Homeless Court and many of his physical disabilities have subsided due to sleeping in a bed rather than on a sidewalk.



# SUCCESS STORIES: MANHATTAN BEACH

## Joe C. (known as Big Joe)

- Has lived in Manhattan Beach for entire life and has been homeless for forty years.
- Lives with severe physical disabilities that were taking a toll on him after much time on the street.
- Was hospitalized and prior to reentering the streets, HIS had regular outreach and directed him to Project Room Key site.
- HIS has been working on connecting this individual to benefits and the documents necessary to move into permanent housing.
- The goal is to place him in a facility where they can have the supportive help that is necessary to meet his needs.



# SUCCESS STORIES: HERMOSA BEACH

## **Anonymous**

- Has lived in Hermosa Beach for entire life and has been homeless for eight years, and loves the City of Hermosa Beach.
- Client was living out of vehicle in Hermosa Beach.
- Outreach was persistent with client who due to his age was deemed high-risk for COVID-19.
- Outreach worker made referral for Project Roomkey and individual was accepted and moved in shortly thereafter.
- HIS has been working on connecting this individual to benefits and the documents necessary to move into permanent housing.

# HOW TO FOLLOW-UP

Please email Harbor Interfaith Services staff at  
[outreach@harborinterfaith.org](mailto:outreach@harborinterfaith.org)  
with any questions or follow-up information.