



Encampment Services Update

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 20, 2021



City Council
Direction



City Services



Partner Services



Data

Overview

Council Direction – April 5, 2021

Work

Work to reduce the number of encampments within the City

- Reduce activity in parks, green spaces and merchant corridors

Secure

Secure contracts & cooperation from regional partners

- Caltrans
- California Highway Patrol
- County & Non-Profit service providers

Increase

Increase access to permanent supportive housing

- Navigation Center
- Distributive Housing
- Childs Court Apartments – accepting application by February

City Services

Public Works

- 2-yard container has been placed at East 15th Street, with weekly service provided
- Additional refuse service is offered at 16th Street when bags are put out

DART 2021 Summary

- 1,628 calls
- 856 referrals to services
- 111 services accepted
- 761 areas of clean up
- 176 Merced Connect requests

Regional Partner Services

CalTrans

- Delegated Maintenance Agreement – Implemented 9/3/2021
- Reimbursement not to exceed \$75,000 to perform litter abatement on State properties
- Pilot model for encampment management at 13th & G Street

California Highway Patrol

- Continued patrol on State properties in partnership with Merced PD

Assembly Member Grey

- Continue Regional Homeless Service discussion to ensure coordinate, efficient approach to services

Local Partner Services

Merced County

- Turning Point
 - Bridge/Transitional Housing
 - Access to Services: Clothing, Hygiene Products, Meals & Showers
- Human Services Agency
 - Safety Net benefits: CalWORKs, Cal Fresh, Medical, HDAP, HSP, and Linkage to Employment
- Behavior Health
 - Assessment, Case Management, Medication Management

Faith-Based/Non-Profit Organizations

- Restore Merced – Employment & Supportive Services through City Contract
- Rescue Mission – Navigation Center, Hope Respite Care, Hope for Veterans, Hope for Families, Hope for Men & Women

Table 3. 2019 - 2021 Comparison of Unsheltered and Sheltered Persons by Area

Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas	Total Number of Unsheltered Persons				Total Number of Sheltered Persons				Total Number									
	2019		2021		Difference		2019		2021		Difference							
	#	%*	#	%*	#	%*	#	%*	#	%*	#	%*						
Merced	204		224		+20	10	215**		258		+43	20	419		482		+63	15

Data

Point-in-Time Count will take place on January 24, 2022

Data will be updated to demonstrate any progress

Regional partners to evaluate efficacy of local activity