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HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE



Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2021

October 2021

BUILDING A BRIDGE THROUGH HELP, HOUSING, AND HOPE

Community Court Resiliently Services Neighbors in Need

Through collaborative partnerships, the 17TH Judicial Circuit Community Court overcame the challenges of COVID-19 and resiliently served the homeless neighbors in need throughout the pandemic. In September 2020, Community Court began hosting the program virtually in an open-air venue at Holiday Park and provided access to COVID-19 testing for participants. In January 2021, the City transitioned to host Community Court virtually from the City Hall Commission Chambers. In July 2021, Community Court returned to predominantly face-to-face service. During this transition period, safety remained a top priority for participants. However, the challenges of COVID-19 safety guidelines, such as social distancing, limited available services and impacted the program's ability to host a greater amount of clients.

During Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, which began October 1, 2020 and ended September 30, 2021, the Broward County Clerk of Courts reported 58 cases filed through the Community Court. In addition to those with court cases, the Community Court Program served approximately 137 walk-in clients. The network provided about 670 onsite goods and services, including meals, haircuts, hygiene kits, clothing, bus passes, masks, and other items. In addition to the needed onsite services, approximately 291 referrals to community services and treatment providers, such as mental health, housing, substance abuse, employment, and skills training were provided to those seeking assistance.

The Community Court Program continues to prove its worth in responding to the needs of neighbors experiencing homelessness. The continued success of this innovative program is catching the eyes of surrounding networks seeking to improve conditions in their areas. Several cities in Florida have inquired about the program's model and operation. Specifically, Miami Beach and Hollywood have visited the Community Court to learn more about how a similar program could possibly be implemented in their area. The City appreciates its partners for their collaboration and continued engagement to successfully serve our neighbors in need.



Photo of a young man who sought services as a walk-in, came back to Community Court to share his thankfulness to the network for assistance with shelter and job placement. He offered to provide outreach to others experiencing homelessness and inquired about volunteering to give back.

Fiscal Year 2021 Statistics



137 Walk-in Clients
were approximately served



670 Onsite Goods And Services Were Provided

including meals, haircuts, hygiene kits, clothing, bus passes, masks, and other items



291 Referrals
to community services
and treatment providers



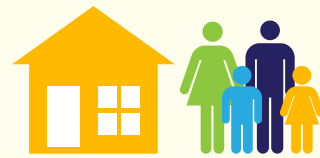
The City's Home Rehabilitation Program to Support Affordable Housing



Before and after photos of a substantial rehabilitation project with roof, windows, and air condition replacement, as well electrical and other interior updates.

The City's Home Rehabilitation Program serves eligible neighbors by improving their living conditions through much needed home repairs. This program preserves the homes and removes the cost burden to homeowners. It promotes affordable housing by assisting households to remain in their homes without spending more than 30% of their income on additional housing repair costs. Home repairs include roof replacements, bathroom replacements, new flooring, new plumbing, impact windows and doors, hot water heaters, and air conditioning system replacements. In FY 2021, 18 owner-occupied housing rehabilitations were completed including one reconstructed home. As a result of the rehabilitations, these neighbors are living in safer, more decent, and habitable homes. The City's Housing and Community Development Division will continue its efforts to further the City Commission's priority of affordable housing through the Home Rehabilitation Program. For more information on the City's Home Rehabilitation Program, please contact Housing and Community Development Division at 954-828-4527.

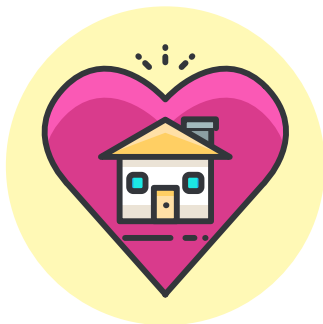
In Fiscal Year 2021



18 Owner-Occupied
housing rehabilitations
were completed



1 Home
was completely
reconstructed



Homeless Initiative Partnership

If you are experiencing homelessness, please call 954-563-4357 to initiate assessments for homeless services. The Homeless Initiative Partnership Section (HIP) is the designated lead agency for the Broward County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Board, as well as the CoC's Homeless Management Information System. HIP serves as staff to the CoC Board, the County's focal point for planning and coordinating services for homeless families and individuals. HIP provides support to the Homeless Providers and Stakeholders Council and is responsible for carrying out the CoC Board's responsibilities designated as the Local Coalition by the State of Florida. For more information, please visit the www.broward.org/Homeless/Pages/Default.aspx.

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