



LAUDERTRAC

HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE



Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2022

March 2022

BUILDING A BRIDGE THROUGH HELP, HOUSING, AND HOPE

Top Priority

In January, the Commission set their priorities for 2022. Homelessness and Housing Opportunities remains a top priority. The primary focus of this initiative is to address homelessness in the City of Fort Lauderdale by supporting programs that mitigate homelessness and promote opportunities to create affordable and workforce housing.

One component of the initiative is the Community Court Program and the accompanying support services whose goal is to provide permanent solutions to homelessness. The City will continue with key organizations, which include Broward County and the TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness to explore collaborative programs

that will enhance community outreach and bring much-needed attention to individuals that are experiencing homelessness. Additional initiatives include the development of a mobile application to support homeless outreach efforts, behavioral health services and the annual homeless symposium.



Housing Opportunities Project Team meeting to develop annual plan

Based on the Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget, the City allocated approximately \$722,000 for the Community Court Program, homeless intervention efforts, and the Police Department's Homeless Outreach Unit activities, including the family reunification program. The City's Housing and Community Development Division continues to administer approximately \$10.8 million in entitlement grant funds from HOME Investment Partnerships, Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and State Housing Initiative Partnerships (SHIP). These funds support homeless prevention programs such as rental assistance, home rehabilitations, and first-time home purchase.

Additionally, the Development Services Department continues to implement an affordable housing policy, which aims to improve workforce housing in Fort Lauderdale. This strategy includes monitoring the number of affordable units that are placed into the market based on the adopted policy and verifying the dwelling units remain affordable throughout the required timeframe.

Through these efforts, the City of Fort Lauderdale aims to improve the quality of life of those that are impacted by homelessness. Key metrics will be evaluated periodically to ensure progress is aligned with the Commission's Top Priority. Monthly updates will be shared through the LauderTrac publications with progress and results from the ongoing initiatives.



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The City administers
\$10.8
MILLION
Entitlement
Grant Funding

