



City Ordinance Amendments pertaining to Camping and Storage of belongings

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City Council

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Salinas Homeless Response

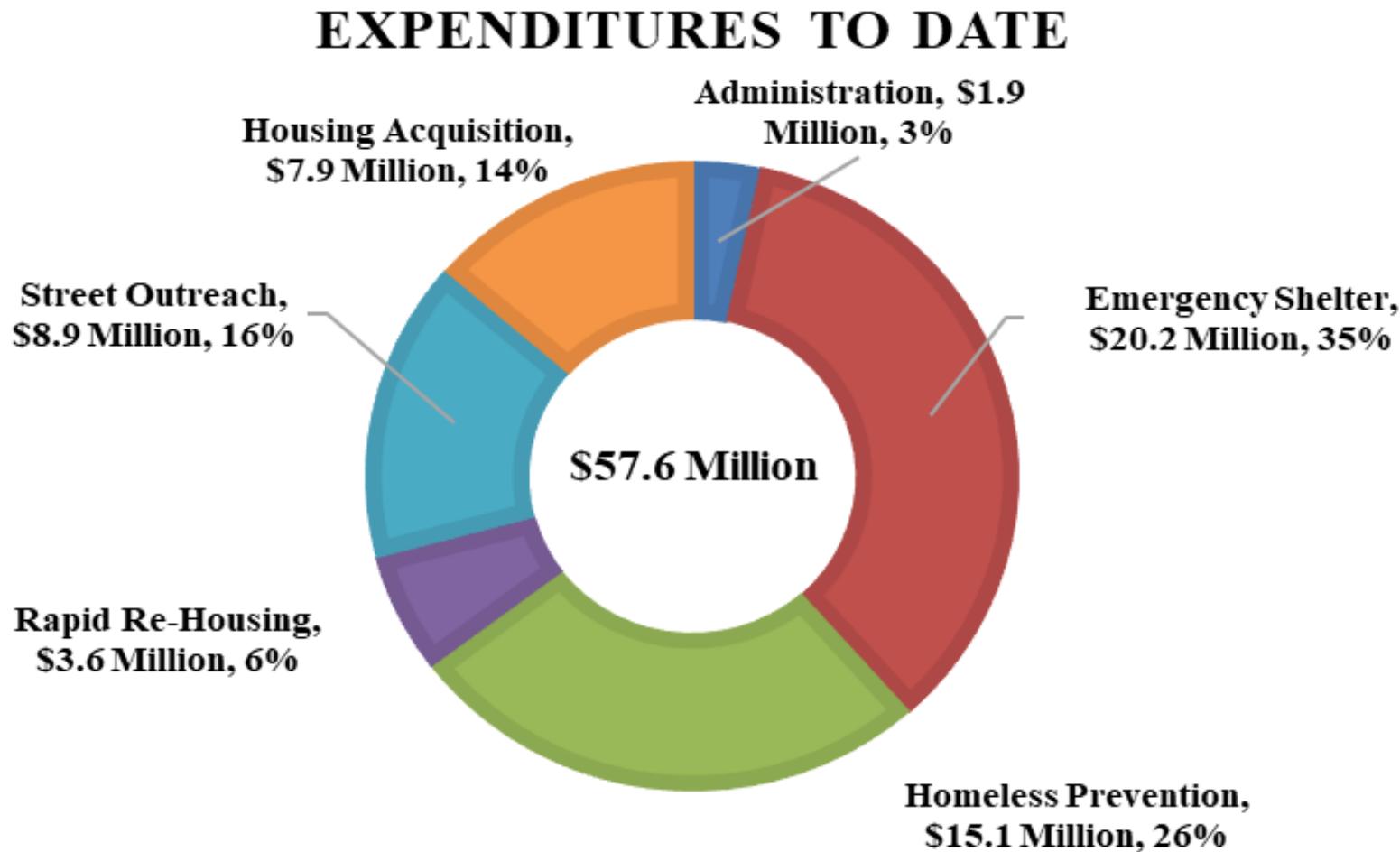


The City of Salinas is home to 50% of the County's homeless population, 1,240

In response to this pressing issue, the City has initiated various programs and services that form our strategy.

- Prevention
- Outreach
- Shelter
- Collaboration with Community Based Organizations
- Encampment Removal

Homeless Response – Grant Expenditures



Homeless Response -Permanent Supportive Housing

Permanent Supportive/Transition Housing	# of Units	Funding Amount	Funding Source
Salinas Inn (Fairview)	45	\$3.68 M	Combination of multiple grants for purchase. Future funding for rental assistance is included (\$1.18M)
El Rey Motel (transitional housing)	25	\$3.64 M	ARPA used to purchase.
Single Family Home- Completed	4	\$2.83 M	Family Homeless Challenge/ARPA
Single Family Home – Pending	2	\$2.8 M	Family Homeless Challenge
TOTAL UNITS	222	\$14.3 M	

General Fund Cost & Data

STAFFING COST	FY26/27	FY27/28
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1 Public Works Staff Assigned• Public Works Staff – Support as needed• Police: No assigned Staff• Police Overtime• SORT• Community Development• City Attorney• Assistant City Manager		
ENCAMPMENT CLEANUP		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Contractor▪ City Staff: Public Works/PD/SORT		
CALLS FOR SERVICE -		
Police		
Fire		

Homeless Response – Ordinance Amendments

- City has a responsibility to protect public health & safety
- Preserve access to public facilities
- Prevent damage to city infrastructure & environmental resources

BALANCED WITH

- Compassion and kindness for people experiencing homelessness

Ordinance Amendments

- Salinas has experienced an increase in number & size of homeless encampments
- Created challenges that affect both the unhoused and the broader community
 - Obstruction of sidewalks, streets & public buildings
 - Accumulation of human waste, trash hazardous materials
 - Increased fire risk
 - Diminished quality of life for residents, businesses and visitors

Ordinance Amendments

Chapter 16

Prohibition Against Camping

Clearly defines prohibited camping activities and structures on public property at any time by removing ability to camp from 7pm and 7am.

Protect critical infrastructure and sensitive environmental areas by preventing camping within 25 feet of critical infrastructure.

Reduces public health and safety hazards associated with encampments

Ensures public spaces remain available for their intended public use

Ordinance Amendments Chapter 16

Storage of Personal Property



Reducing the noticing requirements removing encampments from 72 hours to 48 hours



Preventing obstruction of sidewalks, streets and public rights-of-way



Addressing public safety and sanitation concerns related to unattended or excessive property storage

Homeless Response Encampment Cleanup Procedures

Administrative Procedures

Guides how staff will implement the ordinances

Collaborative approach between SORT, Public Works, Police Department, Code Enforcement, City Administration & City Attorney

Outreach & Noticing

Handling of
hazardous materials

Removal of unlawful
encampments

Storage & retrieval
of belongings

Balanced Approach



Questions?
