



SAN DIEGO Regional Task Force on Homelessness

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WHO WE ARE

RTFH began its work nearly 40 years ago as a City of San Diego Mayor’s Task Force to examine emerging issues of homelessness, primarily in Downtown. The RTFH has since evolved into a robust nonprofit organization with a community of partners committed to preventing and ending homelessness across all of San Diego County.

RTFH leads, coordinates, promotes and advocates for solutions to prevent and end homelessness. One of our primary roles is to serve as the lead agency and backbone support for San Diego County’s United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) homelessness Continuum of Care (CoC) program. In this role, RTFH administers federally required activities such as the HMIS, Coordinated Entry System (CES), Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, serves as the CoC Collaborative Applicant, creates and oversees standards for homelessness assistance, and staffs the CoC Advisory Board, committees, and membership. The CoC work accounts for roughly 80% of the RTFH’s staffing and time throughout the year, with the focus of moving the CoC towards becoming a HUD designated High Performing Community.

In addition to serving as the CoC lead agency, RTFH facilitates a community vision and goals for ending homelessness, coordinates with local jurisdictions, promotes and funds best practices and innovative strategies, supports and trains community agencies, plans for and monitors the area’s homeless response system, and advocates for effective policies at federal, state, and local levels.



OUR STRATEGIC GOALS





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2020 - 2021 KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Regional Leadership in Ending Homelessness

Successfully administered over **\$26M** in federal and state funding to local partners through the HUD Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) and the State's Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP).

In the last year, **805** youth received assistance through YHDP and HEAP helped over **8,000** people.



Housing Focus

Connected **1,805** people to permanent housing programs through the Coordinated Entry System (CES).

With Brilliant Corners, successfully launched the regional Flexible Housing Pool (FHP). In its first year, the FHP secured **219** private market rental units and housed **203** people across the region.



Convening and Training Homeless System Partners

Established and supported **four** new committees of the CoC focused on racial equity, the connection between healthcare and homelessness, Veterans, and older adults. Provided training to community partners in HUD programming, street outreach, diversion, rapid re-housing, and shared housing.



Trusted Source of Data on Homelessness

Supported over **75** organizations, administering over **600** unique programs, with over **1,000** individual staff users. In total the HMIS supported the records of over **39,000** persons experiencing homelessness throughout the year.

Released an in-depth data report on 2020 key system performance metrics.



Elevating Advocacy to Action

Developed official RTFH policy priorities and process for determining policy and advocacy actions.

Signed on to and endorsed AB-71 focused on creating an ongoing state revenue source to address homelessness. While AB-71 fell short, advocated successfully with state and local partners for \$2 billion in new state funding to address homelessness.

