

Commission on Homelessness 2023 Work Plan

Commission on Homelessness shall fulfill duties as set forth in Ordinance 13584 C.M.S.

Objective #1: Strengthen responses, strategies, and activities of City of Oakland agencies and organizations receiving local funding for any homelessness services and housing activities.

Activities:

1.1 Provide oversight of Local Homeless Funding (Measure W and Measure Q)*

- Review relevant financial information and operational reports including information concerning the impacts of programs funded by Measure W and Measure Q homelessness funds
- Develop recommendations on how to prioritize the allocation of funds, including for: services and programs for homeless people, reduction of homelessness, and supporting the provision of affordable housing to households qualifying as at least low-income households (those at 55% AMI or below).

1.2 Participate in Biennial Budgeting Process*

- Develop recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on the Biennial Fiscal Year Budget, in accordance with the City Council's Consolidated Fiscal Policy at the time. Ensures that the Commission Chair communicates homelessness priorities to the Mayor and Council.

1.3 Publish Annual Report*

- Receive updates from City and County Departments on the housing, programs, and services for persons experiencing homelessness in the City including, but not limited to. street outreach, homeless shelters, transitional housing, housing exits, and permanent supportive housing as needed.
- Assess activities and strategies and their impacts on homelessness.
- Provide recommendations and priorities for funding that embed racial equity.

1.4 Receive updates from standing committees and working groups

Objective #2: Ensure that Commission planning and decision-making processes are deeply informed and guided by recommendations from people with lived expertise from experiences of homelessness.

Activities:

2.1 Develop working group composed of persons with lived experiences of homelessness.

2.2 Create a strategic, inclusive information gathering process (i.e. removing barriers to meeting participation, developing input/feedback tools, etc.) with a cross-section of representation (seniors, disabled, families, RV/car dwellers and settlement leaders).

Objective #3: Improve local policies and plans to better prevent and end homelessness. *

Activities:

3.1 Review and respond annually to the City's Homeless Encampment Policy.

3.2 Review and respond annually to the Permanent Access to Housing Path Plan.

Objective #4: Ensure Commission governance is maintained.

Activities:

4.1 Develop and maintain by-laws.

4.2 Elect/re-elect Officers when there are vacancies.

**Designated in by-laws*

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January

February

March

April

May

- Develop recommendations to the Mayor and the City Council on the Biennial Fiscal Year Budget (1.2)
- Develop recommendations on how to prioritize the allocation of Measure W and Measure Q funds. (1.1)
- Create a strategic, inclusive information gathering process (2.2)

June

- Develop plan for publishing annual report (1.3)
- Elect/re-elect Officers when there are vacancies. (4.2)

July

- Develop working group composed of persons with lived experiences of homelessness. (2.1)
- Receive updates from City and County Departments on the housing, programs, and services for persons experiencing homelessness in the City including, but not limited to, street outreach, homeless shelters, transitional housing, housing exits, and permanent supportive housing.

August

- Develop plan for publishing annual report (1.3)
- Review and respond to the Permanent Access to Housing Path Plan. (3.2)

September

- Develop plan for publishing annual report (1.3)
- Review and respond to the City's Homeless Encampment Policy. (3.1)

October

- Develop and maintain by-laws. (4.1)

November

- Publish annual report (1.3)

December

- TBD