


Office of the City Manager

Date: June 22, 2012

To: Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council

From: Christine Daniel, City Manager 

Subject: Requests for Information Regarding Homeless Programs

Staff has received several requests for information from members of the City Council regarding homeless services either provided by or funded by the City. Attached to this memo is: 1) a list of services the City funds which includes a description of the services grouped by service type, and the amount of funding the City provides, and; 2) a map of service locations. In addition, staff received several questions which are responded to below:

1) *Approximately, how many homeless reside in Berkeley? Alameda County?*

HUD requires a countywide point-in-time homeless count every other year and the City of Berkeley participates in that effort. We do not get Berkeley-specific data from the biennial count unless we contribute extra funding which increases the size of Berkeley sites that are sampled and pays for the costs associated with analyzing the data. The City of Berkeley has only obtained city-specific data two times, the most recent of which was 2009. Below is data from both the 2011 and 2009 counts:

2011 – Alameda County total – 4,178

This number includes people living in homeless shelters, transitional housing, and unsheltered people (on the streets, cars, or other places not fit for human habitation) at one point in time.

*(source: Reports on the 2011 Alameda Countywide Homeless Count and Survey)*

2009 – Alameda County total – 4,341

*(source: Reports on the 2011 Alameda Countywide Homeless Count and Survey)*

2009 – Berkeley total – 680

*(source: Alameda Countywide Homeless Count and Survey 2009)*

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2) *How many beds do we have available in Berkeley? How many non-profit? How many from the City?*

The City does not operate any emergency shelter beds. Nonprofit organizations operate all the emergency shelter and transitional housing in Berkeley. The information below includes the transitional housing inventory since people in transitional housing are counted as homeless in the statistics cited above.

135 year round emergency shelter beds

70 seasonal (winter) emergency shelter beds

163 transitional housing beds

The City also funds additional winter seasonal emergency shelter capacity:

- Dorothy Day Emergency Storm Shelter provides shelter to 50 people provided 30 – 40 nights on days with severe weather.
- The City spends \$34,888 on short-term motel stays for individuals and families that cannot be accommodated in shelters. This last winter, we provided 393 nights in hotels for 49 families and 20 individuals.

3) *What shelters/centers are available for use during the daytime?*

The City of Berkeley funds a number of daytime drop-in centers that are places homeless people can be inside during the day and receive services, a hot shower, and/or a meal. Berkeley has the following daytime drop-in resources:

1. BOSS Multi Agency Service Center (MASC):  
Open Monday, Tuesday, 8:00 am—4:00 pm; Wednesday, 8:00 am--2:30 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 8:30 am---3:30 pm. Drop-in support services to chronically homeless individuals in Berkeley, with an emphasis on the mentally disabled and substance abusers. Enter through east gate of Veteran's Memorial Building 1931 Center Street, Basement level.
2. Women's Daytime Drop-In Center.  
Drop-in center for homeless women and children. Intakes Monday, 9:00--11:00 am and 1:00--2:30 pm; Tuesday, 1:00--2:30 pm; and Wednesday through Friday, 9:00—11:00am and 1:00--2:30 pm. Closed the first Friday of each month. Breakfast Monday-Friday, 8:00—9:00 am and lunch Monday-Friday, 12:00—1:00 pm 2218 Acton Street.

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3. Berkeley Drop-In Center:  
Respite, counseling and group sessions. Monday-Thursday 9:00 am—4:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00—2:00 p.m. *3234 Adeline Street.*
4. Berkeley Food and Housing Program's Multi Service Center (MSC):  
Case management, shelter referrals. Drop-in Hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00—  
11:00 am. *2362 Bancroft Way.*
5. BFHP Women's Resource Center:  
Intake hub for BFHP serving single women. Open Sunday - Thursday, 10:00 am  
– 4:00 pm. *2140 Dwight Way.*

#### Attachments

cc: William Rogers, Interim Deputy City Manager  
Jane Micallef, Interim Director, Health, Housing & Community Services  
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## Berkeley FY2012 Homeless Programs

Agency/Program	Description of Service	Address	FY2012 COB Funding
<b>ALCOHOL and OTHER DRUG REHABILITATION</b>			
Lifelong Medical Care - Acupuncture Detox Clinic	Acupuncture services for people who are chemically dependent.	2001 Dwight Way	\$ 66,700
New Bridge Foundation - Residential Substance Abuse Treatment	Certified residential substance abuse treatment program.	1820 Scenic Avenue	\$ 85,000
Options Recovery Services - Day Treatment, Housing Case Management, Dual Diagnosis Clinic	Case management, mental health treatment, and alcohol and drug rehabilitation services.	1931 Center Street	\$ 195,200
SUBTOTAL AOD Programs			\$ 346,900
<b>DROP-IN CENTERS</b>			
Alameda County Network of Mental Health Clients - Berkeley Daytime Drop-In (BDIC)	Drop-in services, public assistance advocacy, peer counseling and group discussions.	3234 Adeline Street	\$91,390
Berkeley Food & Housing Project - Multi-Service Center	Case management/ assistance to find and maintain housing. Coordinate Berkeley Winter Shelter placements. Operate Centralized Shelter Reservation Program.	2362 Bancroft Way – Trinity Church	\$ 275,847
Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency - Multi-Agency Service Center (MASC)	Drop-in services and case management support, including a locker program.	1931 Center Street - Veterans Building	\$ 232,575
Womens Daytime Drop In Center - Homeless Case Management & Health Services	Drop-in services, including case management, to homeless women and children. Staff also administer winter shelter vouchers for families.	2218 Acton Street	\$ 122,756
United for Health - Youth Suitcase Clinic	Provides weekly acupuncture and other health services for homeless youth aged 18 to 25.	2300 Bancroft - St Marks Church	\$ 10,000
SUBTOTAL Drop-In Centers			\$ 732,568
<b>SHELTERS</b>			
Berkeley Food & Housing Project - Men's Shelter	Shelter for 48 single men (12 beds for veterans, 10 for CHASS clients, up to 5 for pilot re-entry project, and 21 for general population) and 5 emergency beds.	1931 Center Street - Veterans Building	\$ 184,156

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Berkeley Food & Housing Project - Women's Shelter	Shelter for 24 single women (plus 3 single womens emergency beds) and 6 family beds. Also offers winter emergency access for up to 5 additional beds.	2140 Dwight Way	\$118,509
Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency - Harrison House Shelter (Ursula Sherman Village Singles Shelter)	Shelter for homeless singles with 34 beds for men and 16 for women. 17 beds are designated for CHASS clients, and 33 beds are available to the general public.	711 Harrison Street	\$ 112,208
Dorothy Day House - Berkeley Emergency Storm Shelter	Provides emergency shelter between November and May when rain is forecast and/or the temperature is expected to fall below 40 degrees, for a minimum of 45 nights a season.	2345 Channing Way – First Congregational Church	\$16,490
Youth Engagement Advocacy Housing (YEAH!)	The YEAH! shelter provides 15 beds and 5 emergency beds for youth aged 18 - 25 at the Lutheran Church of the Cross. The shelter is typically open from November through June.	1744 University Avenue Lutheran Church of the Cross	\$ 111,026
Oakland Army Base Winter Shelter	50 beds are set aside for Berkeley referrals. Operates from November through April.	Oakland Army Base	\$ 61,000
SUBTOTAL Shelters			\$ 603,389
<b>TRANSITIONAL HOUSING</b>			
Building Opportunities - Harrison House Family Transitional Shelter	26 beds of transitional shelter for homeless families.	711 Harrison Street	\$ 28,191
Building Opportunities for Self-Sufficiency - Sankofa Transitional House	Nine units, with 25 beds, of transitional housing for homeless families.	711 Harrison Street	\$ 26,713
Fred Finch Youth Center -Turning Point	An 18 bed transitional housing program for homeless adults ages 18-25	2418 8th Street and 3404 King Street	\$88,173
Womens Daytime Drop In Center -- Bridget Transitional House	Provides services for the families residing at Bridget Transitional House program, which provides 4 units and 12 beds, serving four families with one or two young children (8-12 clients) for a maximum of 20 months.		\$24,256
SUBTOTAL Transitional Housing			\$ 167,333

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<b>PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES</b>			
Lifelong Medical Care - COACH and Square One	Outreach and supportive services for to chronically homeless individuals. Housing subsidies are provided through the City's Health, Housing and Community Services Department.	scattered sites.	\$ 156,344
Bonita House -Supported Independent Living	Supportive services to 15 unaccompanied adults living with psychiatric and substance use disabilities. All units are supported by Shelter Plus Care vouchers.	2937 Martin Luther King 1910-12 Hearst Street	\$18,469
Berkeley Food & Housing Project - Russell Street Residence	Permanent supportive housing for 17 severely mentally ill and formerly homeless adults, many of whom are dually and triply diagnosed.	1741 Russell Street	\$13,274
Lifelong Medical Care - Supportive Housing Program	Case management and other support services for formerly homeless residents of U.A. Homes and Erna P. Harris Court residential facilities in Berkeley.	1330 University Avenue – Erna P. Harris 1040 University Avenue – UA Homes, and MLK House	\$53,166
Toolworks, Inc.- Supportive Housing	Staff work with Lifelong SHP program at UA Homes (74 units) and Erna P. Harris (34 units) with a focus on developing volunteer or work opportunities to help prepare for re-entry to employment.	1330 University Avenue – Erna P. Harris 1040 University Avenue – UA Homes, and MLK House	\$48,500
SUBTOTAL Permanent Supportive Housing Services			\$ 289,753
<b>HOMELESS PREVENTION</b>			
Family Violence Law Center - Domestic Violence & Homeless Prevention	Emergency legal services, counseling, intervention and overnight shelter to victims of domestic violence.	470 27th St., Oakland	\$88,554

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Berkeley Food & Housing Project - Housing Retention (HRP)	Rental assistance to Berkeley residents who are at imminent risk of losing their housing. Assistance is limited to \$2,000 annually, and applicants must apply through a collaborative of agencies, and demonstrate their ability to maintain their rent after the assistance has been received.	2362 Bancroft Way – Trinity Church	\$159,754
SUBTOTAL Homeless Prevention			\$ 248,308
<b>MEAL PROGRAMS</b>			
Berkeley Food & Housing Project - Quarter Meal	Sit-down hot dinner Monday through Wednesday and take away meal Thursday and Friday at the BFHP Multi-Service Center site.	2362 Bancroft Way – Trinity Church	\$46,588
Dorothy Day House - Trinity Church Breakfast	Daily breakfast for 85 to 150 people at Trinity United Methodist Church.	2362 Bancroft Way – Trinity Church	\$ 40,725
SUBTOTAL Meals			\$ 87,313
<b>OTHER PROGRAMS</b>			
Homeless Action Center - SSI Advocacy	Legal assistance to enable homeless individuals to access Supplemental Security Income and MediCal.	3126 Shattuck Avenue	\$ 128,212
Rubicon-Work Maturity Training Program	Training in landscape services, job and benefits counseling, job preparation workshops, and placement assistance.	1918 Bonita Avenue	\$56,260
Rubicon-Workforce Services	Pre-employment and job placement services to low-income and homeless individuals.	1918 Bonita Avenue	\$ 35,884
Everyone Home	Berkeley's matching contribution to support Everyone Home.		\$ 15,000
Telegraph Business Improvement District			\$ 100,000
SUBTOTAL Other			\$ 335,356
<b>GRAND TOTAL HOMELESS SERVICES</b>			<b>\$ 2,810,920</b>