

City of Eugene
Unhoused Response:
**Innovation, Resolve
& Ongoing Need**

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A Community In Crisis

- Eugene: more than 3,500 unhoused individuals in a city of 178,000
- Dire for those in need and for community safety, sanitation, livability
- Biggest resident concern per 2022 community survey



A Community In Crisis

- Pandemic: shelter beds dropped by 35%
- Gaps in Continuum of Care needed to be filled
- Situation demands a community-wide response



Stepping up

- Since 2021, the City ramped up action, especially shelter
- Spent \$25.4 million in FY22-23



Stepping up

- Eugene spending \$8.4 million in one-time funds to stand up and run new non-congregate shelter
- Added 250+ local shelter spaces
- Connecting people to stability resources



Addressing Health & Safety

- Massive safety and sanitation burden on cities alone
- City staff received 20,373 camping-impact reports in FY22-23
- City spent \$8.4 million in FY22-23 and will spend millions more FY24-25



An Ongoing Need

- Despite gains, the crisis continues
- January 2023 Lane County:
 - Point in Time (PIT) count: 2,824 people
 - Homeless By Name List (HBNL): 4,816 people



An Ongoing Need

- Eugene: More than 3,500 on HBNL
- Eugene: About 1,000 shelter spaces
- Eugene averages more than 800 camping-impact reports each month, similar to last two years



An Ongoing Need

- Governor Kotek's All-In plan helps
- Eugene programs receive \$3 million from the local Multi-Agency Coordinating Group plan, to be used by January 10, 2024
- One-time plus expected future funds will improve shelters and extend operations another year



An Ongoing Need

- All In is a lifeline, but has gaps, including:
 - Vehicle programs not funded
 - Safety/sanitation response not funded
- Ongoing operations funding unknown
- Need new funds for more programs



An Ongoing Need

- Cities need direct funds
- We collaborate with the County and providers; everyone seeking resources
- Cities are responsible to residents for safety and livability for all
- Housing is critical but cost and time to build can't address crisis on our streets



An Ongoing Need

- Cities are critical partners in implementing Governor Kotek's and the Legislature's vision for care.
- Cities need additional investments now to branch out in these new areas while meeting local responsibilities.

