



LAUDERTRAC



HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE

Tracking Progress on Fort Lauderdale Commission Priorities for 2022

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BUILDING A BRIDGE THROUGH HELP, HOUSING, AND HOPE

The City's Community Court Continues to Support Homeless Neighbors

In alignment with the City's strategic plan, the City's Community Court Program continues to respond to the needs of neighbors experiencing homelessness under the Neighborhood Enhancement focus area. The goal of Community Court is to address low-level misdemeanor crimes and violations of municipal ordinances by providing community service opportunities in lieu of incarceration. In addition, program participants and other individuals in need, such as walk-in clients, are linked to onsite service providers and resources.

From January through June 2022, 17 Notices To Appear were issued, and 149 hearings were conducted during Community Court. Each program participant must attend multiple follow-up hearings until program requirements are met. Within the same period this year, participants completed a total of 110 community service hours and 11 successfully graduated from Community Court. In addition to court cases, Community Court served over 330 walk-in clients. The provider network delivered various goods and services including 400 meals, 720 showers, and approximately 240 haircuts. The City appreciates its partners for their collaboration and continued engagement to successfully serve our neighbors in need.

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A New Journey with the TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness

On July 5th, 2022, TaskForce Fore Ending Homelessness, Inc. kicked off the Housing Navigation Pilot Program in collaboration with the City's Neighbor Support Division and the Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team. The goal of the program is to provide street outreach services, complete entry assessments, and connect individuals experiencing homelessness with appropriate services for shelter, transitional, or permanent housing. The partnership seeks to identify and work with a core group of individuals to overcome homelessness. Since July, the Housing Navigation Pilot Program has identified 42 clients, and the Team has met with them on 119 different occasions. The City's approach to serving these neighbors is to first provide outreach and build rapport, then refer individuals to services to develop housing strategies. The team is building relationships with each individual and has helped to facilitate the identification process by requesting birth certificates and state ID cards. To date, Taskforce and the City have assisted in making service referrals for 28 of the identified group, successfully housed two individuals and reunited two individuals with their family.

New Housing Navigation Pilot Program

THE GOAL



provide street outreach services



complete entry assessments



connect with appropriate services



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