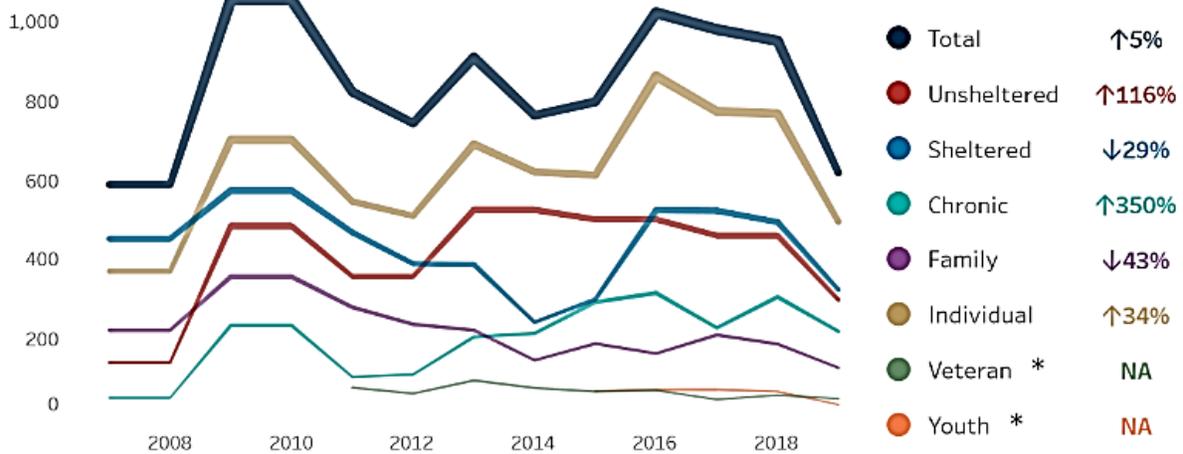


unsheltered populations in the unincorporated area of Placer County and coordinates with city teams who are also engaging with their homeless populations. The HLT deploys a problem-oriented policing strategy to engage homeless individuals and enroll them in service and sheltering programs.

The Board continues to invest in permanent supportive housing through contracts with TGI and Advocates for Mentally Ill Housing (AMIH) to manage a variety of residential facilities that house formerly homeless individuals. Residents pay rent and have tenant rights and responsibilities, and supported by ongoing case management through programs such as WPC, for as long as necessary, to ensure their continued stability and success. These homes have been funded primarily through federal, state, and private grants, which are generally restricted to housing homeless or people at risk of homelessness.

By 2019, the Board’s multi-year efforts and investments in homelessness seemed to be achieving desired goals in reducing overall numbers of unsheltered individuals in the County. Point-in-time counts indicated the number of homeless in Placer County dropped from a high of 1,021 in 2016 to 617 in 2019, as demonstrated in the chart below.

Between 2007 and 2019, **Roseville, Rocklin/Placer County CoC’s Total** homeless population changed by **↑5%**, the **Sheltered** population changed by **↓29%**, and the **Unsheltered** population changed by **↑116%**. See list for statistics on other populations.



Sources: US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Census Bureau

However, in 2020, homelessness was increasing for a variety of reasons related to housing shortages and associated pricing increases. In addition, challenges associated with the COVID-19 public health pandemic, most notably job loss, evictions, and the impacts of social distancing

requirements on allowable shelter capacity have exacerbated homelessness. The 2020 point-in-time homeless count reflects a one-year increase from 617 to 744. Given that people move in and out of homelessness, single day, point-in-time counts do not provide a comprehensive measure of an area's homeless population, but they can suggest general trends.

On February 25, 2021, HHS staff surveyed the unsheltered population living in PCGC encampments and found a total of 95 individuals - a 15% increase in the number of campers over a similar survey from November of 2020. 51% of those surveyed indicated they were “not interested” in securing shelter.

Given these recent trends, the County Executive Office has convened a Homelessness Task Force with participation by Supervisor Holmes and representatives from Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Probation, HHS, Facility Services, Risk Management and County Counsel. This Task Force is developing strategies to reduce homelessness and to mitigate the health and safety concerns with homeless encampments at the PCGC, particularly given campus construction projects including the Mercy Housing and demolition projects currently underway, and upcoming projects such as the HHS Administration building and infrastructure improvements.

While the HLT continues its work with homeless populations at PCGC and across unincorporated Placer County, current resources are proving insufficient. The plan before your Board (Attachment 1) was developed by the Task Force to expand HLT outreach and health and safety measures at the PCGC. The plan will ensure a daily HLT presence at the PCGC, additional patrol by Animal Services to ensure animals are leashed and properly controlled, and enhancing fencing, cameras, towing capability, portable toilets, and trash receptacles.

CEO staff have conducted initial outreach with our city partners who have expressed their interest in convening to develop a strategic, coordinated response to homelessness across Placer County. As strategies are identified, staff will return to the Board for further direction related to this complex issue.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved by the Board, departments shown in Attachment 1 will return to your Board with budget amendments as necessary to support the immediate expansion of the Homeless Liaison Team outreach efforts and campus safety measures. A breakdown of anticipated costs funded through General Fund in lieu of CARES are shown below. These estimates are not-to-exceed limitations and the County Executive Office will review expenditures to ensure timely and appropriate budget amendments throughout the remainder of FY 2020-21.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – HLT Funding Requests by Department

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Funding Requests by Department

Health and Human Services

Staffing - Animal Services (Overtime Costs)	\$15,000
Staffing - ASOC Outreach	\$50,000
Total	\$65,000

Probation

Staffing - Liaison Officers (Overtime Costs)	\$90,000
Equipment	\$30,000
Total	\$120,000

Sheriff's Office

Staffing - Liaison Officers (Overtime Costs)	\$135,000
Equipment	\$40,000
Total	\$175,000

Facilities

Staffing - Private Security	\$52,000
Equipment, Cameras, Fencing, Towing, Toilets and Trash	\$255,000
Total	\$307,000

County-wide Total \$667,000