

Department of Human Services



Veterans and Seniors

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2013 Homeless Count Veterans and Seniors

- Approximately 716 homeless veterans in 2013. Veteran homelessness reduced 17% from 2011-2013.
- 17% of homeless count and survey respondents (approximately 1094 people) reported their age as 51 or older. 3% (approximately 193 people) reported their age as 61 or older.

Seniors in Adult Emergency Shelters

Age Range*	2012		2013		Jan - Apr 2014	
	Number**	% of Total	Number**	% of Total	Number**	% of Total
60-64	542	8.97%	500	8.51%	268	8.49%
65-69	236	3.91%	210	3.58%	130	4.12%
70-79	127	2.10%	131	2.23%	67	2.12%
80-89	26	0.43%	24	0.41%	16	0.51%
90-99	1	0.02%	2	0.03%	2	0.06%
TOTALS	932	15.42%	867	14.76%	483	15.30%
All Shelter Users	6043		5873		3157	

*Age Range = Client self-reported age/date of birth - unverified.

** Number = the number of individual persons who used shelter one or more days.

Veterans in Adult Emergency Shelters

- Thirty (30) beds are funded by the Veterans Administration for use by its homeless clients
- HSA coordinates with the VA to outreach to clients in the shelter system with military service
- Efforts made to link shelter veterans to VA benefits and services, including housing placement

Senior Housing

Site	Type	Units	Eligibility
Raman Hotel	SRO	86	60 and older, Homeless
Zygmunt Arendt House	LOSP	31 (studio)	62 and older, Homeless
	Shelter+Care	16 (studio)	62 and older, Chronic Homeless, and Special Need (substance abuse, mental illness, HIV/AIDS)
Mary Helen Rogers	Shelter+Care	20	55 and older, Chronic Homeless, and Special Need (substance abuse, mental illness, HIV/AIDS)
Parkview Terrace	Shelter+Care	20	55 and older, Chronic Homeless, and Special Need (substance abuse, mental illness, HIV/AIDS)

Veteran Housing

Site	Type	Units	Eligibility
Veterans Commons	Shelter+Care	15	Military Service, Chronic Homeless, and Special Need (substance abuse, mental illness, HIV/AIDS)

Ellis Act Eviction Prevention

Target Populations

- low- and moderate-income senior and disabled tenants
- living in San Francisco facing eviction under the Ellis Act

Description of Services

- legal representation to long-term senior and disabled San Francisco tenants facing eviction under the Ellis Act
- licensed attorney represent clients in all aspects of Ellis Act eviction defense in San Francisco courts, including any related litigation that would preserve their housing or quality of life
- Representation provided to monolingual Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese tenants, as well as English speakers

Homeless Prevention Funds

The San Francisco Chronicle Season of Sharing Fund

- Provides San Francisco residents with a grant to seniors (60 years or older) and disabled veterans for:
 - Critical Family Need (medical apparatus not covered by insurance, delinquent utility bills, moving assistance, beds for those moving out of homelessness into permanent housing)
 - back rent
 - security deposit assistance

San Francisco Continuum of Care Coordinated Assessment

Federal Requirements:

- Federally funded homeless programs required to participate
- Public written criteria for prioritization and public access to referrals
- Equal and similar treatment for each subpopulation
- Implemented system-wide for all subpopulations by 2017

San Francisco Continuum of Care Coordinated Assessment

Local Goals:

- Reduce length of homelessness
- House the most vulnerable households first
- Improve assessment to place clients in the most appropriate housing placement
- Use existing data, not intrusive interviews, if possible
- Ensure all clients are treated equitably, regardless of current case management connections
- Provide some client choice
- Improve data about level of need, length of homelessness, and housing preferences

Aim of 25 Cities Effort

Accelerate the pace and integrate our efforts towards ending Veteran and chronic homelessness in 25 cities with the largest concentration of homeless Veterans

How?

1. Build and Coordinated Assessment and Housing Placement
2. Strengthen and integrate data systems
3. Integrate VA efforts on homelessness more seamlessly into broader community efforts



WORKING TOGETHER TO END VETERAN AND CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Pilot Coordinated Assessment Systems

Veterans

VI SPDAT Registry Week

- Interview all homeless veterans
- Record their names, and vulnerability scores

Placement

- The most vulnerable veterans placed in Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH)

Continuum of Care Single Adults

Ranked List by Length of Homelessness

- Using existing data

Placement

- Longest term homeless placed into vacant Continuum of Care units first.

Department of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

- DAAS Intake Services
 - Information and Assistance for Seniors and Adults with Disabilities
 - In Home Supportive Services
 - Adult Protective Services
 - Home Delivered Meals
 - Other Intakes
- In Home Supportive Services
- Protective Services Division
- County Veterans Service Office
- Office on the Aging
 - Episcopal Community Services
 - Curry Senior Center
 - Family Services Agency