Regional Homeless Alliance

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Southwest Riverside County Goal

"Establish regional strategies that address the needs of the five Regional Homeless Alliance (RHA) communities, residents, businesses, and those experiencing homelessness."

Regionalized collaboration WORKS!

Law Enforcement

Code Enforcement

City Outreach Workers

Five Individual Cities

City Leadership

Volunteers & Faith-Based Organization

Non-Profit Providers

RHA Report Overview

- Engagement objectives
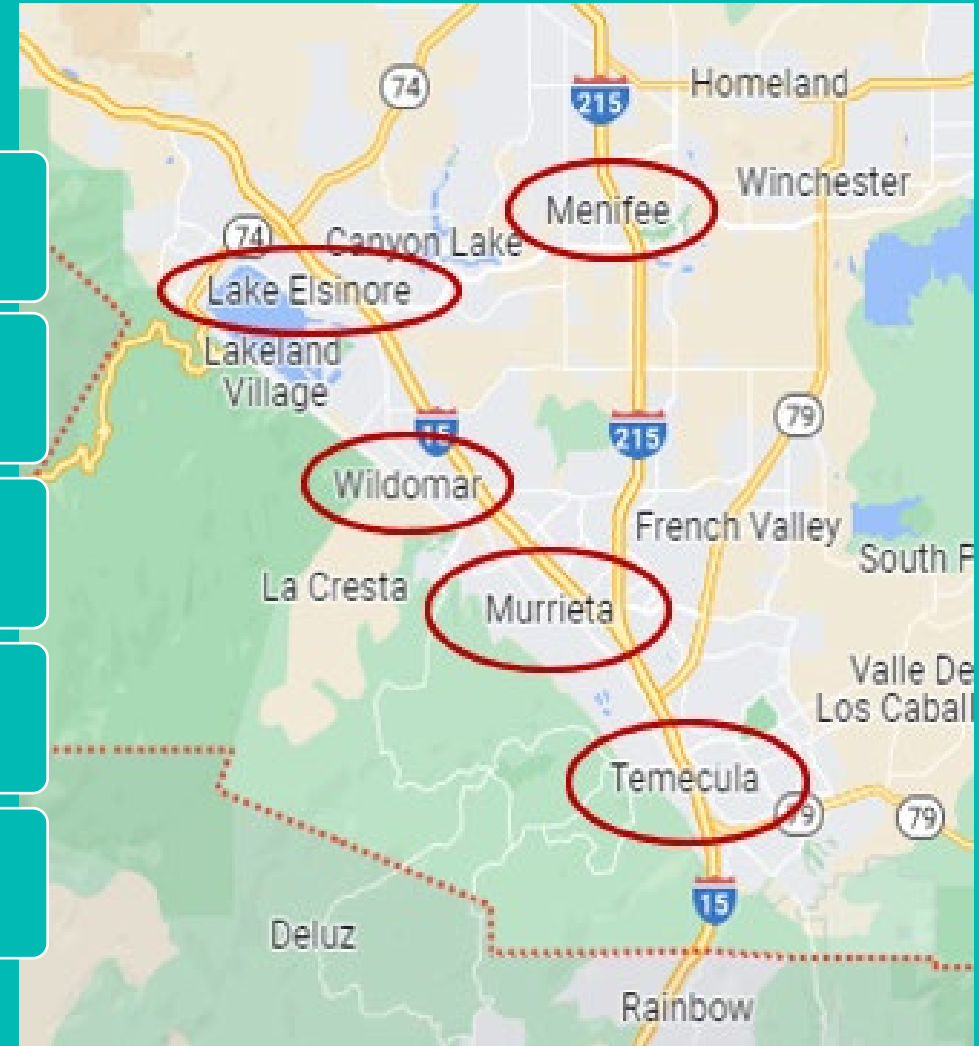- Development of a regional approach
- Themes from interviews, site visits, and other data sources
- Resource inventory and gaps analysis
- 26 recommendations

Key stakeholder interview themes

Met with representatives from all five cities

Common **themes** emerged:

- Improved **behavioral health crisis response and treatment options**

- Greater connectivity to the **Continuum of Care system for resources and funding opportunities**

Key stakeholder interview themes

- Need to improve **participation** in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) **data systems, and create standard data collection protocols for the RHA**

- Need for **better coordination and integration of efforts**:
  - Encampment response and protocols
  - Regionalize street outreach
  - Grant funding

Street outreach engagement

- Overall, **staff were familiar with individuals** due to repeated contacts

- Encampment **areas are multi-jurisdictional** (private, ecologically protected, State-owned, City-owned, etc.) and **present unique legal challenges** to encampment response

Street outreach engagement

- Areas linked to **transit, hospitals, libraries, and shopping/commercial centers** are repeated outreach response locations

- Limited access to **same-day interim shelter beds**

- Need for **mental health and addiction treatment resources**

Point-in-Time Count (PIT), 2022 compared to 2023

Jurisdiction	Population[1]	2022[2]			2023[2]		
		Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total Homeless Population	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Total Homeless Population
Lake Elsinore	70,265	35	40	75	78	32	110
Menifee	103,227	28	4	32	25	0	25
Murrieta	110,949	12	149	161	33	132	165
Temecula	110,003	28	39	67	35	38	73
Wildomar	36,875	7	14	21	10	36	46
TOTAL RHA	431,319	110	246	356	181	238	419

Sources:
[1] U.S. Census data based on 2020 Decennial Census
[2] Housing and Workforce Solutions, Homeless Point-in-Time Count and Survey, 2022 and 2023

Need for additional resources – repeat contacts

City	2022 PIT Unsheltered Count	2023 PIT Unsheltered Count	Duplicative Contacts with Resource-Declining Persons	Available Beds[1]
Lake Elsinore	35	78	20 to 25	16
Menifee	28	25	10	12
Murrieta	12	33	15 to 18	166
Temecula	28	35	30 to 40	48[2]
Wildomar	7	10	6 to 10	38
TOTALS	**110**	**181**	**81 to 103**	**Occupancy 96% in 2023 PIT**

[1] Interim bed counts are provided by Project Touch and The Anchor and include beds designated for both families and individuals.
[2] This count includes six beds provided by The Ranch, which is operated by SWAG, but is located outside of the RHA region.
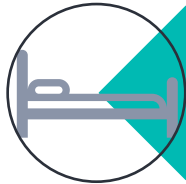
Highlights of existing resources

Multidisciplinary street outreach staffing

Formal encampment response protocols

265 interim shelter beds within the RHA

Funding sources: General Fund and grants

Homeless Service Framework

1. Shared data on individuals to improve outcomes.

2. Funding to improve the overall response to homelessness.

3. Increase in County resource allocations to meet the RHA cities' homelessness needs.

Main Priorities for RHA Collaboration

Benefits of a regional approach

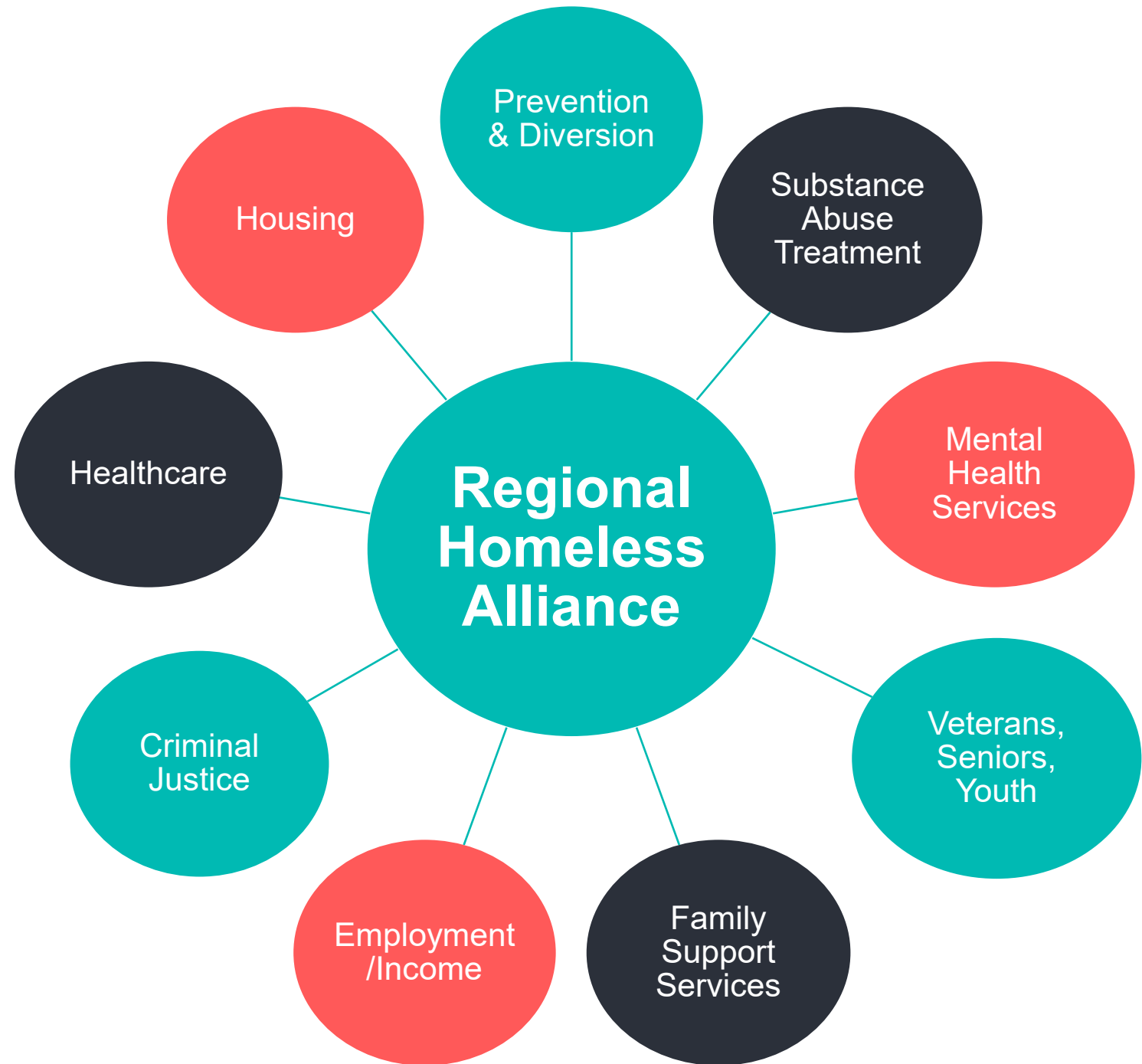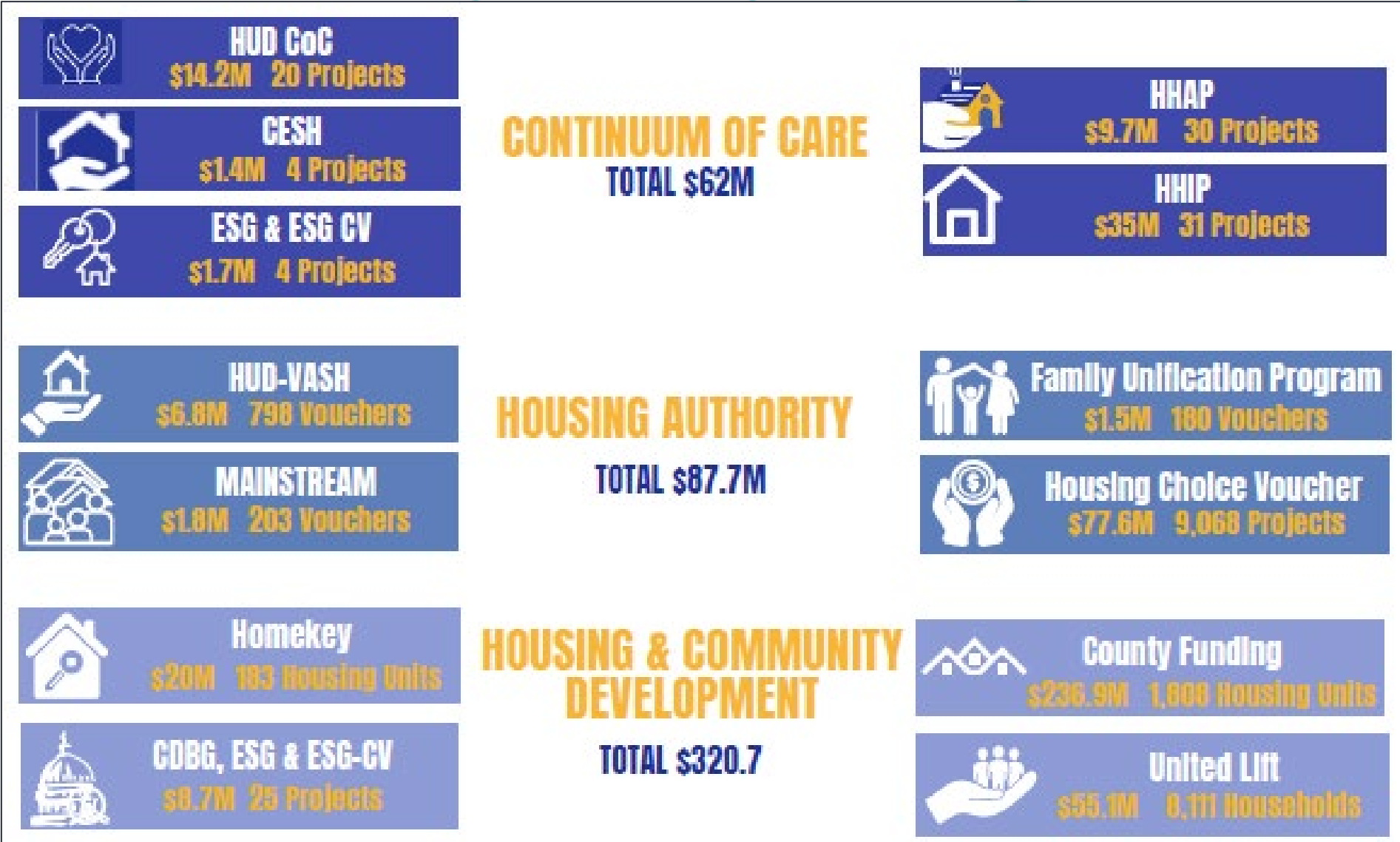| Regionalize street outreach and encampment response funding | Points-of-entry and same-day access to, shelter beds | RHA participation in Countywide HMIS, CES, and housing resources | Regional partnerships improve capacity, increase funding and promote strong advocacy | Collective impact: reduction in street homelessness |

County, Continuum of Care, and Community Partners

Regional Homeless Alliance

Prevention & Diversion

Substance Abuse Treatment

Mental Health Services

Veterans, Seniors, Youth

Family Support Services

Employment /Income

Criminal Justice

Healthcare

Housing

Riverside County homeless funding and programs

CONTINUUM OF CARE
TOTAL $62M

- **HUD CoC** — $14.2M 20 Projects
- **CESH** — $1.4M 4 Projects
- **ESG & ESG CV** — $1.7M 4 Projects
- **HHAP** — $9.7M 30 Projects
- **HHIP** — $35M 31 Projects

HOUSING AUTHORITY
TOTAL $87.7M

- **HUD-VASH** — $6.8M 798 Vouchers
- **MAINSTREAM** — $1.8M 203 Vouchers
- **Family Unification Program** — $1.5M 180 Vouchers
- **Housing Choice Voucher** — $77.6M 9,068 Projects

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TOTAL $320.7

- **Homekey** — $20M 183 Housing Units
- **CDBG, ESG & ESG-CV** — $8.7M 25 Projects
- **County Funding** — $236.9M 1,600 Housing Units
- **United Lift** — $55.1M 8,111 Households

Source: 2023 Riverside County Continuum of Care Homeless Point-in-Time Count Summary.

Report recommendations

26 recommendations around the following categories:

- **Data** collection and sharing
- **Prevention**
- **Access** points and street **outreach**
- Encampment response with **resource linkages**
- **Medical and behavioral health**
- Interim and same-day **shelters**
- **Collaboration** with the County's Continuum of Care
- County and State homelessness **funding**
- Development of **affordable housing**
- Regional Homeless Alliance **governance**

Regional Implementation Action Plan

- **Regionalize** street outreach teams
  - One "by name" list for the RHA
- **Streamline** data collection and participation
  - Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- **Actively** participate in the Riverside Continuum of Care
  - Funding for homelessness efforts
  - Housing
- **Integrate** efforts with the County
  - Behavioral health

Five Cities – One Regional Homeless Alliance

- **Purpose**
  - Align street outreach, share data, leverage resources, build capacity, and secure regional funding grants.

- **Role of Cities**
  - Provide leadership to align efforts, integrate resources, and advocate for policy, funding, and resources.

- **Build upon existing framework**
  - Identify leadership structure, create subgroups for data, CoC participation, and grant funding.

Five Cities – One Regional Homeless Alliance

- **No cost MOU** to formalize the RHA
- Determine the **leadership structure** and create working subcommittees
- Incremental progress to **align data**
- Encampment Resolution Grant application is pending for **$12 million**.
- **Integration with County** for behavioral health and street medicine programs

Questions?

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