



WHAT IS SALT LAKE CITY DOING TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS?



AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- Increased affordable housing units by **413%** since 2020
- \$55 million, **4,000+ units** funded or built since 2020
- **200+ permanent supportive housing (PSH)** units built since 2020
- Support completion of 400+ units
 - Point at Fairpark–May 2023
 - Ville 1659–phased opening Nov. 2023
 - Medically Vulnerable Project–opening Nov. 2023
- Ongoing deeply affordable/ PSH housing funding



SHELTER

- Winter Services Plan–SLCo task force of mayors
 - **600 single adult beds**–Oct. 2023
 - **100 additional family beds**–Oct. 2023
- New lowest barrier resource center–permanent
 - Fill year-round shelter gap after the close of winter overflow shelter
 - State Office of Homeless Services (OHS) looking for property–Now
 - State OHS funded \$1 million for startup costs and operations through end of FY'24



PUBLIC SAFETY

- Fire Department Community Health Access Team expansion–Summer 2023
- New Police Social Worker Program
- Implementation of Homeless Resource Center (HRC) Police Squads–Summer 2023
 - Made possible by increased state homelessness mitigation funding
- Opening new:
 - Ballpark police substation–Fall 2022
 - North Temple police substation–Summer 2023
 - Downtown Precinct–Fall 2023



COMMUNITY COMMITMENT PROGRAM

- Tracking unsheltered camps across the city
- Rapid Intervention Team cleanings
- Encampment impact mitigation work with SLCo Health Dept.
- Volunteers of America (VOA) Outreach Teams
- Increasing Downtown Ambassadors serving Downtown, Ballpark, Rio Grande, North Temple
- Additional officers to help patrol HRCs



MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE, DISABILITY NEEDS

- Support County Sequential Intercept expansion–SLCo Criminal Justice Advisory Council
- Develop more diversion options within City Justice Courts
 - Staff and resources area in courthouse facilitates warm handoffs to providers
- Huntsman Mental Health Crisis bed expansion – Aug. 2023
- New No Refusal Salt Lake County Receiving Center–projected open Fall 2024
- Increase County funding options for Behavioral Health treatment

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the City's long-term plan to reduce homelessness?

The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness and the State Homelessness Council have the responsibility of planning for state, local services, and homelessness needs. Both have 3-5 year strategic plans that Salt Lake City supports, focused on increasing housing, supportive treatment services, and increasing emergency shelter options in Salt Lake County.

Why are there camp abatements?

Salt Lake City does not want to criminalize homelessness and does not want to allow unsanctioned camps to become public health concerns. We are working with state partners to increase indoor and outdoor shelter options for people. However, large camps pose health risks due to hygiene, trash, and criminal activities. In partnership with the Salt Lake County Health Department, we do need to clean open spaces regularly to avoid these issues. We have increased our outreach efforts to move people into shelter and housing as they become available before abatements occur.

What about sanctioned encampments?

Sanctioned camps can look very different depending on the model being used. We have been studying these options for a while and are working with our state partners to implement them locally. The State Office of Homeless Services secured \$1,000,000 in the 2023 legislative session to implement a safe open space project they are pursuing this year with the City's support. Additionally, Salt Lake City has allocated \$500,000 toward the same concept this year. We are coordinating with our state and community partners to open a space now.

Who should I call if I see someone in need of help?

In an emergency, always call 911. For emergency shelter options, call 801-990-9999 between 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. on weekdays to see if there are beds available at the Homeless Resource Centers. For non-emergency issues related to homelessness, please report at myslc.gov