

Supplemental Homeless Programs

All Year-Round bed spaces at known public facilities serving homeless persons are included in this profile. However, some shelter options may not be included because they are supplemental to the Year-Round programs. These options may include the following programs: the FEMA-Emergency Food and Shelter Program, Winter Shelter Programs, and portions of the Shelter Plus Care Programs.

1. FEMA-Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)

The number of beds available through the FEMA-Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Motel Vouchering Program are not listed, since they cannot be quantified for this report. This program tracks numbers of vouchers provided, not numbers of beds available.

The FEMA-Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), provides funds for participating homeless agencies to supplement their shelter and meal programs, especially during the winter. Funds are also used to rent motel rooms for personal emergencies, usually involving homeless families, the disabled or the elderly.

2. Winter Shelter Programs

These programs provide winter shelter in order to accommodate the higher demand for shelter during the colder months. The winter shelter programs generally include temporary emergency shelter and motel voucher programs. Together, the Winter Shelter programs add up to 500 beds to the region's year-round inventory of over 3,800 beds.

The City of San Diego Winter Shelter Program includes three shelter sites. Two of these sites are temporary "Sprung Structures," one in Centre City East and the other in the Midway area. The Centre City East site, at 16th and Newton, shelters up to 200 single adults. The Midway site, located near Midway Drive, accommodates up to 150 single veterans (mostly men). The family shelter is generally operated in a local service provider's extra available space and can usually accommodate up to 50 family members.

The City of San Diego-Winter Shelter Program is financed by the City of San Diego, the San Diego Port District, the San Diego Housing Commission, and the Centre City Development Corporation.

Escondido's winter shelter program in the past has been located in the Escondido Armory. This site can accommodate up to 100 persons each evening. The program is operated by Interfaith Community Services and in the past has been funded by the City of Escondido and the City of San Marcos.

All of the winter shelter beds mentioned above, although not permanent, are generally made available each winter and are therefore noted in the report but are not added to the total year-round bed count.

Guests at some of the winter shelter sites receive health care and mental health services through special outreach from the County of San Diego's Health and Human Services Agency or through local service agencies.



2. Winter Shelter Programs (Continued)

The County Cold Weather Shelter Voucher Program shelters families, disabled and elderly persons in participating motels throughout the County.

The County of San Diego sponsors this program which provides motel vouchers, case management, and outreach through local service agencies. The program has been operated through a contract with Catholic Charities. Funding for the 02/03 winter season was provided by the County Health and Human Services Agency, the City of San Diego, and the cities of Carlsbad, Chula Vista, El Cajon, La Mesa, National City, Oceanside, and Santee. The County Department of Housing and Community Development provides additional funding on behalf of the participating urban cities: Coronado, Del Mar, Imperial Beach, Lemon Grove, Poway, San Marcos, and Solana Beach.

Beds for this program are not listed in this report. This program tracks numbers of vouchers provided, not numbers of beds available.

Catholic Charities' Rachel's Cold Weather Program in San Diego provides additional space for adult women in their permanent facility during cold nights. Showers, laundry, and evening meals are available.

3. Shelter Plus Care (S+C)

The Shelter Plus Care (S+C) program provides rental assistance and supportive services for hard-to-serve homeless persons with disabilities. Assistance is primarily for homeless persons who are severely mentally ill, have chronic problems

with alcohol, drugs, or both, or who are living with AIDS or related diseases.

The majority of the Shelter Plus Care (S+C) beds are included in this report. However, some rental assistance is provided to individuals in private-market apartments. Accurate bed numbers for these individuals are difficult to attain and therefore not included in this report.

There are two Permanent Shelter Plus Care programs in this region. The San Diego Housing Commission sponsors one program, and the County Department of Housing and Community Development sponsors the other.

The San Diego Housing Commission sponsors programs within the City of San Diego. The County Department of Housing and Community Development sponsors programs in the remaining jurisdictions in San Diego County.

4. Other

The Interfaith Shelter Network works with participating faith congregations to provide warm meals and overnight accommodations to single adults and family members. Located in "branches" in every region of the County, this program shelters people from late fall through early spring. These bed numbers are included in the Year-Round bed total since they operate longer than just the winter months.