

The San Francisco Homeless Coordinating Board is the lead entity for the San Francisco Continuum of Care. The Local Board works to ensure a unified homelessness strategy that is supported by the mayor, the Board of Supervisors, city departments, nonprofit agencies, people experiencing homelessness, formerly homeless people, and the community at large.

The Local Homeless Coordinating Board's efforts are aimed at permanent solutions. To that end, the Board examines and presents a range of services designed to meet the unique and complex needs of individuals threatened with or currently experiencing homelessness.

The City and County of San Francisco continue to face a homelessness crisis and strive to respond in a manner that includes ambitious goals and strategically investing its' resources. Even with the City's history of progressively dealing with homelessness, the numbers of those experiencing homelessness has been persistent and currently, according to the 2017 Point in Time Count, 7,500 people experience homelessness on any given evening, and 4,300 of those people are unsheltered and living on the streets.

There is, therefore, a constant and immediate demand for shelter. The San Francisco Local Homeless Coordinating Board is pleased to offer its strong support to Mayor London Breed and the Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing in seeing homelessness as both inhuman and unacceptable and support their efforts to add 1,000 new shelter beds.

To address the City of San Francisco's need for more shelter, in October 2018, Mayor Breed created a bold initiative to open 1,000 new shelter beds by 2020. The Local Homeless Coordinating Board supports the Mayor's vision of expanding upon the existing shelter response system.

The Local Homeless Coordinating Board understands the urgent need for additional shelter space within the City's homelessness response system and strongly encourages the development of a diverse array of additional shelter for individuals who are in immediate need of shelter.

The Local Homeless Coordinating Board commends Mayor Breed and the City of San Francisco for taking strategic steps toward implementing a diverse array of housing options with the ultimate goal of ending homelessness within our community.