

HUMAN SERVICES

A collaborative look at regional initiatives, resource providers, policy and human service funding.



- Council Goal 2016-2017 – “Partner with non-profits and the faith community to help the homeless community.”
- Council Goal 2017-2018 – “Develop a holistic neighborhood plan for delivery of infrastructure, improvements and services, including **code enforcement**, **crime prevention**, **human services** and **affordable housing**.”

- Why? Preventative method of getting ahead of the issues
- How? Education, enforcement, access to resources
- Homelessness is especially challenging





Inadequate shelter space OR multiple barriers to shelters
= violation of U.S. Constitution

- *U.S. Dept. of Justice brief, Bell v. Boise*

- Evolution of case law regarding homelessness
 - Criminal conduct
 - “Unavoidable consequence” of being homeless
 - Shelter availability, barriers
 - Civil Conduct
 - Increased recognition of right to privacy
 - Property rights

- Develop a plan:
 - Identify gaps
 - Influence resources
 - Protect quality of life
- Plan includes
 - Coordinate with regional partners
 - Evaluate Human Services priorities

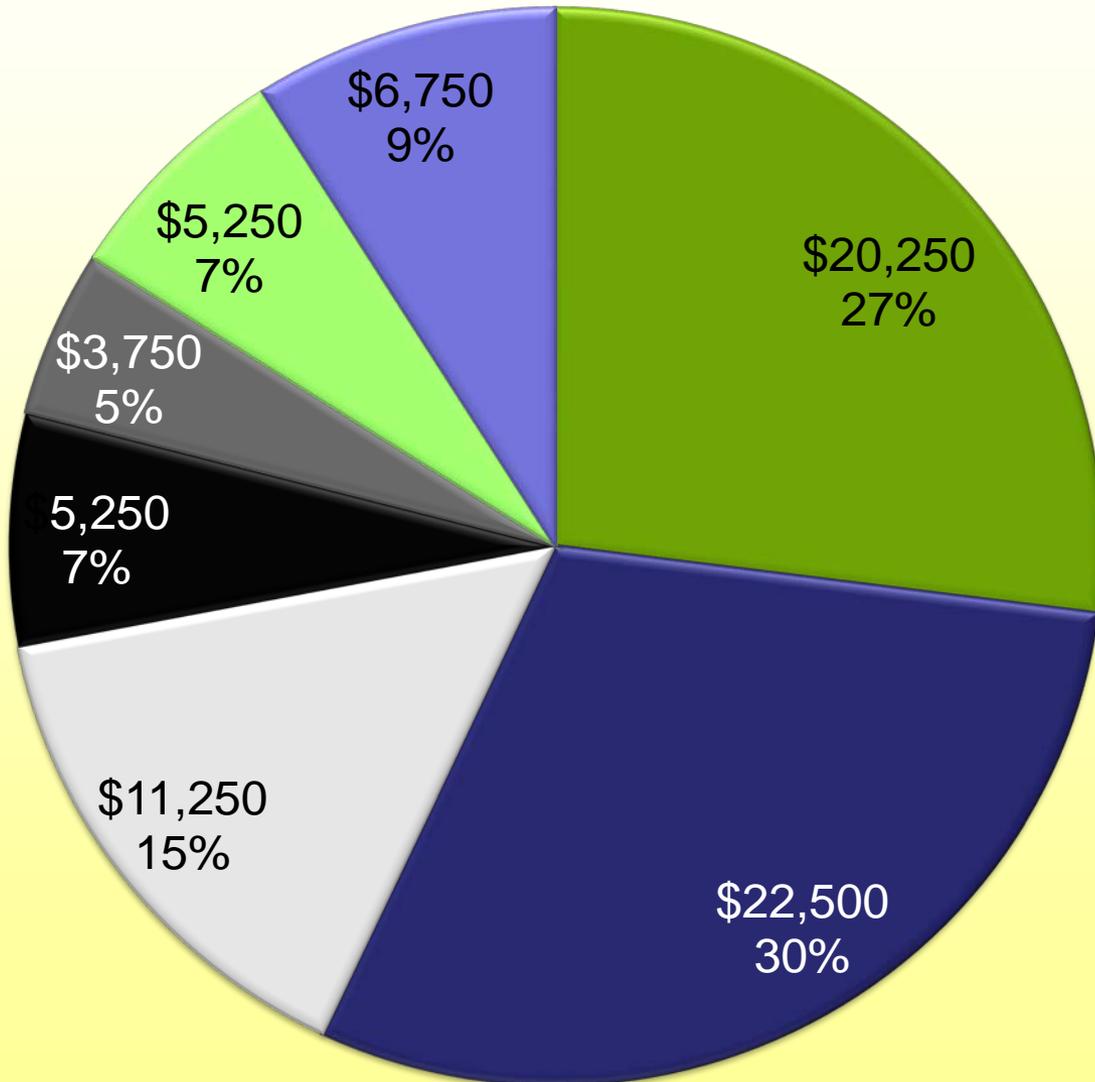
HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING

- Vulnerable populations
- Medical and dental
- Mental health services
- Youth and senior development activities





HUMAN SERVICES FUNDING



- Boys & Girls Club, 27%
- Dungeness Valley Health & Wellness Clinic, 30%
- Healthy Families, 15%
- Parenting Matters, 7%
- Peninsula Behavioral Health, 5%
- Serenity House, 7%
- Sequim Senior Center, 9%



THE QUESTIONS WE ASKED...

- Who are the homeless in our community?
- What challenges do they face?
- What services are available to the homeless population in Sequim?
- Where are the gaps in services?



WHO: Sequim's homeless, have a vehicle, RV or tent without a place to locate it, aware of local resources, mental health or substance abuse conditions, suspicious, trespassing, disturbances, chronically homeless.

NEEDS: Place to stay, gas fare, gas money, shower, laundry & food

WHO: Transient, out of the area, passing through, may have mental health and / or substance abuse conditions, commit crimes such as shoplifting and trespass, most visible to public, panhandling, sleeping in motor homes, tents, etc.

NEEDS: Place to stay, gas fare, gas money, shower, laundry & food

WHO: Active addiction, couch surfing, come in from County and surrounding cities, crimes of possession of controlled substances, thefts, burglaries, intent to sell.

NEEDS: Treatment / suboxone, mental health, Work Source / training, subsidized housing, teen drop-in center.

**GROUP A
RESIDENT
HOMELESS
POPULATION**

**GROUP C
ACTIVE
ADDICTION**

SEQUIM'S HOMELESS

**GROUP B
TRANSIENT
HOMELESS
POPULATION**

**GROUP D
HOMELESS
FAMILY**

WHO: Have families, minimal income or one income, displaced by hard times, domestic situations.

NEEDS: Healthy families, housing, mental health, childcare, access to available resource centers, job training / retraining, education.

CURRENT ASSISTANCE

- Housing
- Mental Health
- Substance Abuse Treatment
- Crisis Intervention



CURRENT POLICE ASSISTANCE

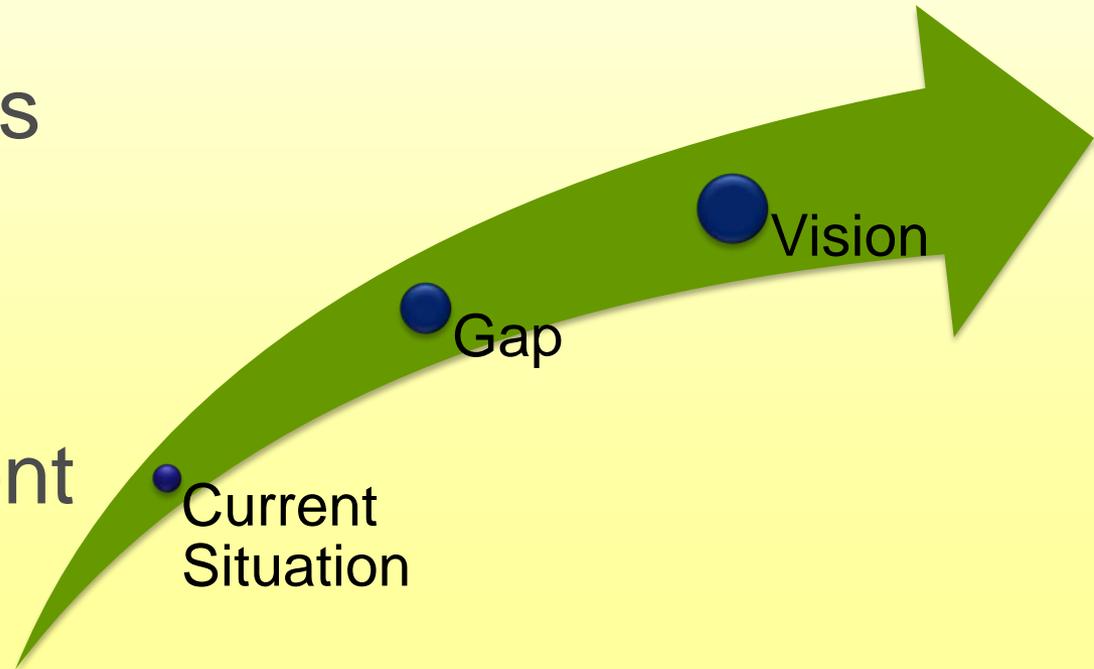
- Chaplain services
- Facilitation/referral
- Crisis intervention / community caretaking
- Crisis / emergency program with local church support
- Outreach (informal to formal)



RESOURCES WE NEED

Local / Regional Resource Gaps

- Local outreach
- Housing
- Treatment options
- Money
- Job training
- Case management





- Consistent outreach
- Progressive engagement
- Suitable resources



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ACTION PLAN

**CONSISTENT
OUTREACH**



**PROGRESSIVE
ENGAGEMENT**



**SUITABLE
RESOURCES**



**ACHIEVING
BETTER
OUTCOMES**



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“I’m all about that action boss.”





- Direct service
 - Formalized Police Department outreach
 - Continue benevolence fund
 - Potential RFP or Employee - Provide human services funding to provide the outreach and engagement (Liaison with neighborhood groups and departments)
 - E.g. Homelessness, at-risk elderly
- City as a convener
 - Mental health and substance abuse treatment centers
 - Homeless shelter, transitional, youth drop-in center and affordable housing
 - Retraining program, mentoring, education
 - Centralized resources - website that guides and service that brings agencies together



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