

# Housing and Community Development & McKinney Police Department

Homelessness Update

October 2, 2023

## Point In Time Count Statistics

McKinney Totals	2019	2021	2023
Samaritan Inn	133	123	142
Samaritan Inn - Gateway	18	33	0
Shiloh Place	13	10	17
MEOWS	n/a	n/a	28
McKinney Unsheltered	42	49	36
<b>Totals</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>223</b>
Adults	70%	67%	76%
Children	30%	33%	24%
<b>Gender</b>			
Male	49%	41%	47%
Female	49%	40%	52%
Non-binary or no response	2%	19%	1%

## Top 8 Causes of Homelessness in McKinney

- Unable to Pay Rent/Mort 42%
- Lack of Affordable Housing 24%
- Divorce/Separation 15%
- Lack of Transportation 14%
- Being Kicked Out of House 14%
- Family/Personal Illness 10%
- Domestic Violence 7%
- Criminal History/Felony 5%

\* While not identified as a CAUSE of homelessness, 34.8% of respondents in Collin County stated that they had either a substance abuse or behavioral health issue

2019 Collin County Point in Time Survey



## **NON- PROFIT RESOURCES:**

- McKinney Emergency Overnight Warming Station (MEOWS) – partnership between Emmanuel Labor and Salvation Army and First McKinney Baptist to provide overnight shelter during inclement weather
- Lifepath – Behavioral Health resources
- Emmanuel Labor- Referral to services; storage for personal belongings; family reunification
- Street Side Showers - Saturdays from 10:00am - 1:30pm. 1702 W University Dr, McKinney, TX 75069 (Hope Fellowship Church McKinney Campus)

## **CITY RESOURCES:**

- Flex Fund – distributed through local non-profits, funding provides eviction prevention and needed resources to maintain housing and jobs
- Transit Services – McKinney residents, currently being assisted by social service agencies, receive free transit services, for a set period of time



## Identified Top Priority Needs for FY24

- Reliable data on number and demographics of individuals experiencing homelessness in McKinney – **maintained by McKinney PD – Community Services**
- Coordinated homeless response between City departments - **ongoing**
- Discourage giving to panhandlers – **ongoing media campaign**
  - McKinney residents are considered “good tippers”
- Safety training for city staff and safety training on proper procedures for interacting with individuals who are homeless – **completed in 2022. Will be repeated every two years**
- Provide funding to reunite families and enable people to find and keep jobs – car repairs, bus tickets, interview clothing, motel stays. Administered through existing social service agencies- **Flex Fund ongoing**
- Free transit services, coordinated through social service agencies, for those who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness – **completed and ongoing**
- Contract to provide eviction and homeless prevention and clear title legal assistance to income eligible individuals

# FY23 Homeless Response Expenditures



Total Budgeted Amount \$175,000	Expenditures
Have a Heart/Give Smart – Media Campaign	\$2,292
Legal services for “Clear Title” and “Eviction Prevention”	\$50,000
Flex Fund - nonprofits	\$20,000
Free transit services – nonprofits	\$20,000
<b>Total FY23 Expenditures from Mayors Task Force Funding</b>	<b>\$92,292</b>

# Proposed FY24 Homeless Response Budget



<b>Total Budgeted Amount \$175,000</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>
Have a Heart/Give Smart - Signage	\$10,000
Have a Heart/Give Smart – Media campaign – Facebook and Community Impact	\$4,000
Legal services for “Clear Title” and “Eviction Prevention” – Northwest Texas Legal Services	\$50,000
Safety training from PD – Sgt. Best	Existing resources
Biohazardous waste contract, PPE and training	\$18,000
Flex Fund - nonprofits	\$30,000
Free transit services - nonprofits	\$30,000
Totals	\$142,000

# McKinney Police Department



## Why McKinney?

### 347 Identified Homeless Individuals

MCM

The Pavilion – All County Law

Enforcement

County Jail – All County Law Enforcement

The Living Room – All County Law

Enforcement

Samaritan Inn

Grace to Change

Methadone Clinics

Food Pantries

Street Side Showers

Compassionate Churches

Compassionate Citizens

Daily Bible Studies

County Resources

Weather

## Why Downtown?

Abundant Access to Pedestrian Traffic

Lots of “Public Spaces”

- Wide Sidewalks

- MPAC Center with Bathrooms and Outside Public Areas

Generous Citizens

Generous Merchants

Proximity to Library

Proximity to Food Shelter

Street Side Showers

Proximity to Churches

## Current Laws and Ordinances

Public Place (PC 1.07, 40) – any place to which the public or a substantial group of the public has access and includes, but is not limited to, streets, highways, and the common areas of schools, hospitals, apartment houses, office buildings, transport facilities, and shops.

Criminal Trespass M-B

Disorderly Conduct M-C

Prohibited Camping M-C

Illegal Dumping M-C

Solicitation by Pedestrians M-C

Prohibited Discharges (run-off into waterways) M-C

Prohibited Location, Activities, Conduct M-C

Unauthorized use of Private Dumpster M-C

Prohibited Acts, Camping in Parks or Public Areas other than M-C

Designated Campsites in Erwin Park Prohibited M-C

Permits, Soliciting without a Permit M-C

## Enforcement Action

Criminal Activity often stops prior to Officer Arrival

Citations Issued for Class "C" Violations

Charges and Fines Often Dismissed due to Indigent Status

Written Notice Required before the Issuance of a Warrant

Disorderly Conduct

Criminal Trespass Warnings

Criminal Trespass Arrests

All Other Criminal Offenses

# Options for Consideration

## Potential Ordinances

Median Ordinance – A person cannot stand or walk in an area where the median is 6' or less. (Dallas)

Street Performer Ordinance – Establishes guidelines for what is allowed with busking (street performing). Their ordinance has designated areas where busking can occur. They have also imposed additional conditions such as not blocking sidewalks, not performing for more than one hour, and no more than one performance at a time. (San Antonio)

# Community Education Campaigns

Authority and limitations officers have concerning current laws and ordinances

- Limits Frustration

- Creates Understanding

Criminal Trespass Options – most effective legal course

- Enforcement limitations

- Additional requirements are necessary



## Additional Initiatives

Relocation of Resources Away from Downtown Area

Defensive/Hostile Architecture – design strategy that uses elements of the built environment to purposefully guide or restrict behavior

armrest down the middle of a bench

metal studs placed in concrete to prevent people from sleeping in areas

rocks around trees





# Recommendation: Creation of a Downtown NPO Unit

- Eliminates response times
- Addresses On-View Issues Proactively
- Relationships with Downtown Merchants
- Extended Hours to Cover Targeted Times
- Provides Visible Deterrent

## Additional Enforcement – Full Time Officer Options

	<u>1 Officer</u>	<u>2 Officers</u>	<u>3 Officers</u>	<u>4 Officers</u>
Total First Year Costs	\$ 267,561.00	\$ 535,122.00	\$ 802,683.00	\$ 1,070,244.00
Recurring	\$ 124,726.00	\$ 249,452.00	\$ 374,178.00	\$ 498,904.00
One Time	\$ 142,835.00	\$ 285,670.00	\$ 428,505.00	\$ 571,340.00

