

1987

McKinney Vento Act

Congress passes the McKinney-Vento Act, the first significant federal legislation in response to homelessness. The Act establishes the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH), federal funding programs and defines homelessness in federal statute.

1994

Continuum of Care (CoC)

The Continuum of Care (CoC) process is established by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

2001

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

Congress directs HUD to collect and analyze data, launching HMIS and establishing data standards.

2005

Point in Time (PIT) Count

HUD establishes the bi-ennial PIT count to collect national data on homelessness to inform public policy. Sacramento submits its first PIT in 2007.

2006

10 Year Plan

Sacramento publishes the 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, aligning with the national initiative launched by the USICH in 2000.

2009

HEARTH Act

Congress passes the HEARTH Act, consolidating grant programs, updating the definition of homelessness, establishing performance measures and increasing focus on prevention activities.

2011

Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF)

CoC Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead functions transferred from Sacramento County to SSF.

2015

Dedicated City Homeless Staff

City of Sacramento creates a Homeless Services Manager position; this eventually grows into the Department of Community Response (DCR).

2016

Dedicated County Homeless Staff

County creates a Director of Homeless Initiatives position in the Office of the County Executive.

2019

State HHAP Funding

The CA Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council releases the first round of Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) program funding.

2021

Sacramento Homeless Policy Council (SHPC)

The Sacramento Homeless Policy Council (SHPC) is formed, consisting of elected leaders from the County and all seven cities, focusing on shared policy issues around homelessness.

2022

County Department Formed

Sacramento County creates the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (DHS), consolidating the County's work to develop new and innovative responses to homelessness in one department.

Partnership Agreement

The City of Sacramento and Sacramento County enter into a Homeless Partnership Agreement, formalizing how the City and County will work together to address unsheltered homelessness in the City.