

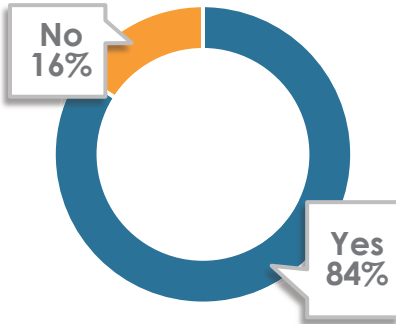
Responding to Homelessness

Real progress requires ongoing resources

California cities are working in overdrive to prevent and reduce homelessness and boost affordable housing in their communities. Many cities are doing their part, but the demand for housing and services are outpacing their efforts, straining capacity, and draining resources. The crisis is so urgent that more than one in four cities have reduced or cut funding from other city programs to provide additional homelessness programs and services.

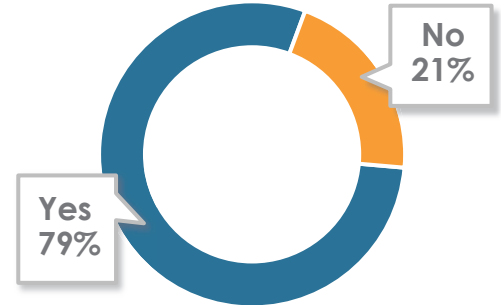
With the threat of an economic recession looming, the number of unhoused residents will only increase, as will the number of Californians who can't access affordable housing. Now more than ever, cities need ongoing, permanent funding to continue to provide emergency and temporary shelters, build permanent supportive housing, provide rent relief, and hire staff to connect people with wraparound services.

Has your city implemented programs to address homelessness?



Limited supportive housing options and **lack of ongoing funding** are the top two barriers to preventing and reducing homelessness.

Has your city spent general fund money to address homelessness since FY 2018-19?



Does your city have fiscal concerns over providing existing homelessness services long term?



Cal Cities urges the state to invest **\$3 billion in ongoing, permanent funding to prevent and reduce homelessness** and boost affordable housing.

Cities would increase capacity, resources, and services with ongoing funding to reduce homelessness, such as:

- ▶ Additional supportive services
- ▶ Homeless outreach teams
- ▶ Additional affordable housing options
- ▶ Increasing shelter space
- ▶ Rent subsidy programs
- ▶ Additional voluntary behavioral programs and services
- ▶ Bolstering city workforce

For more information email ccirincione@calcities.org.

*Data and Assumptions: The League of California Cities conducted a statewide survey in March 2023 to better understand how cities are responding to the homelessness crisis. In total, 189 cities responded to the survey, and represent a diverse group of cities by geography, population, and setting. Collectively, these 189 cities represent 38.2 percent of the state's population (14.97 million residents).