

City of Corpus Christi Homeless Solutions Vision and Strategies
“Helping People to Help Themselves”

Adopted by City Council on _____

Vision:

Corpus Christi is a community that addresses and prevents homelessness while enhancing the overall community’s quality of life. We will achieve this vision working together through public/private partnerships.

Homeless Solutions Strategies:

1. Advocate for the City to:
 - enforce existing ordinances more vigorously and enact additional Quality of Life ordinances as needed to limit or prohibit loitering, panhandling, vagrant behaviors or illegal activity.
 - develop appropriate zoning and other regulations regarding the location of facilities serving the homeless population.
 - make changes to City Hall property to enhance business image and public access to City services, while reducing opportunities for loitering, vagrant behaviors or illegal activity.
 - create pathways and incentives to increase the availability of affordable, accessible, integrated permanent housing.
 - concentrate City and federal funding toward achievement of the partnership’s vision and strategies.
2. Support acquisition of a location for coordinated provision of support services through homeless service providers. The location of this service hub will be located away from Downtown/Uptown to facilitate integration of social services and promote revitalization of these areas.
3. Solicit new revenue streams to achieve the partnership’s vision and strategies.
4. Educate the public regarding these strategies to reduce homelessness, showcasing stories of those who have successfully transitioned from homelessness into productive society.
5. Establish a Sobriety Center/Crisis Stabilization Center (operated by a healthcare organization) as a jail diversion program for individuals typically arrested for public intoxication or mental illness-related minor offenses. Secure support for this jail diversion program from City of Corpus Christi, Nueces County, Behavioral Health Center, Nueces County Hospital District, the Courts and other parties with a role, responsibility and/or interest in these functions and services.