

Table 7
San Diego Increased Its Budgeted Funding for Health and Safety Programs From Fiscal Years 2020–21 Through 2022–23

PROGRAM AND DEPARTMENT	REPORTED OUTCOMES	FUNDING SOURCE	FISCAL YEAR		
			2020–21	2021–22	2022–23
Environmental Services Department					
Clean SD program: Conducts litter pickup, addresses instances of illegal dumping, sanitizes sidewalks, conducts curbside community clean ups, and implements abatements.	From fiscal year 2020–21 through 2022–23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abated about 1,200 to 2,300 encampments per year. Sanitized about 6,600 to 8,500 sidewalk blocks to reduce the potential presence of bacteria and communicable diseases. 	General Fund (local)	\$7,258,000	\$6,875,000	\$11,818,000
		Refuse Disposal Fund (local)	—	2,000	—
San Diego Police Department—Neighborhood Policing Division (NPD)					
Homeless Outreach Team, Neighborhood Policing Teams, and the Crime Prevention Team: Implements homelessness outreach services, proactive law enforcement, and encampment abatement assistance.	From fiscal year 2020–21 through 2022–23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homeless Outreach Team reached about 18,000 to 23,000 duplicated number of people per year. Assisted about 4,900 to 7,800 people per year. Placed about 850 to 2,300 people into shelters per year. 	General Fund (local)	23,565,000	27,910,000	28,277,000
San Diego Housing Commission					
Day Center: Provides a safe and comfortable drop-in center for adults at risk of or experiencing homelessness, offering a variety of basic needs services.	From fiscal year 2020–21 through 2022–23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served about 5,700 to 6,000 people per year. Provided about 20,600 to 23,500 showers and about 1,800 to 3,400 laundry cycles per year. 	Community Development Block Grant (federal)	541,000	250,000	500,000
		General Fund (local)	—	150,000	150,000
Multidisciplinary Outreach Teams: Their goals are engagement, health stabilization, and connection to shelter and/or housing. This team focuses on a subset of unsheltered individuals who have very high needs and struggle to engage with services.	In fiscal year 2022–23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served about 13 individuals. 	General Fund (local)	—	—	450,000
San Diego Homeless Strategies and Solutions Department					
Safe Parking program: San Diego designates parking lots for people living out of their vehicles to provide a place to safely stay overnight and services to navigate them toward permanent housing.	From fiscal year 2020–21 through 2022–23: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Served about 970 to 1,150 people per year in its safe parking locations. 	Community Development Block Grant (federal)	—	—	444,000
		Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (state)	957,000	957,000	993,000

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Street Medicine program: Provides mobile medical care, offering full scope primary care medical services, addiction treatment, psychiatric care, and case management for unhoused population.	In fiscal year 2022-23: • Served about 160 individuals, including 71 who reported having a mental illness and 44 who reported having an impairment caused by drug use.	General Fund <i>(local)</i>	—	—	278,000
Safe Sleeping program: Serves as a safe, secure, and low barrier alternative resource for individuals experiencing homelessness.	Safe Sleeping program started in fiscal year 2023-24; thus, there was no funding information available prior to that time.				
Totals			\$32,321,000	\$36,144,000	\$42,910,000

Source: San Diego budget documents, agreements with service providers, other city documentation, and documentation from the housing commission.