



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

Homeless Support Programs

October 18, 2022

City Homeless Strategies



Police Homeless
Outreach Team



Community Court



Housing Navigation
Program



PD Homeless Outreach Team

Goal: To build trust and instill a feeling of safety when individuals experiencing homelessness interact with officers.

- Out of 485 officers, 97% have completed Homeless Awareness Training.
- Two officers are assigned to the Homeless Outreach Team. They are responsible for patrolling the City to provide outreach to homeless individuals, following-up on neighbor/business inquiries, and connecting those in need with Community Court.

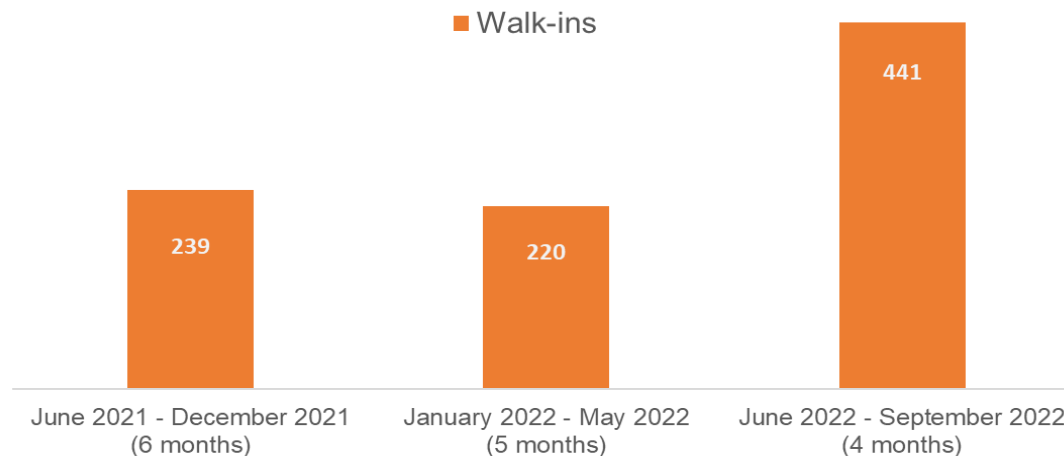




Community Court

Goal: To address low-level misdemeanor offenses and violations of municipal ordinances by providing community service opportunities in lieu of incarceration.

*Impact has broadened to accommodate walk-ins



32 
Court Notices to Appear (NTAs)

149 
Hearings conducted

110 
Community Service Hours

12 
Graduates from Community Court



16 Walk-ins : 1 Notice to Appear

Metrics from January – September 2022



Housing Navigation Program

Goal: To provide field outreach, complete intake assessments, and connect homeless individuals with appropriate services for housing.



In three months, we have linked 60% of our identified cohort to services



What is Next?

In the Works (Last Quarter of 2022)

- Implementation of the Bridge Assistance Program
- Activate the Salvation Army Nonprofit Agreement
- Expansion of the Police's Homeless Outreach Team
- Launch of Homeless Awareness Month
- Support Broward County's Project Home Again

Coming Soon (First Quarter of 2023)

- Hiring a Homeless Program Manager
- Researching and site visits to other municipalities
- Drafting the Homeless Strategic Plan
- Collaborate with the County to address encampment areas and long-term housing solutions



How Can Neighbors Help?

1. Find resources at: www.fortlauderdale.gov/helpnow
2. Register as a Landlord with Project Home Again: www.broward.org/projecthomeagain
3. Partner with a local nonprofit for feeding and donations
4. Join us at Community Court on Wednesdays at 9:00 AM
5. Find more information about rental assistance with the Housing and Community Development
6. Assist someone in need by calling the Homeless Helpline: 954.563.4357



Supportive Service Providers

