

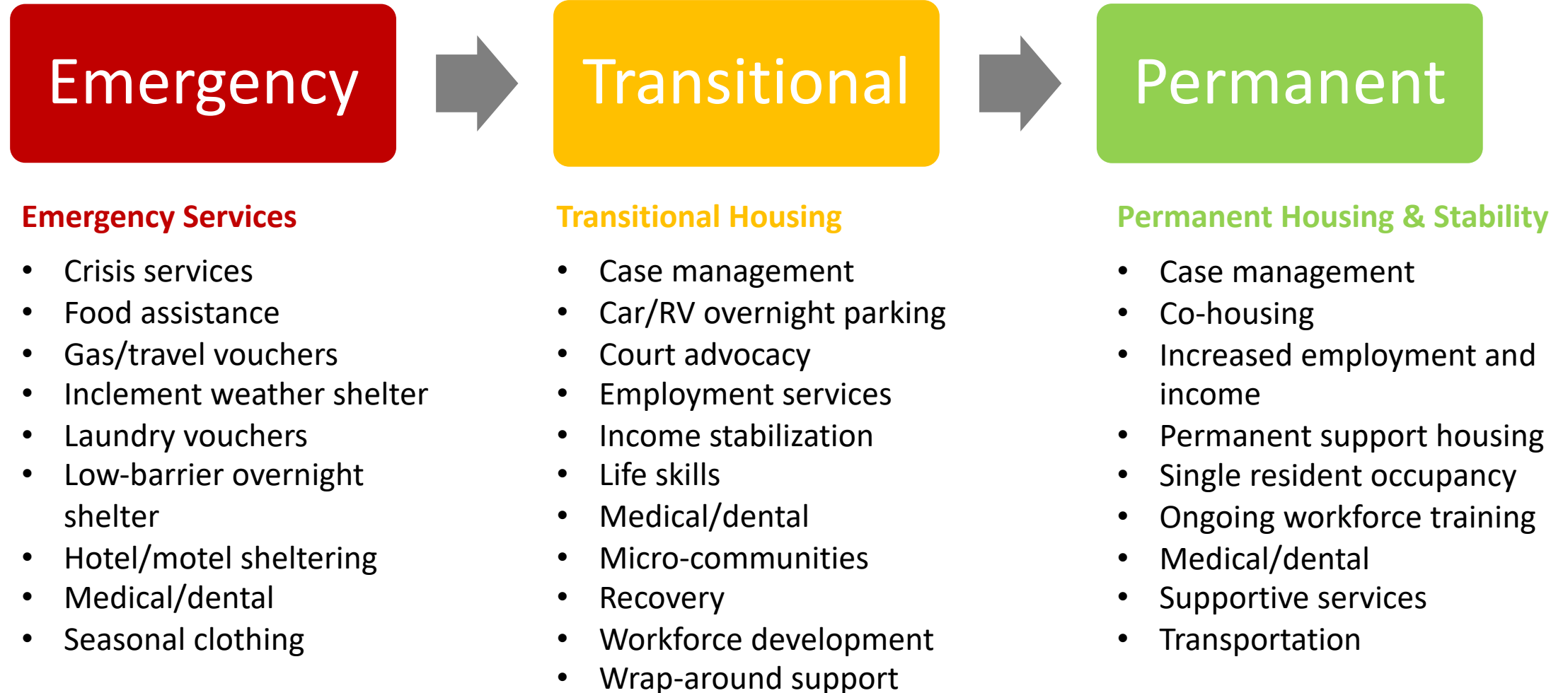
West Valley Homeless Initiative

Sheridan City Council
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“Homelessness is a big and complex problem—but is not one that is too big or too complex to be solved. While it affects those who experience it in the deepest way, it affects less than 1% of the population. Communities can build systems that continually eliminate it and ensure everyone has a place to call home and live with dignity.”

Community Solution, *Built for Zero*

Homelessness is solvable.



Methodology

1. Create a shared definition of the right end state
2. Assemble an accountable, community-wide team
3. Use real-time, by-name data to account for everyone by need
4. Center on equity
5. Deploy targeted, data-driven housing investments

Next Steps: September-December 2023

1. Create West Valley Task Force (10-12 members)

City Managers
Mayors
Libraries

Law Enforcement
Agencies
School District

Nonprofit Service Providers
Faith Community
Community Members

2. Collect Data on Homelessness in West Valley

- Existing data sources
- Outreach

3. Investigate Land Use Requirements for Highway 18b Property

Next Steps: September-December 2023

4. Prioritize Investments

- a. Emergency – Food assistance, inclement weather shelters, low-barrier overnight shelters, host service providers
- b. Transitional—Overnight car/RV camping, micro-community, increase service partnerships
- c. Permanent—Increase West Valley affordable housing inventory

5. Make Recommendations to Local Governments

6. Goals and Milestones for 2024