Housing

Key Community Health Needs Assessment Findings:

- Housing affordability worse than California average for households spending more than one third of income on housing, worse for BIPOC individuals
- Fewer housing units are available than demand
- Lower homeownership for all groups, especially BIPOC individuals
- Resulting in:
- Housing unit overcrowding as a result of unaffordability
- Poor housing quality, substandard conditions, and landlord-deferred maintenance/neglect, particularly for undocumented individuals
- Outmigration, higher among BIPOC individuals and low-wage earners (impacting employment and economic stability of the region)

Goal	Reduce housing instability among community members to support improved health
Strategies	**Anticipated Impact**
Support programs that expand affordable housing opportunities (rental and ownership), including those on existing residential properties.[50, 51, 52, 53]	• Improved access to stable housing for low-income individuals across San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • More community members remain independent longer • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure
Support local homelessness prevention organizations and collaboratives that provide temporary financial assistance, legal support, case management and/or other needed services to low-income individuals and families at risk of losing their housing.[54, 55, 56]	• Increased access to social services to prevent homelessness • More community members remain independent longer • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure
Support integrated case management programs that link high-risk individuals with housing.[57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62]	• Increased access to social services to prevent homelessness • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure
Programs that assist disabled individuals and older adults with housing placement and coordinated case management to remain in their communities.[63]	• More community members remain independent longer • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure
Address affordable housing issues via investment.[64]	• Reduced poverty rates in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • Improved associated health outcomes
Increase screening efforts for social determinants of health (e.g., safe housing).[65,66,67,68]	• Identification of greater proportion of housing-insecure individuals in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • Improved access to stable housing for low-income individuals across San Mateo and Santa Clara counties • Reduced proportion of individuals who are housing insecure

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