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55 San José homeless households soon to have a place to call home

SAN JOSE, Calif. –With the assistance of grant funding, the City of San José continues to develop innovative steps to achieve its goal of ending homelessness. Today, the City Council approved a \$1.5 million contract with Abode Services for administration and housing costs associated with the City's Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) programs. Funded through the City's federal HOME funds, the TBRA programs provide homeless households with up to two years of housing assistance, enabling people to have time to identify longer term affordable housing opportunities and increase their income.

The City launched its first TBRA program in partnership with the County of Santa Clara in 2010. This program provided approximately 100 homeless individuals and families, specifically those with mental illness, with housing and the services needed to end their homeless situation.

The second TBRA program, approved by the City Council this spring and slated to begin later this year, will provide housing assistance to 15 long-term homeless households with substance abuse issues who are known to regularly reside in or congregate around St. James Park. The City's housing funds will be combined with County services to assist the program participants to become self-sufficient and permanently housed.

The third and newest TBRA program is part of the City's larger effort to address homeless encampments. Ramping up this summer, the City will house up to 40 homeless households living in encampments. The City will again work with local non-profit partners to ensure the program participants are able to successfully transition out of the program.

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