Encampment Strategies

In addition to performing self-directed outreach, City-funded outreach providers must participate in HOPE Team guided encampment strategies.

The HOPE Team will request providers provide services at encampments considered high priority for the City. High priority encampments are those that are creating significant hazards, impacting critical infrastructure, impacting construction or maintenance areas, or impacting park or business access. High-priority encampments may also include locations where an individual's wellbeing is in-question and the individual may need services.

High priority encampments may be one individual or many, and may include tents, structures, bed-rolls, or RVs.

Outreach strategies to address high priority encampments may include:

- Supporting individuals to access shelter or housing resources.
- Supporting individuals in moving to another location of their choosing. Note, the City will not identify alternate locations for individuals remaining outdoors.
- Supporting individuals in keeping a sidewalk completely clear of encampments for full pedestrian passage.
- Supporting individuals in keeping a sidewalk partially passable and free from belongings.
- Supporting an individual or encampment in managing belongings and trash
- Supporting an individual or encampment in managing behavioral impacts on surrounding neighborhood.
- Checking on an individual's welfare
- Supporting individuals by sharing fire risk mitigation information
- Assessing general needs at a site to inform broader outreach strategies and service needs
- Being present onsite on the day of a scheduled MDAR removal to connect individuals to services or supports.

Note: High priority encampments may be subject to MDAR removal if the site's impacts cannot be remedied by outreach strategies alone.