

# **Appendix B: Public Safety Performance Measures FY26 Homeless Shelter Cities Mitigation Application (HSCM)**

# Option 1:

# **Existing Public Safety Performance Measures**

Public Safety
1. Number of calls/cases in city
2. Number of calls/cases at eligible Emergency Shelter(s)
3. Number of calls/cases within ½ mile of eligible Emergency Shelter(s)
4. Of the calls in the city related to transient/homeless, number that resulted in individual being booked to prison/jail
5. Of the calls in the city related to transient/homeless, number that resulted in individual being given citation but not taken into custody
6. Of the calls in the city related to transient/homeless, number that resulted in no action being taken
7. Of the calls in the city related to transient/homeless, number that resulted in individual being taken to hospital
8. Number of officer-initiated homeless cases in city
9. Number of citizen/business initiated homeless cases in city
10. Number of homeless individuals with repeat service calls
11. Average response time to homeless/transient related calls/cases
12. Number of emergency calls related to individuals experiencing homelessness
13. Number of non-emergency calls related to individuals experiencing homelessness

## Proposed Department of Public Safety Performance Measures – Quantitative, Qualitative, Dashboard

### **Public Safety Quantitative Data Measures**

#### 1. Illegal Camping

- Number of Encampments: Count active encampments identified during regular sweeps or patrols.
- Reports Received: Record complaints or reports from residents about illegal camping.
- Cleanup Operations: Track the number and frequency of cleanup efforts and amount of waste removal (measured in tons or bags)

### 2. Pan Handling

- Traffic Interference Incidents: Count the number of incidents involving panhandlers that disrupt traffic flow.
- Complaints: Track complaints or calls regarding aggressive or obstructive panhandling.
- Citations/Interventions: Record the number of citations, warnings, or interventions conducted by law enforcement or social services.

#### 3. Public Safety

- Crime Statistics: Monitor crimes or disturbances reported in public spaces (e.g., vandalism, theft, assault).
- Response Time: Measure law enforcement or first responder times to incidents in targeted areas.
- Pedestrian and Traffic Safety: Track accidents or near-misses caused by panhandling or encampment proximity to roads.

#### 4. Cleanliness

- Trash Volume: Quantify the amount of trash removed from public spaces during regular maintenance.
- Sanitation Scores: Implement regular cleanliness inspections and assign a score (e.g., 1-10 scale).
- Graffiti Removal: Measure the number of graffiti incidents removed in public areas.

#### 5. Community Well-Being

- Park Usage Rates: Track usage patterns of parks and public spaces through visitor counts.
- Resident Surveys: Conduct periodic surveys to gauge public satisfaction with cleanliness and safety.
- Event Attendance: Monitor attendance at community events to assess public engagement.

#### 6. Homelessness and Shelter Availability

- Point-in-Time Count: Perform bi-annual counts of homeless individuals in the area.
- Shelter Capacity: Track the number of available shelter beds versus individuals seeking assistance.
- Turnaway Data: Record the number of individuals turned away due to lack of space.

#### **Public Safety Qualitative Data Measures**

- 1. Resident Feedback
  - Conduct focus groups or community forums to gather qualitative input on safety, cleanliness, and homelessness issues.
  - Collect open-ended survey responses for deeper insights into public perceptions and concerns.
- 2. Stakeholder Interviews
  - Interview local business owners, law enforcement, and nonprofit organizations to understand their experiences and recommendations.
- 3. Social Media Sentiment Analysis
  - Monitor social media platforms to gauge community sentiment on public space issues and interventions.
- 4. Case Studies
  - Document success stories of individuals helped through interventions (e.g., transitioning from homelessness to stable housing).
- 5. Visual Assessments
  - Use photos or video documentation to assess improvements in cleanliness and the condition of public spaces over time.

#### **Public Safety Dashboard and Reporting**

Develop a centralized dashboard to track progress and visualize data trends. Key metrics should include:

- Reduction in illegal camping incidents.
- Improved resident satisfaction scores.
- Decreased complaints about panhandling.
- Higher shelter utilization rates with fewer turnaways.