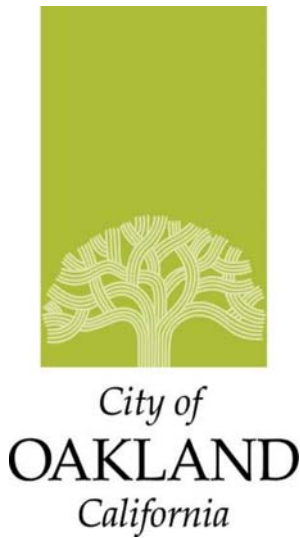


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City of Oakland Opens Winter Shelters

Oakland – The City of Oakland, in collaboration with Emeryville and Alameda County, (North County) has developed a Winter Response strategy to address the needs of unsheltered homeless people during the winter months. **Shelters open Monday, November 13 and operate through April 16, 2018.** Shelter doors open to clients by 6 p.m. each evening and close by 8 a.m. the next morning.



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- In West Oakland – St. Vincent de Paul, 675 – 23rd Street, that will be open every night of the winter:
 - Call Saint Vincent de Paul 510-638-7600
 - 50 beds that will be available by vouchers
 - 15 beds will remain for walk up, first-come first served basis
 - No beds will remain empty

- A smaller shelter site in East Oakland – East Oakland – EOCP, Crossroads Shelter, 7515 International Blvd., open every night of the winter:
 - 10 over-flow beds available on a first come-first served basis.
 - For more information contact 510-532-3211

- Serving vulnerable populations - St. Mary’s Center, 925 Brockhurst St. along San Pablo Ave, open every night of the winter:
 - 25 bed shelter for seniors
 - Call 510-923-9600 and ask to speak to the Worker of the Day or come to our Center between 9 am – 12 pm or 1 pm – 4 pm, Monday through Friday. Ask to see a social worker.

“With our partners, we’ve developed a new approach to better meet the unique needs of seniors,” said Sara Bedford, the City of Oakland’s Director of Human Services. “As housing prices continue to climb, we’ve seen a rise in the senior population among Oakland’s most vulnerable that needed to be addressed.”

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul facility at 675 23rd St., Oakland, accommodating up to 65 single adults. Most of the beds are secured through a voucher system. Referral agencies, see chart below, should be contacted for information about vouchers.

2017 Winter Shelter Referral Agencies	
BACS - Bay Area Community Services 559 16th St., Oakland	(510) 613-0330 or (510) 238-5091
Saint Vincent de Paul Community Center 2272 San Pablo Avenue	(510) 638-7600
OD – Operation Dignity 3850 San Pablo Ave., Ste. 102, Emeryville	(510) 882-7941
OHAC - Oakland Housing Assistance Center 250 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 6th Fl., Oakland	(510) 238-6182