Monterey County EOC CARE & SHELTER BRANCH

Alternate Housing Site Program – Service Update

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BACKGROUND

- The Care and Shelter Branch currently supports operations of three distinct COVID-19 related housing programs:
 - Operation Oasis
 - Project Roomkey
 - Housing for the Harvest

Operation Oasis

The local name for our Alternate Housing Site (AHS) program which provides temporary housing for <u>COVID-19 positive</u> and presumed positive/under investigation (PUI) individuals that do not or no longer require hospitalization but need a safe space to isolate at the San Lorenzo Park in King City or unspecified motels in Salinas.

- ▶ This program also serves the COVID-19 positive and PUI populations of Project Roomkey in order to ensure safe separation of the COVID-19 positive and COVID-19 vulnerable populations.
- Referrals to any AHS must be made by qualifying medical providers or the Monterey County Health Department who can certify the isolation period.
- This program provides three meals a day, basic medical check-ups, resource referrals, transportation as required, and general accommodations support. The program is fully operated and supported by County staff.

Project Roomkey

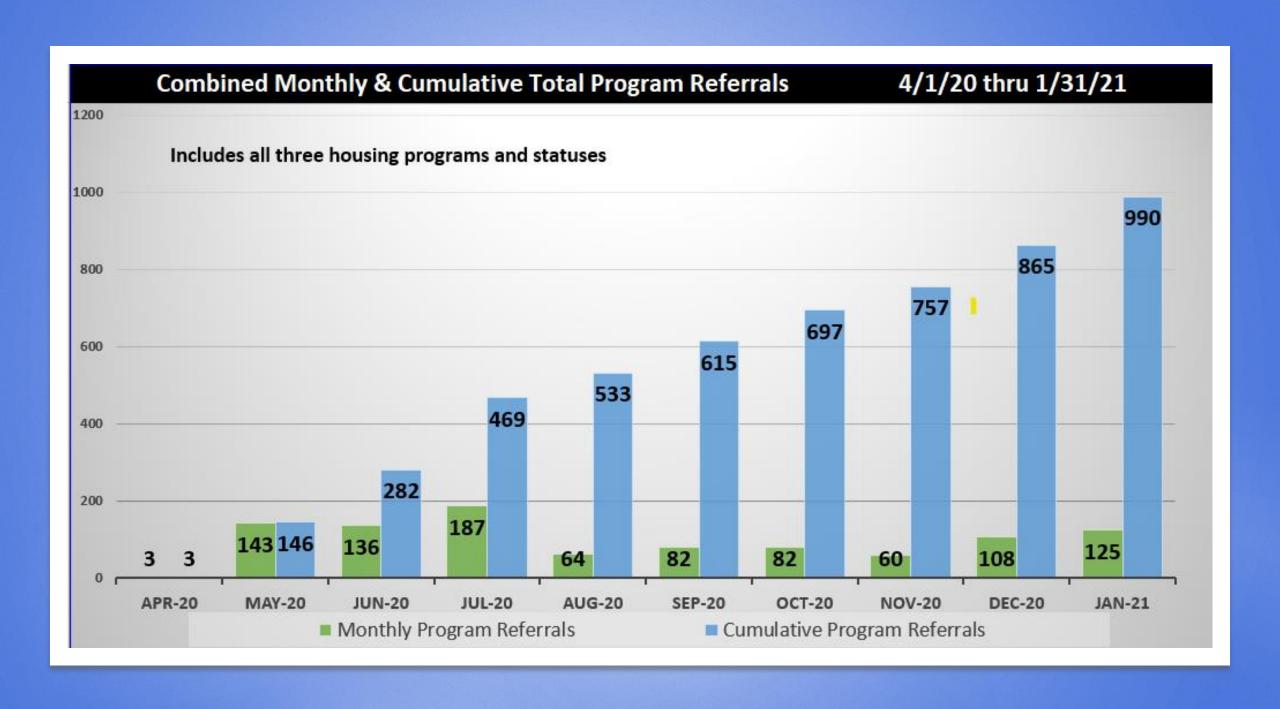
A state-wide program that encompasses all non-congregate shelter sites established in response to COVID-19 for the purpose of protecting people experiencing <u>homelessness</u>.

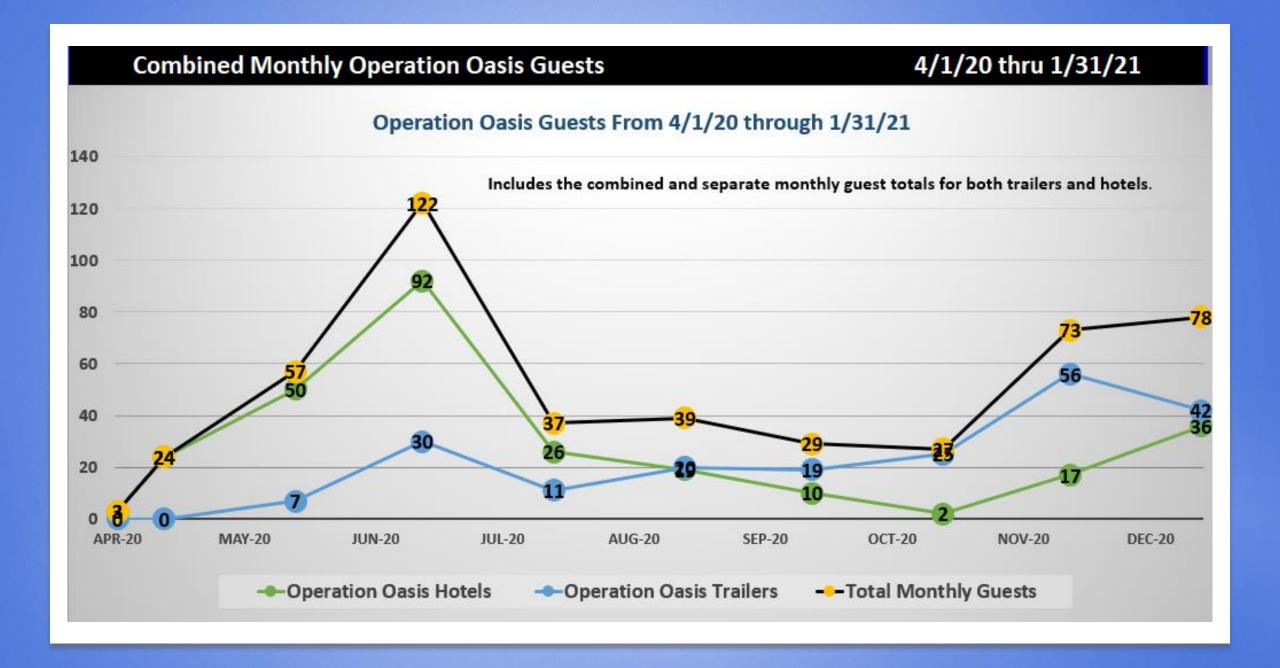
- The Monterey County program is focused on those homeless residents who are presumed COVID-19 negative and are determined medically fragile due to a specific medical diagnosis that makes them at increased risk for complications should they contract COVID-19.
- ▶ Persons who are experiencing homelessness and are recovering from COVID-19 or have been exposed to COVID-19 are served through Operation Oasis.
- Referrals to Project Roomkey must be made by qualifying medical providers or the Monterey County Health Department who can certify the risk factor. This program has a maximum capacity of 35 motel rooms and maintains a waitlist.
- Services provided include wrap-around case management, behavioral health referrals, general accommodations support, and intensive housing navigation services. This program is subcontracted to the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers for direct operations.

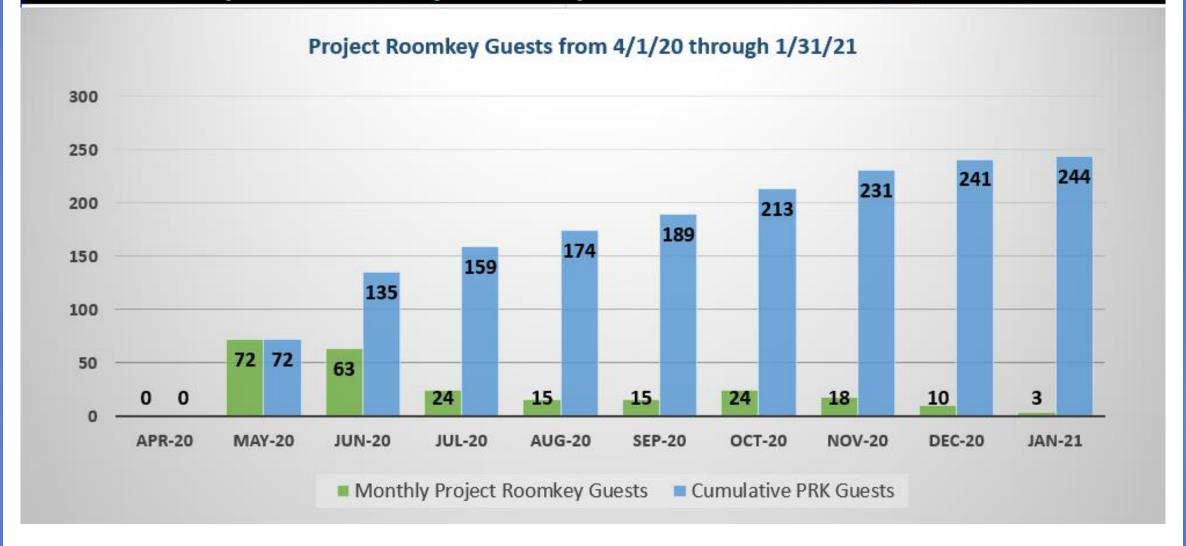
Housing for the Harvest

A state-wide program that mirrors our local Operation Oasis program in service delivery but is specific to <u>individuals working in the food processing</u> or agriculture industries.

- ► The program offers temporary hotel housing to agricultural and food processing workers who need to isolate due to COVID-19 and helps positive or exposed workers protect their loved ones and coworkers by giving them a space to self-isolate.
- Referrals to Housing for the Harvest must be made by qualifying medical providers or the Monterey County Health Department who can certify the isolation period.
- The individual will be asked to attest to their employment eligibility factor. The program leverages motel rooms paid for by the state with wrap around services provided or coordinated by County staff.







QUESTIONS? COMMENTS?

