



**Why does  
Ventura  
need to  
*Find a New Way  
Home?***

**Consider the stats.**

**In 2015:**

**Ventura police, fire and EMS:**

Responded to calls about the homeless: 5,835  
(13% of all service calls)

Arrests involving homeless people: 2,500  
(29% of all arrests)

Law enforcement cost,  
including court, police, jail: \$4,500,000

**Ventura hospitals:**

Average charge for hospitalizing a homeless person: \$66,578  
Inpatient psychiatric: \$3,128/day

**# of homeless in Ventura:** 334

**Consider :**

**In 2014:**

- the average unit rental was \$1,536/month
- 112,000 of Ventura County citizens live below the Federal Poverty line (\$11,670 for a family of one.)
- Our local rental vacancy rate is less than 2%
- Measure O, passed in November 2016, sets aside Money to allocate toward reduce homelessness in Ventura



We can do more than provide a meal, or clothing, or an overnight winter warming shelter.

We can bring our city, non-profits, county, business community, faith community and citizens together to implement the “best practices” model- providing immediate shelter while addressing the many needs these individuals need to end their homelessness.

**Ventura Can Do This.  
Restore Dignity. Renew Hope.  
Help Ventura’s homeless  
Find a New Way Home**

Email your support for Transitional Housing  
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See “Finding a New Way Home” at:  
<http://www.capsmedia.org/videos/>.  
<https://vimeo.com/204102284> (5 minute version)  
<https://vimeo.com/203223378> (19 minute version)