

**1. Please describe the types of housing services your agency currently provides for individuals returning to east Contra Costa County.**

SHELTER, Inc. has provided housing services in Contra Costa County since our founding in 1986. Services currently offered by SHELTER, Inc. to individuals returning to all areas of Contra Costa County – including those returning to East Contra Costa – include:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): Financial rental assistance provided in a step-down assistance model. The term of the subsidy is generally six to twelve months, tapering off as participants become more self-sufficient. This step-down model allows participants to quickly move into housing while also saving money to help maintain housing in the long term.
- Sober Living Environments (SLE): SHELTER, Inc. partners with SLE's in Contra Costa County to help participants struggling with substance use disorders find a stable place to recover and thrive after returning from incarceration. Financial assistance for SLE participants is also provided in a step-down model, wherein SHELTER, Inc. pays a decreasing portion of a participant's SLE fees each month.
- Hotels: SHELTER, Inc. provides short-term hotel stays for some reentry participants in order to quickly move them into a safe environment while they work with our housing navigation team to find permanent housing. These temporary hotel stays involve a more intense level of case management (at least one meeting per week) while a participant progresses in their housing search.
- Family Reunification: Whenever possible, we seek to help participants reunify with their families or similar support systems upon their return from incarceration. In these cases, SHELTER, Inc. contributes to household bills and rent while the participant is working with his/her case manager and housing navigator to find a more permanent living situation.
- Intensive Housing-Focused Case Management: SHELTER, Inc. provides client-centered, evidence-based case management to help participants returning to Contra Costa County progress toward self-sufficiency and build the skills that will allow them to maintain permanent housing into the future.

**2. If your agency does not currently provide services within the region, what plan would you put in place to service this area? And what would be your estimated timeline for service start-up?**

N/A - SHELTER, Inc. currently provides housing and case management services in all parts of Contra Costa County.