

Safe Streets and Trails

Unsheltered Homelessness

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Vision

By 2027, as a result of our work to address the community imperative of visible and unsheltered homelessness, Anchorage. ...

- Provides a variety of solutions, realizing that housing is the long-term solution,
- Bolsters the entire continuum of care for permanent stability,
- Uses a trauma-informed, human-centered, non-discriminatory approach to support vulnerable populations,
- Strengthens collaboration across the entire continuum of care,
- Engages a community-wide response and investment in the issue,
- Sustainably invests the funding and resources needed,
- Employs data, best practices, existing efforts, and the voice of lived experience in solving and
- Provides increased access and information about existing services.

Existing Condition and Challenges

The existing conditions and current challenges for unsheltered homelessness include. ...

- We need increased community understanding and stakeholder alignment around solutions
- The issues are growing, but the infrastructure and capacity are not,
- We don't have the right resources or sustainable funding needed to address homelessness,
- We need more affordable housing options,
- We don't have year-round shelter options,
- We have significant public safety issues and
- We need a short-term plan to address public safety around unsheltered people experiencing homelessness.

Innovative Actions

★ In 6 Months

- Ensure timely and adequate funding for providers by leveraging all available Municipal, State, and Federal resources and presenting proposals to set aside housing vouchers specifically for people experiencing homelessness.
- Provide leadership, coordination, and resources to develop and update a winter shelter plan in the summer rather than the fall.
- Develop a low-density, dispersed (right-sized) shelter plan that offers choice, including low-barrier shelter, and meets individual and community needs.
- Build community consensus and understanding around language, definitions, and successes around unsheltered homelessness.
- Focus and synergize the Anchorage Police Department and other government resources and departments to mitigate the greatest safety risks.
- Assess the efficiency and impact of the current shelter system.



In One Year

- Establish a system to synchronize services and maintain a long-range view to ensure all components are consistently available
- Collaboratively assess public safety needs related to criminal activity that negatively impacts those experiencing unsheltered homelessness and surrounding neighborhoods.
- Build community consensus on what success looks like and enact policies that support that vision.



In Three Years

- Build infrastructure that meets basic needs, such as providing bathrooms for access to basic hygiene, trash disposal, and citywide Wi-Fi.
- Assess the status of a homeless-specific voucher program designed for the hardest to house.
- Collaborate with community partners to identify resources for year-round shelter facilities that meet community needs. Identify needs and incentivize investment in Permanent Supportive Housing and wrap-around supports.