



Mayor's Community Safety Budget *2026 Priorities*

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What success looks like

Safe community for everyone who lives, works and visits here.

- Robust public safety workforce
- Less crime, more accountability
- More crisis care
- Fewer people sleeping outside
- Year-round safety net system
- More housing
- Roads, parks, and trails safe for all
- Partnerships, funding, and data

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SAFE ANCHORAGE


THE PROBLEM
Public safety is Mayor LaFrance's top priority. Since the first day in office, we've consistently heard from residents sharing real concerns about safety in public spaces and neighborhoods. Mayor LaFrance is committed to making the Municipality a safe place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

WHAT WE WILL DO
The first step to protect public safety is to recruit, hire and retain capable, committed safety professionals including police, fire, and prosecutors. People who break the law should expect clear and prompt consequences. We will reduce the backlog of cases and ensure speedy trials without delays or dismissals.
To reduce crime and enforce local laws we are stepping up efforts to intercept large shipments of illegal drugs, working with state and federal partners. We will increase positive public safety presence and work with communities to pilot proven ways to reduce violence.
To address the overlapping challenges of substance misuse, mental health, and homelessness, will improve crisis response to ensure residents are met with the right resources at the right time. We will work with community partners to increase connections to treatment and supports.
We are investing in clean, safe public spaces for all, including activating parks and trails, improving road safety, and bolstering our emergency response to natural disasters.

OUR COMMITMENT
Whether buying a house, starting a family, running a business, or going on a hike, we are committed to working every day to ensure you can depend on basic public safety.

Our community is a safe place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

1. A robust public safety workforce.
2. Less crime and more accountability.
3. More people can access crisis care.
4. Roads, parks, and trails are safe for all — every day, and in emergencies.



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HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTH STRATEGY


The LaFrance Administration is committed to a comprehensive and coordinated strategy to address homelessness and related health and public safety issues.
With a public health approach that focuses on harm reduction and prevention, we can improve the health and safety of our entire community, including those experiencing homelessness, with immediate action and long-term solutions.
Our response is driven by our focus on public safety. People sleeping outside need safe alternatives. We need enforcement of laws that keep our community safe. Since July, we have abated 13 camps that pose a public safety risk. We've stood up over 330 beds of shelter across four sites this winter and opened warming centers in mid-December as another layer of safety. We are looking ahead to spring to increase housing options so fewer people return to sleeping outside.
By balancing abatement and enforcement with shelter and services, we are doing the work to create a visible reduction in unsheltered homelessness in our community.

GOALS

1. Significantly reduce unsheltered homelessness through low-barrier shelter and connections to housing.
2. Increase access to behavioral and physical health services.
3. Add new housing and increase access to existing housing.
4. Harness community partnerships, funding, and data to reduce systemic contributors to homelessness.

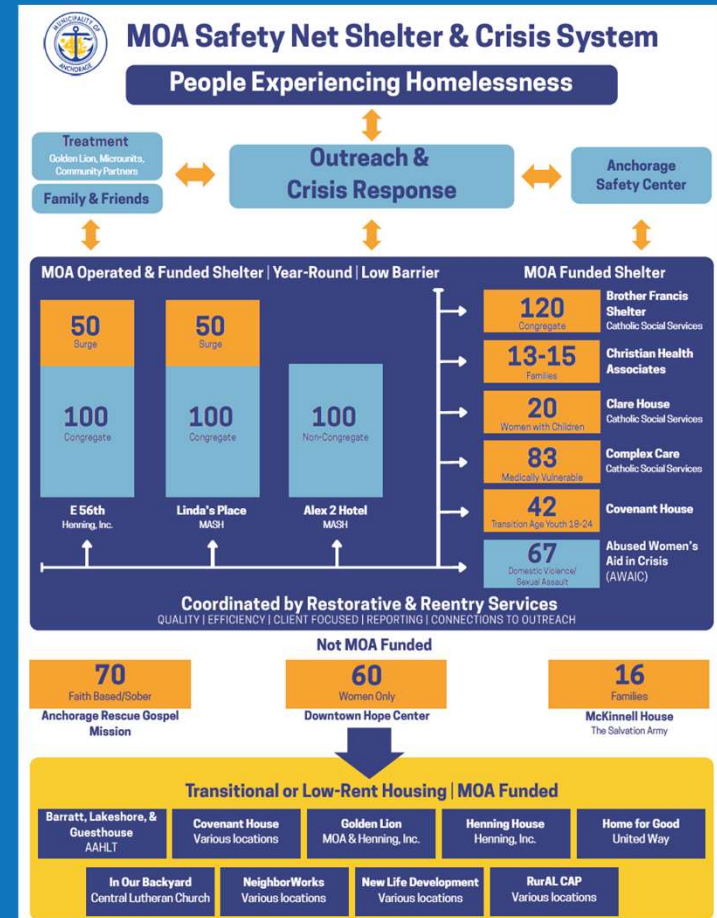
RESULTS
In three years, we will see:

- Fewer people camping
- More people in housing and connected to health services and supports
- Adequate year-round shelter
- Legal parking for vehicles and RVs
- Fewer outdoor deaths
- Innovative pilot projects, including use of modular structures for transitional living



Year-round, safety net system

More Crisis Care



Outreach + Crisis Response

APD

- HOPE Coordinated Outreach Team:
3rd Ave Resource Navigation Center + Bean's
- IMPACT teams
- Mobile Intervention Teams (MIT)

AFD

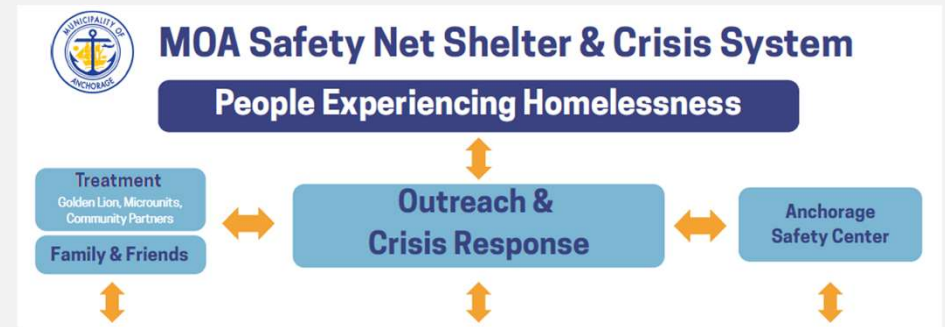
- 24/7 Mobile Crisis Teams
- ASP/ASC expanded criteria, first responder drop-off

Parks

- Healthy Spaces Team

AHD

- Clinic Outreach
- ACEH Navigation



Prevention + Diversion

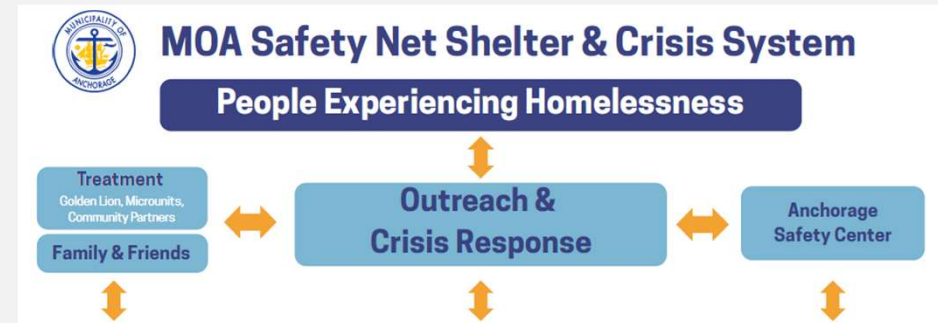
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- Child Abuse + Neglect Prevention grants
- Eviction Prevention + ADRC
- Connections to Treatment: Microunits, Golden Lion

APD/AHD

- DV/SA Core Services

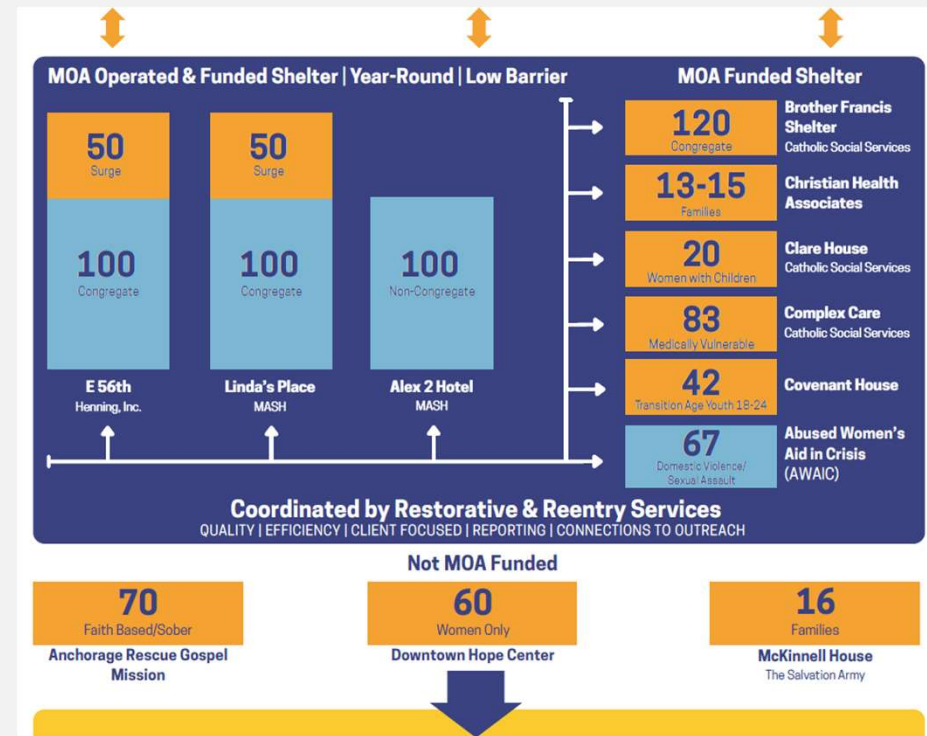
Community Partners + Funders



Safety Net Shelter

AHD

- MOA Operated: 300 beds (+ up to 100 surge)
- MOA Funded: 312 beds/units + 35 families
- Partners: 130 beds/units + 16 families
- System coordination: RRS



More housing!

Partnerships, funding, data

Transitional or Low-Income Housing

AHD

- Extending impact of ERA 2/HOME-ARP
- Housing exits from shelter
- Microunits for Recovery Residences
- Low-income housing development

Data

AHD

- HMIS administration



Affordable Housing Development + Repair

Strategy Goal: Increase housing supply for low-income households.

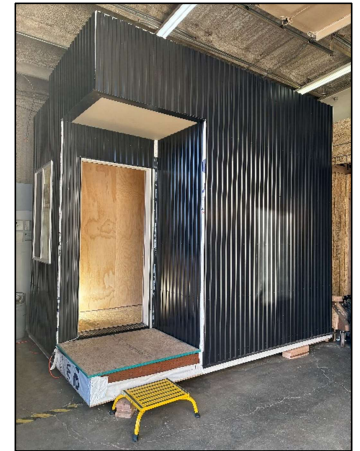
- CDBG, HOME funds
- Mobile Home Repair program
- Partnership with Alaska CDBG
- Code enforcement and nuisance property abatement



Coming soon: Microunits for Recovery Residences

Strategy Goal: Identify and launch additional low-density, low barrier, year-round shelter and transitional housing options.

- Visser Construction under contract
- Permits issued, site work starting
- 24+ units under construction
- RFP for behavioral health provider due 10/15
- Private funding secured for additional units
- Faith communities: interest in replication



Coming Soon: Housing Rehabilitation Fund

Strategy goal: Leverage public-private partnerships to increase the supply of housing units for very low-income households

Objectives

- Rehabilitate dilapidated properties
- Increase and preserve housing units; make neighborhoods safer
- Assist owner-occupied and small-scale developers with renovations

Potential Funding Sources

- CDBG and HOME
- Re-appropriation of \$1.3M
- Partner funds

Process

- Technical assistance to assess condition and renovation potential
- Clearing structures that can't be renovated, addressing site issues
- Repair funds and/or gap financing to supplement project financing
- Criteria established for affordability, timeframe, etc.



Creates AMC 12.80 to introduce a new tax incentive for rehabilitation of vacant properties in Anchorage.

Leveraging MOA and Other Funds

Good Neighbor Fund + Others

Strategy goal: Harness community partnerships, funding, and data to reduce systemic contributors to homelessness.

- **Faith communities convening #2**
 - Working groups for emergency shelter, housing, designated parking, community building + lived experience
- **Good Neighbor Fund!**
 - Kick off fund in November with community donors for person-to-person assistance to divert people from homelessness
- **Private Foundation**
 - Funding committed for expansion of microunits
- **AK Department of Health: Rural Health Transformation**
 - Letter of interest submitted
- **Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority**
 - Proposal in the works



Mayor's Community Safety Budget

Strategy goal: Fully leverage MOA funding with other sources.

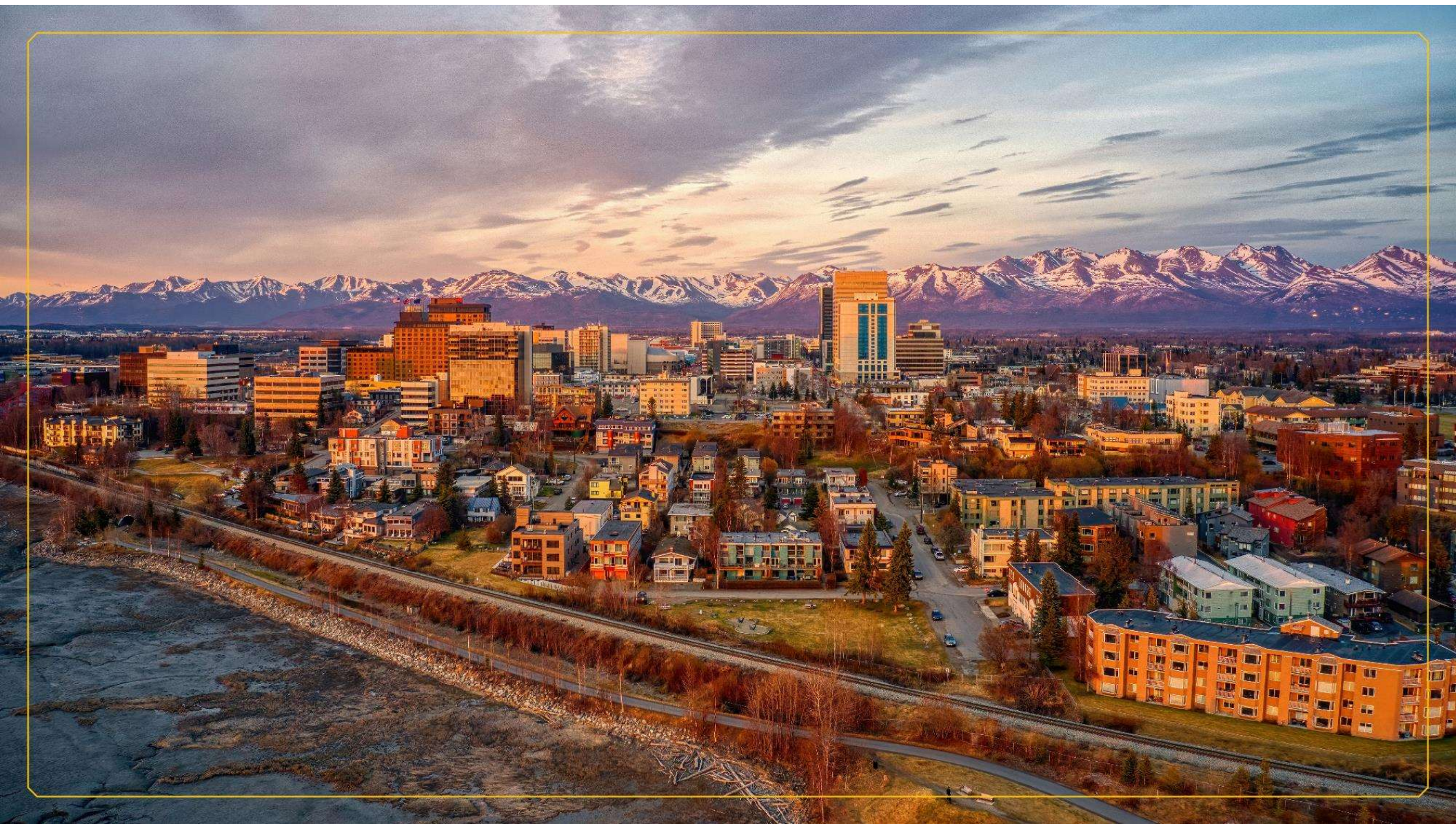
	GG	ATAX	TOTAL MOA	Other	TOTAL
Outreach + Crisis Response	\$ -	\$ 2,684,775	\$ 2,684,775	\$ 175,000	\$ 2,859,775
Prevention + Diversion	\$ 165,000	\$ 2,675,000	\$ 2,840,000	\$ 166,000	\$ 3,006,000
Safety Net Shelter	\$ 8,581,229	\$ 9,083,480	\$ 17,664,709	\$ 363,440	\$ 18,028,149
Housing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,292,325	\$ 5,292,325
Data	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,729	\$ 100,729
MOA Program Operations	\$ -	\$ 1,464,812	\$ 1,464,812	\$ -	\$ 1,464,812
	\$ 8,746,229	\$ 15,908,067	\$ 24,654,296	\$ 6,097,494	\$ 30,751,790

80% MOA funds, 20% other sources

Compared to 2025:

- Reduction of \$583,271 in GG, \$351,208 in ATAX
- Overall reduction in MOA funds: \$934,479 less than 2025







THANK YOU