

Recommendations from the Anchorage Homelessness Leadership Council

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Principles

- **All investments should contribute to a healthier, safer, and more equitable Anchorage for all community members**
- **Increasing the availability of substance misuse treatment and behavioral health services is essential.**
- **Investments should be coordinated with community partners and funding should be leveraged**
- **Investment decisions should be data-informed**
- **Regular reporting of measurable outcomes should be required**

Recommendations

- **Reduce unsheltered homelessness and provide adequate year-round shelter capacity, thus allowing year-round outreach and camp abatement; and**
- **Increase the availability of treatment of substance misuse and behavioral health services; and**
- **Increase housing for people experiencing homelessness and those who lack stable housing; and**
- **Prevent and respond to child abuse and sexual assault**

***Recommendation 1:* Reduce unsheltered homelessness and provide adequate year-round shelter capacity, thus allowing year-round outreach and camp abatement.**

- **Emergency Night Shelter and Daytime Engagement Center Operations**
- **Outreach**
- **Camp Abatement**
- **Transportation and Other Supportive Services**

***Recommendation 2:* Increase the availability of treatment of substance misuse and behavioral health services.**

- **Mental and Behavioral Health Services to Support Public Safety**
- **Substance Misuse Grants and/or Treatment Center Operations**

***Recommendation 3:* Increase housing for people experiencing homelessness and those who lack stable housing.**

- **Rental Support and Other Housing Support**
- **Incentivize and Support Existing and New Permanent Supportive Housing for Adults**

Recommendation 4: Prevent and respond to child abuse and sexual assault.

- **Evidence-Based Grants to Prevent and Respond to Sexual Assault and Child Abuse and Neglect**
- **Early Childhood Education**