



What is Anchored Home:2018-2021?

Anchored Home is a single focused implementation plan for Anchorage that combines federal, state, and local strategies including an update of the 2015 Anchorage Community Plan to End Homelessness. It addresses immediate community needs and builds the foundation to address larger, socioeconomic factors that impact homelessness. Anchored Home was developed in partnership with the Anchorage community through a series of gatherings, discussions, public reviews, and open forums. Anchored Home officially launches in October 2018. It represents a collaborative effort between the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH), community leaders such as the Rasmuson Foundation, United Way, and many other key stakeholders - housing partners, social service agencies, residents and funding partners. These organizations will work with the Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council (HLC) to provide timelines for project completion, ensure assignment responsibility and accountability, and further guide the work in addressing homelessness and housing issues in our community.

Why are we releasing an updated strategic plan?

Anchored Home is a strategic update that will build on existing work to extend community strategies to new partners, deepen the commitment to align resources and incorporate a wider community voice. With this update, the core implementation team (consisting of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness and the Homeless Leadership Council) will increase data quality, focus implementation efforts and inform the community stakeholders of new developments to encourage a stronger understanding of what each person can do to help further Anchored Home and our shared goal to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time.

Who will support the plan?

A primary workgroup with three main leaders provides the core staffing to the plan: Nancy Burke, from the Municipality of Anchorage; Jasmine Khan, from the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness; and Dr. Richard Mandsager, a Rasmuson Foundation Senior Fellow. These three entities will provide staffing and guidance for the work under the plan, however, there are many other organizations committed to outcomes, including Providence Alaska Health Services, United Way of Anchorage, and Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and many community social services and housing partners.

The list of supporting entities can be found at the end of this document.

Who will oversee the plan?

The Anchorage Homelessness Leadership Council (HLC): This group of prominent Anchorage leaders will oversee the plan as it is put into action. The council will leverage resources, monitor data, hold service

providers and other stakeholders accountable, inform the public on results, and provide overall direction on next steps.

Why select an oversight board with so many partners involved?

The oversight board, the Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council, will be involved in monitoring data, providing advocacy and working to develop needed resources to implement Anchored Home priorities. This neutral role allows the partners doing the work to have a focus on each of their respective areas of expertise while an overarching group will monitor the system outcomes and needed resources. Having this level of oversight allows multiple facets of Anchored Home to be addressed at once, while still working to achieve a common goal.

Where else has a plan like this been used? Why is it effective for our community?

Cities with high homelessness rates, such as Houston, Texas and Salt Lake City, Utah, have utilized action plans and community leadership councils similar to Anchored Home with positive results. Anchored Home will be tailored to fit the needs of Anchorage, while using the model of a core group that works together under a common goal.

Using approaches such as these, Anchorage will make homelessness a rare, brief and one-time event. We will also improve communication within the community while creating an environment where outcomes and resource needs can be highlighted for everyone.

How will community input be taken?

There will be an initial community stakeholder input process on the Anchored Home Public Review Draft that will run from August 23 to the end of September 2018. October 4th, the final draft of Anchored Home will be published. Community meetings will continue throughout the three years of implementation.

There will be a general public meeting on Sept 18th at 7PM at the Anchorage Loussac Library, Wilda Marston theater.

Why now? What has changed with the new plan?

It is our desire for all Anchorage communities to have equal access to information on the plan to end homelessness in our city. Anchored Home will allow for broader communication and a more inclusive representation of the community experience of homelessness impacts and solutions. By encouraging representation through community stakeholders, Anchored Home will be positioned to grow and develop as the community does.

Who created Anchored Home? Who provided input into the initial Public Review Draft?

Everyone in the community has a role to play in ending homelessness. Many partners have contributed to Anchored Home and have committed to working together to achieve its goals. Many voices came to the conversation and provided inputs.

Anchored Home Developers and Funders



Partners, Participating Organizations and Community Voices

- ACLU of Alaska
- AK Red, LLC
- Alaska AFL-CIO
- Alaska Children's Trust
- Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
- Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
- Alaska Department of Corrections
- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
- Alaska Food Policy Council
- Alaska Grassroots Alliance
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Alaska Legislature
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Alaska Mill and Feed
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- Alaska Trails
- Alaska Veterans Foundation
- Allen & Peterson Cooking + Appliance Center
- Anchorage Assembly
- Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
- Anchorage Downtown Partnership
- Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
- Anchorage Fire Department
- Anchorage Parks Foundation
- Anchorage Police Department
- Anchorage School District
- ARBRA
- Assembly Member Christopher Constant
- Assembly Member Forrest Dunbar
- Assemble Member Suzanne LaFrance
- AWAIC
- Bean's Café
- Catholic Social Services
- Christian Health Associates
- Coalition to Protect Public Spaces
- Cook Inlet Housing Authority
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Covenant House Alaska
- Daybreak Services, Inc.
- Disability Law Center of Alaska
- Downtown Community Council
- Downtown Hope Center
- East Downtown Partnership
- eDAG
- Fairview Community Council
- Forget Me Not
- Institute of Community Alliances
- Mat-Su Health Foundation
- Mat-Su Coalition to End Homelessness
- Mountain View Library
- Municipality of Anchorage
- NeighborWorks Alaska
- Nine Star
- Office of Governor Bill Walker
- Office of Senator Tom Begich
- Office of Representative Geran Tarr
- Partners for Progress
- Providence Health Systems Alaska
- Rasmuson Foundation
- RurAL CAP
- Southcentral Foundation
- The Boardroom
- Third Avenue Radicals
- U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region 10
- U.S. Veterans Administration (VA)
- United Way of Anchorage
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center
- Youth Task Force