



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.



Mayor Suzanne LaFrance JANUARY 31, 2025

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



2026 Mayor's Community Safety Budget				
	GG	ATAX	Other	TOTAL
Outreach + Crisis Response: Safe Streets, Parks, Neighborhoods	\$ -	\$ 2,799,592	\$ 175,000	\$ 2,974,592
APD: HOPE Multi-Disp Outreach Team/3RNC		\$ 500,000		
APD: Program Operations		\$ 798,206		
Muni Attorney: Program Operations		\$ 292,195		
Parks: Healthy Spaces Team		\$ 859,191		
AHD: ACEH Outreach + Navigation		\$ 350,000		
AFD: MCT + CORE Team			\$ 175,000	
Prevent + Divert from Homelessness	\$ 165,000	\$ 2,248,699	\$ 167,000	\$ 2,580,699
AHD: Eviction Prevention, ADRC			\$ 167,000	
AHD: Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention		\$ 1,500,000		
AHD: DV/SA Core Services	\$ 165,000	\$ 675,000		
AHD: Program Operations		\$ 73,699		
Low-barrier, Emergency Shelter	\$ 9,067,458	\$ 10,104,488	\$ 363,440	\$ 19,535,386
AHD: Program Operations	\$ 370,589	\$ 721,008		
AHD: Shelter Transportation			\$ 213,440	
AHD: MOA-Operated Low-Barrier Shelter	\$ 8,696,869			
AHD: MOA-Funded Low-Barrier Shelter		\$ 9,383,480	\$ 150,000	
More Housing!	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,792,325	\$ 4,792,325
AHD: Low-Income Housing Development			\$ 1,450,000	
AHD: Housing exits from shelter			\$ 550,000	
AHD: Microunits for Recovery Residences			\$ 2,100,000	
AHD: Housing Rehabilitation Fund			\$ 692,325	
Data: Monitor and Share Results	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,729	\$ 100,729
AHD: HMIS Data System Support			\$ 100,729	
TOTAL	\$ 9,232,458	\$ 15,152,779	\$ 5,598,494	\$ 29,983,731

More crisis care

Fewer people sleeping outside

Year-round safety net

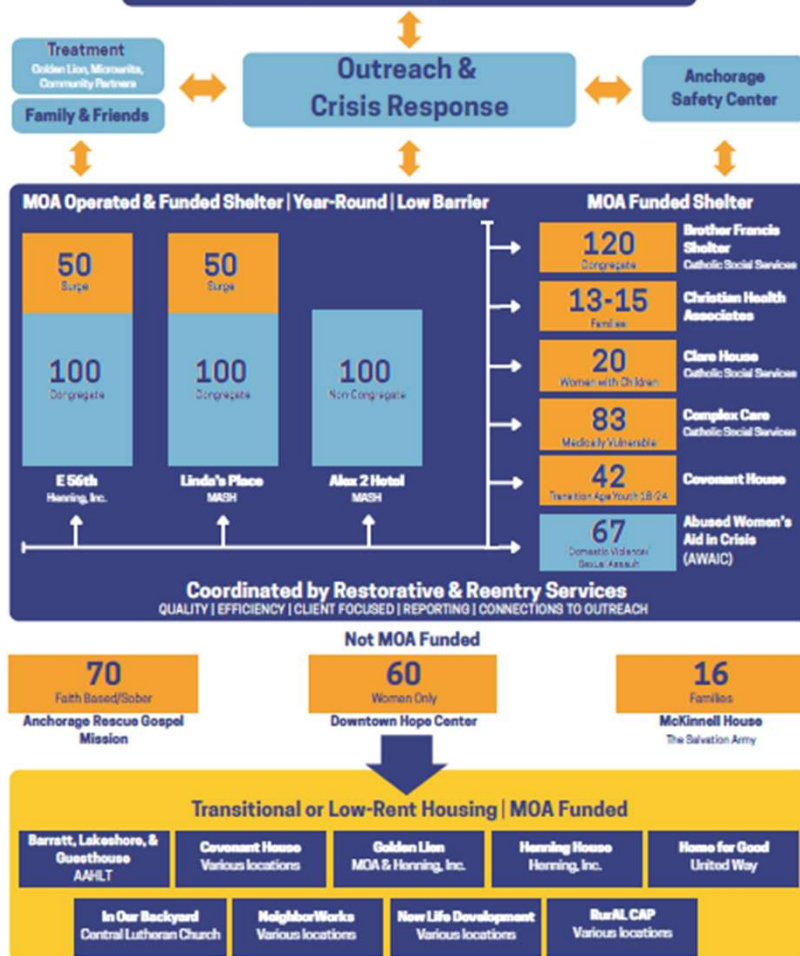
Anchorage Crisis Continuum



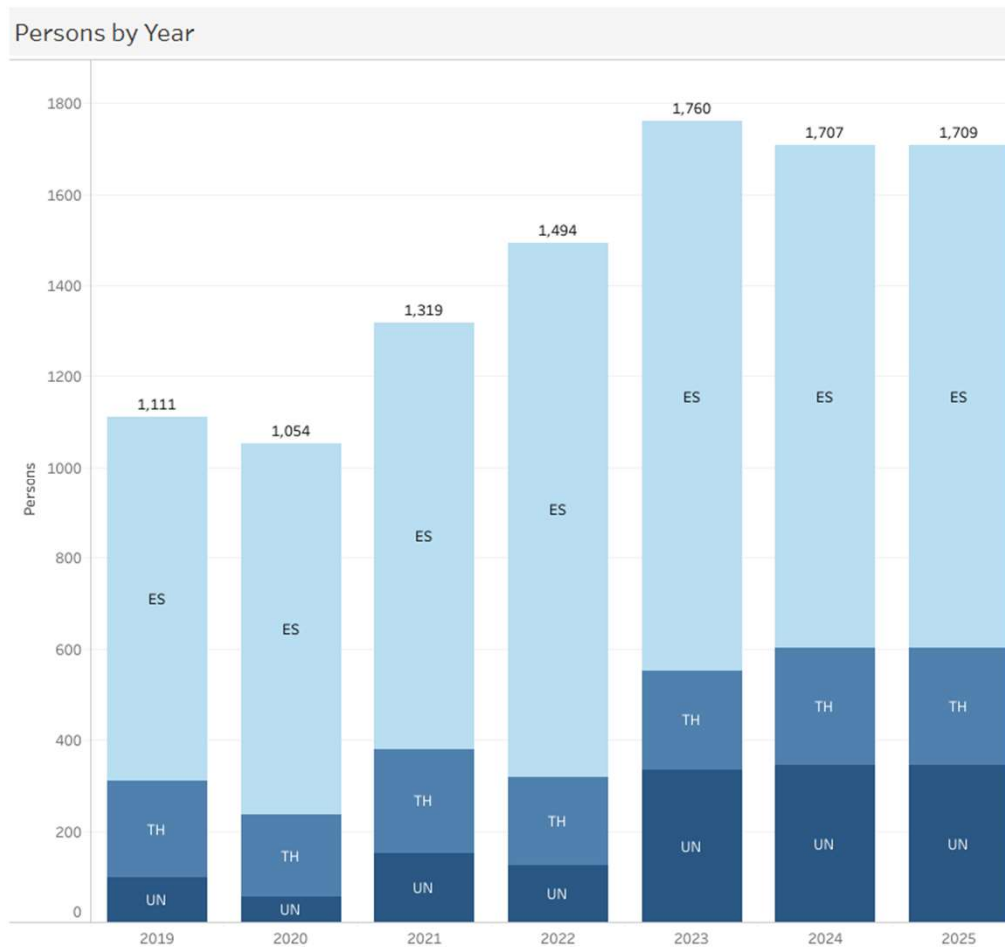


MOA Safety Net Shelter & Crisis System

People Experiencing Homelessness



Annual Point In Time Count, 2019-2025



**Fewer people
sleeping outside
means reducing
this number in
2026**

MOA Funded Shelter + Housing Unit Count, 2025

MOA-funded Unit Count, 2025														
Category	Detail	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
MOA Shelter	56th Ave	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	100	100	100	100
MOA Shelter	Linda's Place	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	100	100	100
MOA Shelter	Non-congregate	332	332	332	200	200	200	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Family Cold Weather Shelter	Christian Health Associates	68	68	68	68							68	68	68
Total MOA Shelter		600	600	600	468	400	400	300	300	300	368	368	368	
Complex Care Shelter (CSS)		83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83	83
Brother Francis Shelter (CSS)		120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
Covenant House Shelter		42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
Clare House (CSS)		20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
AWAIC		67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67	67
Total MOA-funded Shelter		332	332	332	332	332	332	332	332	332	332	332	332	332
Low barrier overnight	Warming	45	45	45	45	45	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Safety Center: inebriated, incapacitated	Anchorage Safety Center	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Total Warming + Safety Center		70	70	70	70	70	70	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Transitional Housing	Microunits + Recovery Residences													36
Rental Assistance, Housing	Emergency Rental Assistance, HOME-ARP							230	421	527	718	467	467	467
Supportive Housing	Dedicated units for shelter exits (AAHLT)											5	5	5
Supportive Housing	Home for Good	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91	91
Transitional Housing	In Our Backyard	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
Total Transitional + Permanent Housing		97	97	97	97	97	327	518	624	815	569	569	605	
TOTAL		1099	1099	1099	967	899	1129	1175	1281	1472	1294	1294	1330	
	Percent of total shelter vs housing	91%	91%	91%	90%	89%	71%	56%	51%	45%	56%	56%	55%	

More Housing!

Affordable Housing Development + Repair

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

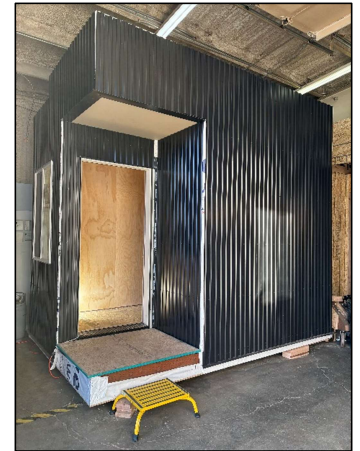
- CDBG, HOME funds
- Mobile Home Repair program
- Partnership with Alaska CDBG
- Code enforcement and nuisance property abatement



Coming soon: Microunits for Recovery Residences

Strategy Goal: By 12/30/25 Identify and launch additional low-density, low barrier, year-round shelter and transitional housing options.

- Visser Construction under contract
- Permits issued, site work starting
- 36 units under construction
- Behavioral health provider selection in progress
- 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 would be 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

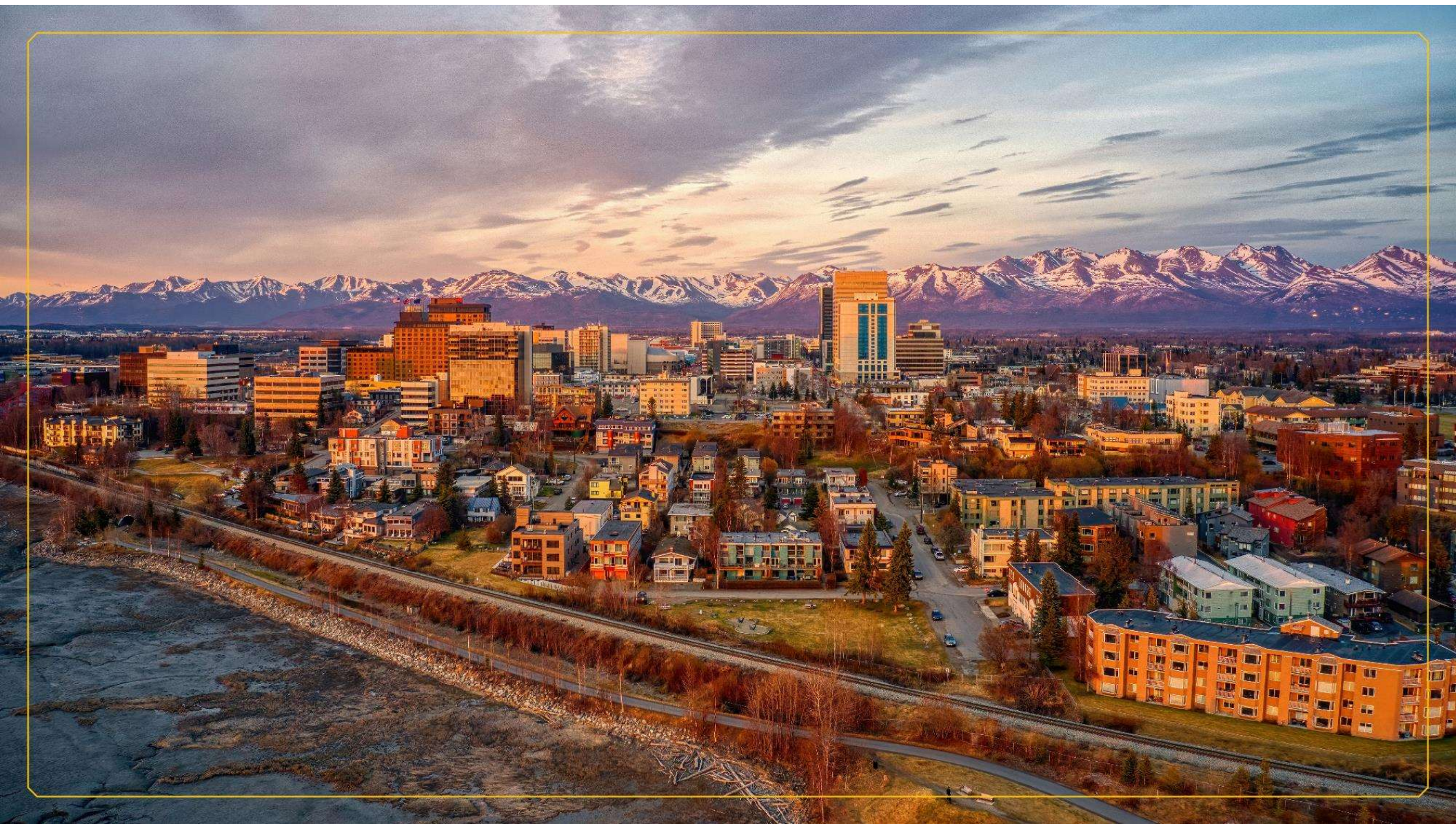
Good Neighbor Fund + Others

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

2026 Community Safety Budget: 80% MOA, 20% Other Sources

- **Faith community work groups**
 - For emergency shelter, housing, designated parking, community connections
- **Good Neighbor Fund!**
 - Kick off fund in November with community donors for person-to-person assistance
- **Private Foundation**
 - Funding committed to add 8 microunits and ADA accessibility
- **AK Department of Health: Rural Health Transformation**
 - Proposal submitted
- **HUD Annual Funding**
 - Spending down each year
 - Leveraging MOA funds







THANK YOU