

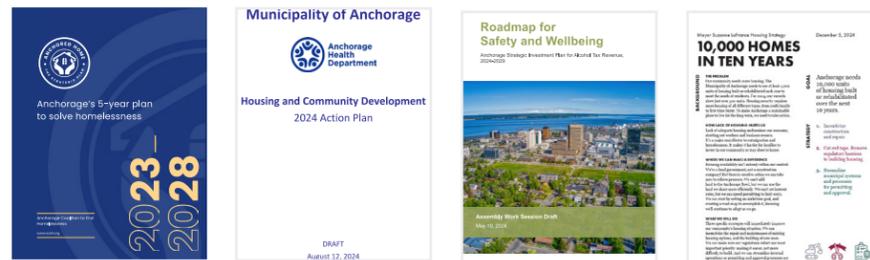
HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTH STRATEGY

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BUILDING FROM . . .



This strategy doesn't reinvent the wheel. It's drawn from from current MOA and partner plans, including:

1. *Anchored Home Plan*
2. *Housing and Community Development Plan*
3. *Roadmap for Safety and Wellbeing*
4. *Mayor LaFrance's 10,000 Homes in 10 Years 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 15 camps that pose a public safety risk. We've stood up over 530 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.

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

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.

First 100 Days
October 8, 2024

First Year
June 30, 2025

18 months
December 30, 2025

UNSHELTERED AND SHELTER

- ✓ Launch Anchorage Police Department HOPE (Homeless Outreach, Prevention, and Engagement) Team
- ✓ Increase outreach to camps before abatement
- ✓ Strengthen internal coordination among municipal departments
- ✓ Work with Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH) and other partners to coordinate shelter and housing resources for people moving from camps, prioritized by vulnerability
- ✓ Maintain 200 beds at E 56th Avenue Congregate Shelter
- ✓ Work with Anchorage Health Department (AHD) to complete RFP process and execute contracts for 400 beds of non-congregate shelter before winter



- ✓ HOPE Team and outreach partners continue engagement with camps before abatement
- ✓ Address issues related to vehicles when moving to shelter
- ✓ Identify and launch warming sites for January-March
- ✓ Maintain 200 beds at E 56th Avenue Congregate Shelter
- ✓ Launch 332 non-congregate beds
- ✓ Establish peer, transportation, and other navigation partnerships to increase movement from shelter to housing
- ✓ Use Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) data to work with AHD and ACEH to monitor flow of people from unsheltered to shelter to housing, adjusting resources as needed
- ✓ Develop and release RFP for rapid re-housing operator for approximately 75 people

- Establish consistent low-barrier winter services, including congregate and non-congregate shelter, rapid re-housing, and case management
- Continue to engage peer, transportation, and navigation partners with people moving from camps
- Explore and launch legal parking sites available from May through October 15, 2025
- Maintain 200 beds at E 56th Avenue Congregate Shelter
- Maintain at least 50 non-congregate beds
- Identify and launch additional low-density, low barrier, year-round shelter and transitional housing options (i.e., tiny homes, palette shelters, and other innovations)
- Identify opportunities for day shelter and community spaces for people experiencing homelessness



HEALTH

- ✓ Establish a Behavioral Health provider workgroup and host initial meetings
- ✓ Assess the availability of behavioral health treatment in Anchorage today
- ✓ Support the establishment of a care coordination group for the highest utilizers of the Anchorage Crisis Collaborative



- Maintain and monitor active referral network to behavioral health services and a care coordination group for highest utilizers of the Anchorage Crisis Collaborative
- Expand and support access to physical health providers serving individuals with complex needs
- Support development of a full behavioral health crisis continuum and connection to community services
- Maintain relationship with Anchorage therapeutic courts to increase referrals for treatment



HOUSING

- ✓ Develop Mayor LaFrance's Housing Strategy that includes housing for low- and extremely low-income households



- Continue to implement Mayor LaFrance's Housing Strategy
- Leverage public-private partnerships to increase the supply of housing units for very low-income households
- Increase access to rental subsidies
- Identify and plan to redevelop blighted and abandoned properties



DATA, FUNDING, COORDINATION

- ✓ Develop and submit budget proposals for MOA funding of safety net services for Q4 2024 and 2025
- ✓ Re-establish relationship with the Homelessness Leadership Council
- ✓ Develop strong working relationships with the Assembly Housing and Homelessness Committee, ACEH, and other safety-net providers
- ✓ Convene i-Team and GIS team around homelessness data collection and reporting
- ✓ Apply to Bloomberg Philanthropy Collaboration Track
- ✓ Launch regular updates to Assembly and the public
- ✓ Reengage the Housing, Homeless and Neighborhood Development (HHAND) Commission



- Establish relationships with advocacy and funding partners, including: Alaska Healthcare and Hospital Association, Alaska Behavioral Health Association, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and other business and philanthropy leaders
- Develop relationships with Tribal Health Organizations throughout Alaska
- Develop relationships with neighborhoods, faith-based, and community organizations to increase engagement to address homelessness
- Develop legislative priorities and participate in advocacy with state and federal delegations
- Evaluate MOA and partner expenditures related to homelessness and health, and develop MOA budget proposal for 2026
- Work with funding partners to fully leverage MOA funding with other sources



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