



Committee on Homeless and Housing Update: Transition Out of Mass Care Plan



Community Problem

685

People staying in emergency shelter run by the Municipality and funded by emergency dollars, including 390 in the Sullivan Arena.



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Mass Care Operations

- 🏠 Operating under federal disaster declaration
 - End date not specified
 - 30 Sep 2021 end of 100% federal FEMA reimbursement
 - SOA agreed in FEMA grant application to continue paying 25% match
- 🏠 Performing emergency protective measure
- 🏠 FEMA Public Assistance Grant Eligibility = End of COVID Disaster + Six Months



Mass Monthly Care Operation Costs

- 🏠 Sullivan Arena- Client services, security guards, shower attendants, resource and health monitors- \$750,000-\$800,000 monthly (varies according to census counts; per client)
- 🏠 Non-congregate Shelters- Facility, shelter management, food- \$800,000
- 🏠 Medical Services- \$70,000
- 🏠 Noncritical Transportation- \$30,000















Prior Local Funding for Housing and Homelessness

- 🏠 Alaska Housing Finance Corporation - \$31,888,674 (Rental and Utility Assistance)
- 🏠 United Way of Anchorage - \$26,400,000 (Rental Assistance Response)
- 🏠 United Way of Anchorage - \$100,000 (211 support)
- 🏠 United Way of Anchorage- \$300,000 (Home for Good program)
- 🏠 Catholic Social Services - \$400,000 (Housing Problem Solving Grant, BFS)
- 🏠 Catholic Social Services- \$62,000 (Rapid Rehousing)
- 🏠 Choices Inc. - \$487,000 (Housing Problem Solving Grant & Outreach)
- 🏠 RurAL CAP- \$453,000 (Housing Support)
- 🏠 Covenant House- \$1,300,000 (Youth Housing Expansion & Support)
- 🏠 AWAIC- \$855,000 (Shelter and Expansion)



American Rescue Plan Act Housing and Homelessness

-  Meal Program - \$2,240,000 (Restaurant Rescue)
-  Media Campaign to Recruit Foster Homes for Youths - \$200,000
-  Shelter Stabilization/Coordinated in/out flow - \$258,000
-  COR; Multi-family Unit for Youth Awaiting Permanent Housing - \$500,000
-  Housing First-Intensive Case Management for Chronic Homeless - \$4,000,000
-  House of Transformations (wrap around services) - \$1,623,165
-  Shiloh Community Housing Life@Work Program - \$300,000
-  UAA Fast Track Career Certificate - \$3,062,500
-  Rapid Rehousing for Homeless Youth - \$225,000
-  Alaska Legal Services Corporation - \$200,000
-  Vouch Distribution Through Eagle River Food Pantry - \$50,000
-  Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness - \$100,000



Sullivan Arena Demobilization

75 people housed via Housing First Case Management contract

75 people housed via community case management funded through ESG, ESG-CV and ARPA funds

90 people sheltered in NCS or existing community shelters

125 people sheltered in new congregate shelter

45 people transitioned to respite care at existing assisted living facilities funded through Medicaid



Making Homelessness in Anchorage Rare, Brief and One-Time: Prevention and Response System

Unsheltered

- Outreach/Coordinated Entry
- Referred to housing program
- Housing Barriers addressed
- Prioritization
- Shelter/interim housing
- Permanent Housing

At-Risk

- Coordinated Entry
- Diversion through rental assistance programs- Rapid Rehousing
- Successfully diverted to housing

Housing

- Rapid Rehousing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Transitional Housing

Source: Anchorage Community to End Homelessness

HMIS: Client Service & Outcomes Measures

- 🏠 Homeless Management Information System use is mandated by HUD (largest funding source for homeless programs)
- 🏠 Program service and outcomes data are documented and reported to HUD
- 🏠 Systematic data collection efforts are used to collect and submit funding requests to HUD through the Continuum of Care (CoC) mechanism
- 🏠 HMIS data are used for policy and program planning at the Federal level
- 🏠 Data are used to support applications for multiple types of funding, for instance competitive funding through various agencies
- 🏠 Data is a tool to enhance operational effectiveness



Housing First Case Management Contract

- 🏠 12.0 FTEs for intensive housing case management for highest needs
- 🏠 SOAR certification expedites Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income applications
- 🏠 Individual Service Plans / Housing Action Plans to track client outcomes
- 🏠 Coordinate with mainstream services
- 🏠 Act as primary point for all housing needs with other providers
- 🏠 "Follows" clients into housing - assists with transition, remains with client
- 🏠 Depending on client need, case loads are ~25 persons, total = 300 people
- 🏠 Direct access to housing placement and retention funds
- 🏠 Utilization of Master Lease Agreements



New Shelter Facility Search Criteria

 Accommodate 150 maximum with sufficient spacing.

-Close to public transportation

-Located outside of downtown area

-Secured space for outdoor gatherings

-Designed to convert quickly into shelter space with easy monitoring

Provide day engagement services- referrals to services and housing.

Provide onsite medical services.



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Programs for People Experiencing Homelessness

- 🏠 Catholic Social Services – Special Needs Housing Grant, ESG and Single Rapid Rehousing, Clare House (Moms and children)
- 🏠 Covenant House Alaska (Youth) – Rights of Passage
- 🏠 NeighborWorks Alaska – Sponsor Based Rental Assistance (SRA)
- 🏠 RurAL CAP – Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing (families), Affordable Housing, Homeless Outreach
- 🏠 Salvation Army- McKinnell House (families)
- 🏠 AWAIC- Domestic violence victims
- 🏠 CHOICES- Housing and behavioral health



Funding Sources for Long Term PEH Programs

- 🏠 HUD Continuum of Care multiple options for housing
(for example, Permanent Supportive Housing)
- 🏠 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG)
- 🏠 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- 🏠 Competitive Funding Options available through:
 - Department of Health and Human Services
 - US Department of Agriculture funding opportunities (development, lending)
 - Housing and Urban Development
- 🏠 Private partners / funders



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