Implementing the State Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness
Ending homelessness in Illinois

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Homelessness in Illinois

- 2020 HUD Point-in-Time Count: 10,431
- IL State Board of Education: 47,455 homeless in 2019-2020 school year
  - 85.8% doubled up
  - 9.3% shelters, transitional housing, awaiting foster care
  - 4.2% hotels/motels
  - 0.7% unsheltered
PER CAPITA HOMELESSNESS STATE ANALYSIS
Key Components of executive order 2021-21

• Signed by Governor Pritzker on September 3, 2021

• Creates new homelessness infrastructure within State of Illinois government
  o Interagency Task Force on Homelessness
  o Community Advisory Council on Homelessness
  o State Homelessness Chief & Illinois Office to Prevent & End Homelessness

• Develop a State Plan and deliver to Governor Pritzker and the Illinois General Assembly by June 1, 2022.

• Prepare an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1st of each year with the first report delivered on December 1, 2022.
Goals of Executive Order

• Address homelessness & achieve functional zero of homelessness
• Address unnecessary institutionalization
• Improve health and human services outcomes for people experiencing homelessness
• Strengthening safety nets that contribute to housing stability
• Coordinate homeless prevention resources
Interagency Task force on homelessness

• Modeled after US Interagency Task Force on Homelessness
  • State models: Wisconsin, Minnesota, California
• Set strategic direction for ending homelessness
• Recommend policy, regulatory and resource changes needed to end homelessness
• Recommend & promote interagency collaboration on related efforts, e.g., Poverty Commission, Hunger Commission
• Establish sustainability plan for reaching goals
• Meet quarterly; 1st Meeting March 2022
# Interagency task force on homelessness

## Directors

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Community advisory council on homelessness seats

- Lived Experience of Homelessness (3)
- Living with a disability
- Philanthropy (2)
- Statewide Behavioral Health Advocacy Organization
- Statewide Housing Advocacy Organization
- CoCs (3)
- Local Units of Government (3)
- Domestic Violence
- At-large: Housing Developer
- At-large: Youth service provider
- State Homelessness Chief (Co-Chair)
ILLINOIS OFFICE TO PREVENT & END HOMELESSNESS

• CHIEF + 5 NEW STAFF + IDHS STATEWIDE HOUSING COORDINATOR
• WORK ACROSS STATE AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT PLAN
• GUIDE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS & PILOTS
Home Illinois
## Informing the plan: Community Listening sessions

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Home Illinois: Illinois’ plan to prevent & end homelessness

Foundational Plan: July 2022-June 2024
Will complete housing projections for reaching functional zero in plan year one
Goal to uncover systemic levers that cause homelessness: racial inequity, housing market instability
Agency commitments

Existing

Expanded

New

100+ Activities
Plan framework

- BUILD
  - Build Affordable & Permanent Supportive Housing

- BOLSTER
  - Bolster Safety Net

- SECURE
  - Secure Financial Stability

- CLOSE
  - Close Mortality Gap

RACIAL EQUITY
Plan activities

- The HUD Illinois State Office of Public Housing and the Illinois Office to Prevent & End Homelessness convene a Public Housing Authority & Homelessness Work Group to support PHAs in implementation of key strategies to end homelessness
- Launch Racial Equity Roundtable on Black Homelessness and Rural Homelessness Initiative
- Monitor capital development pipeline for non-congregate shelter development to request additional funding support within the IDHS budget for increased operating and services costs
- Creation of a medical respite benefit within Medicaid
- Guaranteed income pilot for families experiencing homelessness
- Policy work groups to focus on housing authority & homeless partnerships, housing for returning citizens with multiple barriers to housing, police responses to encampments, health care investment in housing development
FY23 Budget: dedicated or prioritized programs for People Experiencing Homelessness/housing instability.

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<td>Total State Investment in Homelessness</td>
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IHDA plan commitments

Policy

• **Advocate** for additional Federal and State funding to go towards the annual PSH Development Round; Maintain the current funding structure through FY23 & FY24

• Add persons experiencing chronic homelessness to the FY19 **Section 811** Program

Process

• Partner closely with state agency and community stakeholders to develop **detailed analysis of housing needs** for IOPEH populations in IHDA publications

• Provide technical assistance and training to property managers on increasing accessibility to units through **changes in project Tenant Selection Plans**. Partnering with CSH and CoC Coordinated Entry Systems, strengthen referral processes for persons experiencing homelessness to access **Statewide Referral Network units**.
IHDA plan commitments

Program

• Release a round of funding for acquisition, new construction or rehabilitation for permanent supportive housing in the annual tax credit application round.

• Units created with 9% Tax Credits will have a 10% set aside for the Statewide Referral Network.

• Through partnership with CSH, deliver the Supportive Housing Development Institute to increase new PSH development projects; Provide financial support through a Project Initiation Loan Pool.

• The HOME Investment Partnerships Program- American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP) statewide allocation of $62 million will include creating new rental units and non-congregate shelter for homeless households.

• Support rental housing support program, including project with IDOC on re-entry demonstration program.
discussion