

# Olympia Homeless Response Plan

## Alignment with Thurston County Homeless Crisis Response Plan

This document outlines where there is strategic alignment between the two plans.

<b>FOCUS AREA #1: Streamline and enhance rapid-response and wrap-around services</b>	
HRP STRATEGY	COUNTY STRATEGY
<p><b>1.1 - Coordinate with peer jurisdictions to implement Thurston County’s Homeless Crisis Response Plan (HCRP).</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objective 4: Project the impact of a fully implemented plan on the number of households housed and number left unsheltered, assuming existing resources and state policies</li> <li>• 3.7: Develop a coordinated and systematic approach for funders at all levels to maximize the fiscal capacity of the Homeless Crisis Response System (HCRS)</li> <li>• 3.8: Continue to advocate for Legislation to increase/ diversify funding for HCRS</li> <li>• 3.9: Explore feasibility of County-wide revenue opportunities (e.g., regional home fund levy)</li> <li>• 3.10: Identify diverse funding opportunities to hire and train outreach workers</li> <li>• 3.14: Identify diverse funding sources for supportive services in order to increase capacity for permanent supportive housing projects</li> <li>• <i>Regional partnership will be needed to implement many of the strategies below</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>1.2 - Simplify and increase use of the coordinated entry system to improve our ability to track, identify solutions and ensure successful outcomes.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.1: Ensure compliance with Coordinated Entry (CE) data collection requirements (increase data quality through targeted trainings)</li> <li>• 1.2: Continue to maintain active lists of all individuals experiencing homelessness and improve data sharing for all sub-populations</li> <li>• 2.1: Complete an annual evaluation of the CE system</li> </ul>
<p><b>1.3 - Expand temporary shelter or other supported site capacity to transition people out of encampments.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3:18: Maintain and expand operations of the Hazardous Weather Task Force</li> <li>• 3:19: Research and develop best practices for crisis sheltering efforts</li> <li>• 3:20: Increase temporary crisis sheltering projects for all populations countywide</li> <li>• 3.21: Preserve existing and develop new emergency shelter</li> <li>• 3.22: Develop 24/7 strategies for all homeless sub-populations, including Hazard Weather shelter response</li> </ul>

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<p><b>1.4 - Provide interim oversight and support for existing encampments.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.17: Create a regional Crisis Response Unit to offer support to managed and unmanaged encampments and unsheltered individuals throughout the County</li> <li>• Objective 1: Quickly identify and engage all people experiencing homelessness ... through outreach and coordination between every system that encounters people experiencing homelessness. Develop specific strategies/best practices to:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve outreach to individuals and families living in their vehicles or RV's, families, youth and young adults, chronically homeless, veterans, older adults/seniors</li> <li>○ Improve racial equity in/and outreach to indigenous populations, people of color and immigrants</li> <li>○ Engage emergency services, hospitals/treatment centers, correctional facilities, higher education, law enforcement, neighborhoods</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>1.5 - Follow a fair and orderly process for removing encampments.</b></p>	<p><i>No correlating strategies</i></p>
<p><b>1.6 - Increase access to substance abuse and mental illness treatment facilities and services locally.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.16: Increase access to mental health and substance use outreach, outpatient and inpatient treatment</li> <li>• <i>See Thurston County Opioid Response Plan</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>1.7 - Prioritize pathways to economic opportunity that help people find longer-term security.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.34: Develop a clear pathway to employment by developing strategies and partnering with existing workforce development programs</li> <li>• 3.35: Increase implementation and use of peer workers in the HCRS service delivery</li> <li>• Various trainings objectives identified under Objectives 1,2,3,5</li> </ul>
<p><b>1.8 - Identify and promote opportunities for organizations and individuals to contribute to priority homeless response needs or projects</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.1: Engage all subpopulations with lived experience of homelessness on a bi-annual basis</li> <li>• 3.2: Engage communities impacted by the HCRS on a bi-annual basis</li> <li>• 3.4: Offer annual community homelessness summit (trainings and educational opportunities on issues related to homelessness and affordable housing)</li> </ul>

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### FOCUS AREA #2: Expand affordable housing options and homelessness prevention

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<p><b>2.1 - <u>Build</u> a continuum of housing to meet diverse needs and income levels.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.24: Increase permanent supportive housing units for all sub-populations</li> <li>• 3.26: Increase affordable housing inventory regionally</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.2 - Increase <u>partnerships</u> and diversify <u>funding</u> to <u>support construction</u> of new affordable housing.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.27: Strengthen and extend multi-family tax exemption</li> <li>• 3.28: Explore ways to increase housing density via zoning and other policy tools in regional urban hubs</li> <li>• 3.29: Implement HB 1406 programs related to 1406 revenue (local state-shared sales tax)</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.3 - Implement policies that help people locate housing and remain housed.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.11: Expand targeted prevention programs for all sub-populations</li> <li>• 3.12: Increase diversion activities for all sub-populations</li> <li>• 3.13: Increase diversion or family reunification for youth</li> <li>• 3.14: Identify diverse funding sources for supportive services in order to increase capacity for permanent supportive housing projects</li> <li>• 3.15: Regionalize Foundational Community Supports (FSC) programming to ensure households that wish to remain in their home communities can be supported through FCS activities</li> <li>• 3.23: Increase rapid re-housing placements for all subpopulations</li> <li>• 3.25: Improve housing placement stability</li> <li>• 3.31: Enact and implement tenant protection laws and fund enforcement</li> <li>• 3.32: Ensure that when tenants are asked to relocate they are supported in that transition in order to prevent the household falling into homelessness</li> <li>• 3.33: Keep currently housed individuals and families in their housing by addressing housing quality issues as they rise</li> <li>• 2.2: Evaluate vulnerability prioritization</li> <li>• Objective 5: Address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness</li> </ul>

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<p><b>2.4 - Increase education, training and resources that help people avoid or recover from homelessness.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.11: Expand targeted, prevention programs for all sub-populations of people experiencing homelessness</li> <li>• 3.12: Increase diversion activities for all sub populations of people experiencing homelessness</li> <li>• 3.13: Increase diversion or family reunification for youth</li> <li>• 3.31: Enact and implement tenant protection laws and fund enforcement</li> <li>• 3.32: Ensure that when tenants are asked to relocate they are supported in that transition in order to prevent the household falling into homelessness</li> <li>• 3.34: Develop a clear pathway to employment by developing strategies and partnering with existing workforce development programs</li> <li>• 3.35: Increase the implementation and use of peer workers in the HCRS service delivery</li> </ul>
<p><b>2.5 - Develop an economic development strategy that addresses all income levels.</b></p>	<p><i>Above strategies are related</i></p>
<p><b>FOCUS AREA #3: Increase public health and safety</b></p>	
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<p><b>3.1 - Increase trauma-informed outreach workers.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.10: Identify funding for outreach programs (to hire and train outreach workers)</li> <li>• 1.3: Identify and develop best practice trainings for outreach staff within HCRS, with specific emphasis on special populations</li> <li>• Objective 1: Quickly identify and engage all people experiencing homelessness</li> <li>• 3.17: Create a regional Crisis Response Unit to offer support to managed and unmanaged encampments and unsheltered individuals throughout the County</li> </ul>

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<p><b>3.2 - Enforce laws that are designed to protect our community and all community members.</b></p>	<p><i>No correlating strategies</i></p>
<p><b>3.3 - Expand therapeutic court system to help rehabilitate low-level offenders while holding them accountable.</b></p>	<p><i>No correlating strategies in the Homeless Crisis Response Plan; however, the Thurston County court system includes therapeutic courts, such as Drug Court and Veterans' Court</i></p>
<p><b>3.4 - Prevent and remove new encampments before they establish.</b></p>	<p><i>No correlating strategies</i></p>
<p><b>3.5 - Provide support to businesses and property owners to help address the impacts of adverse behaviors.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.2: Engage communities impacted by the HCRS on a bi-annual basis</li> <li>• 3.4: Offer annual community homelessness summit</li> <li>• 3.6: Develop Good Neighbor Plans with neighbors of housing and homeless facilities that align with best practices and the HCRS</li> </ul>
<p><b>3.6 - Establish an inclusive, common set of agreed upon standards for respecting one another downtown.</b></p>	<p><i>No correlating strategies</i></p>

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<b>3.7 - Provide ongoing opportunities for community engagement and education related to homelessness.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.1: Engage all subpopulations with lived experience of homelessness on a bi-annual basis</li><li>• 3.2: Engage communities impacted by the HCRS on a bi-annual basis</li><li>• 3.3: Create universal set of definitions and terms</li><li>• 3.4: Offer annual community homelessness summit (trainings and educational opportunities on issues related to homelessness and affordable housing)</li><li>• 3.5: Establish a quarterly data work group through the housing action team</li><li>• 3.6: Develop Good Neighbor Plans with neighbors of housing and homeless facilities that align with best practices and the HCRS</li></ul>