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The City of Edmonton Homelessness and Housing Services Plan

Community and Public Services Committee

June 17, 2024

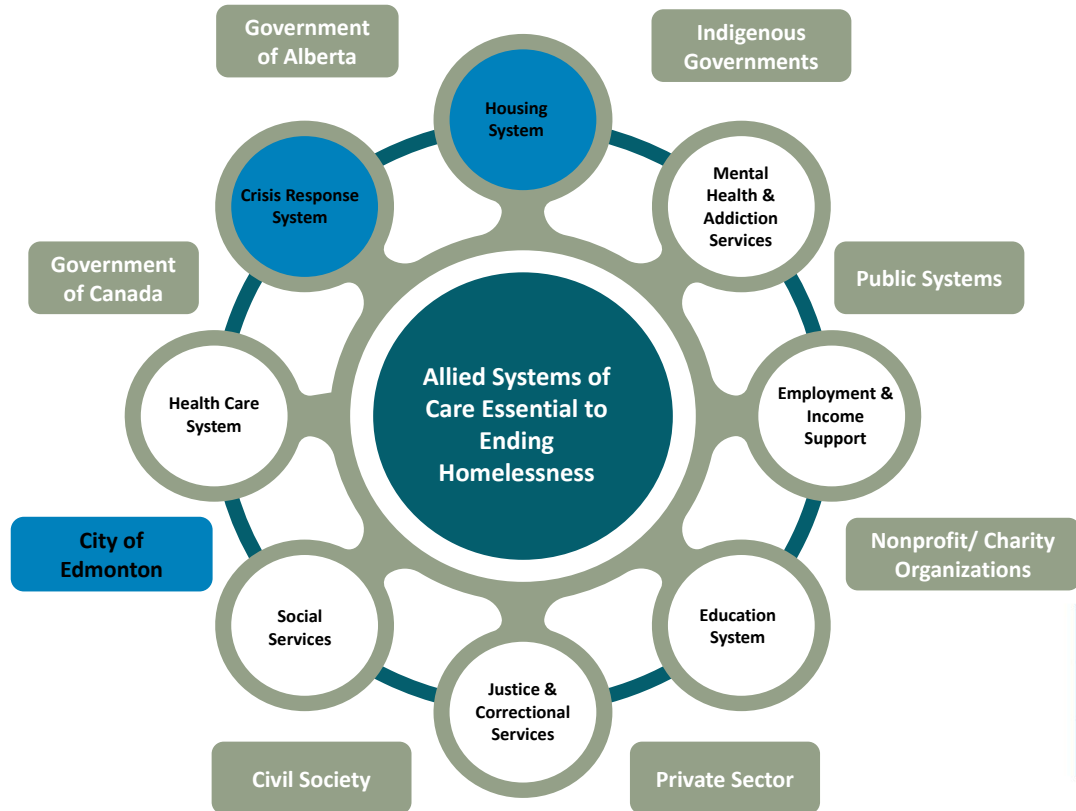
The City's Roles in Homelessness

Coordinator of initiatives to prevent and end homelessness

Convener of aligned systems and actors

Advocate for collaborative solutions

Limited Funder of services that align with City Plan and CSWB priorities



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Plan Alignment

City Plan Target

There is no chronic or episodic homelessness.

City Plan Direction 1.1.1.1

As long as homelessness persists, establish basic amenities throughout the city for people experiencing homelessness.

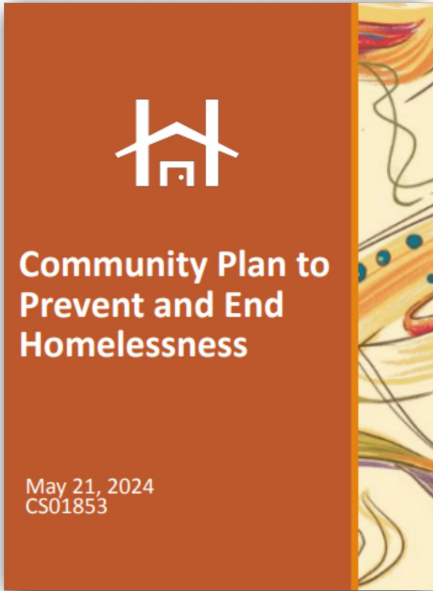
Updated Affordable Housing Strategy

Housing Accelerator Fund Action Plan

Affordable Housing Investment Plan

Homelessness and Housing Services Plan

Plan Alignment



**Recommendation 4:
housing targets**

**Recommendation 5:
data policy and
standards**

**Recommendation 7:
Indigenous ways of
knowing and doing**

**Recommendation 8:
unsheltered
homelessness strategy**

Development of the Plan

Research

Jurisdictional scanning and municipal cost analysis on spending, homelessness prevention secondary research



Financial Analysis

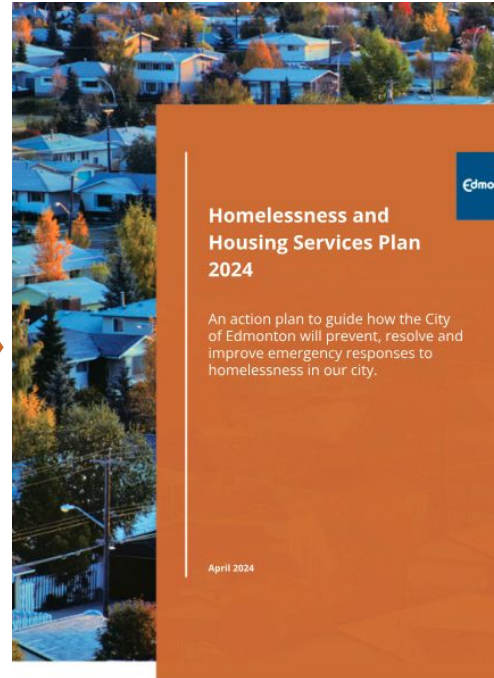
2022 and 2023 City spending on homelessness

Collaboration

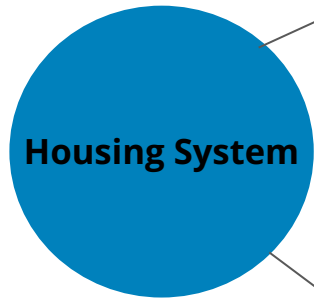
Community Plan, internal validation with business areas, ongoing Lived and Living Experience Work

Consultation

Public opinion research with Edmontonians



How the City Responds



Tenant Support & Education, ETS Fare Assistance Programs, Grants to Community Organizations & Affordable Housing Providers



Grants for Supportive Housing, Human Centred Engagement and Liaison Pilot, Funding to Community Organizations



Extreme Weather Response, 24/7 Crisis Diversion, Encampment Response, PATH Transit Program, HSOC

Financial Analysis of City Spending

Operating Expenditures on Homelessness Activities (\$000s)				
Year	Prevention	Resolution	Response	Total
2022	\$36,197	\$3,912	\$33,484	\$73,593
2023	\$47,072	\$7,942	\$36,349	\$91,363

Impact

- **11,000** Edmontonians supported by FCSS funded homelessness prevention programs (2023)
- **990 low-income seniors households** benefit from operating subsidy (2023)
- **2,559 households** benefit from affordable housing sustained through the Affordable Housing Tax Grant Program (2022-23)
- City funding to develop **3,258 affordable homes**, including **880 PSH** (since 2019)
- **19,874 PATH passes** distributed to nearly 8000 Edmontonians (2023)
- 23 extreme weather activations (2022-23) ensuring **4,911 safe transports to shelter** and access to basic amenities
- **381** ambulances deferred through HSOC
- **30,000** Hygiene Hub Visits
- **9,100 calls** to tenant support (2023)

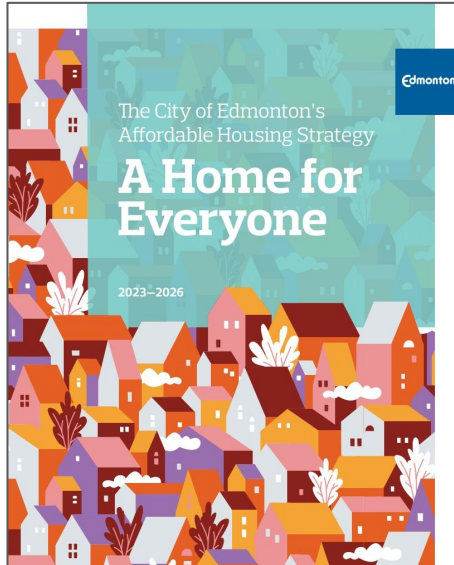
Plan Overview: Goals

1. The City contributes to an overall **reduction of inflow** into homelessness year over year
2. The City contributes to **increased housing outcomes for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness** year over year
3. As long as homelessness persists, the City contributes to **emergency responses that prioritize the safety and wellbeing** of people experiencing homelessness

Plan Overview: Key Actions

Systems Gap	Action	Impact
homeless-serving system cannot house people at the rate they are becoming homeless	convene and coordinate existing prevention services to expand access	prevent homelessness before it happens
need for more bridge housing options for medically fragile individuals and youth	Introduce bridge housing target into forthcoming AHIP and support providers	create additional individualized housing spaces for diverse populations
community-based organizations identify emergency response solutions and interventions with limited funding options	decision making framework, contingency fund	ensure the City is prepared to support the sector in emergency situations

Alignment with Affordable Housing Strategy



- Supportive Housing:
 - Leveraging City resources with CMHC &/or GOA
- Priority population support:
 - Indigenous led affordable housing grant
 - Bridge Healing
- Retention and refurbishment of affordable housing
 - AHIP Rehabilitation Grant Stream
 - CMHC Renewal

Accountability and Impact

Next Steps

- convene corporate accountability table
- create work plan with timelines
- finalize performance measurement framework
- annual reporting on progress

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