



What is Anchored Home:2018-2021?

The *Anchored Home* plan is an update of the *2015 Anchorage Community Plan to End Homelessness*. This plan will address communication and representation within the Anchorage community regarding homelessness and housing. The *Anchored Home* plan, officially launching in October 2018, will work with the new Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council (HLC) to provide timelines for activities, ensure assignment responsibility and accountability, and further guide the work in addressing homelessness and housing issues in our community. *Anchored Home* is a collaborative effort between the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH), community leaders such as the Rasmuson Foundation, United Way of Anchorage, and many other key stakeholders - housing partners, social service agencies, residents and funding partners.

Why are we releasing an updated strategic plan?

The *Anchored Home* plan is a strategic update that will build on existing work to extend the strategies to new partners, deepen the commitment to align resources and incorporate more community stakeholders. With this strategic plan update, we will inform the community stakeholders of new developments and encourage a stronger understanding of what each person can do to help further the *Anchored Home* plan and our goal to end homelessness.

Who will support the plan?

A primary workgroup with three main leaders provides the core staffing to the plan: Nancy Burke, from the Municipality of Anchorage; Jasmine Khan, from the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness; and Dr. Dick Mandsager, a Rasmuson Foundation Senior Fellow. These three entities will provide staffing and guidance for the work under the plan, however, there are many other organizations committed to outcomes, including Providence Alaska Health & Services, United Way of Anchorage, and Cook Inlet Housing Authority, Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and many community social service and housing partners. See the list of supporting entities on page 3.

Who will oversee the plan?

The *Anchorage Homelessness Leadership Council (HLC)*: This group of prominent Anchorage leaders will oversee the plan as it is put into action. The council will leverage resources, monitor data, hold service providers and other stakeholders accountable, inform the public on results, and provide overall direction on next steps.

Why select an oversight board with so many partners involved?

The oversight board, *Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council (HLC)* will be involved in monitoring data, providing advocacy and working to develop needed resources to implement *Anchored Home* priorities. This neutral role allows the partners doing the work to have a focus on each of their respective areas of expertise while an overarching group will monitor the system outcomes and needed resources. Having these levels of supporting partners allows multiple facets of the action plan to be addressed at once, while still working to achieve a common goal.

Where else has a plan like this been used? Why is it effective for our community?

Cities with high homelessness rates, such as Houston, Texas, and Salt Lake City, Utah, have utilized action plans and community leadership councils similar to *Anchored Home* with positive results. *Anchored Home* will be tailored to fit the needs of Anchorage, while using the model of a core group that works together under a common goal.

Using tools such as these, Anchorage will make homelessness a rare, brief and one-time event. We will also improve communication within the community while creating an environment where outcomes and resources needed can be highlighted for everyone.

How will community input be taken?

There will be a community stakeholder input process that begins on August 23, with the initial phase ending on or before October 4. Ongoing input will be taken through the *Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council (HLC)* meetings and additional community gatherings throughout the year. There will be a provider meeting on Sept 5th (for those who regularly work with the homeless population) from 10am – Noon at the J.Z. Loussac Library, Learning Commons and a general public meeting on Sept 18th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the J.Z. Loussac Library, Wilda Marston Theatre.

Why now? What has changed with the new plan?

It is our desire for all Anchorage communities to have equal access to information on the plan to end homelessness in our city. The updated *Anchored Home* strategic plan will allow for broader communication and a more inclusive representation of the community experience of homelessness impacts and solutions. By encouraging

representation through community stakeholders, the *Anchored Home* plan will be enabled to grow and develop as the community does.

Collaboration and Inputs

Everyone in the community has a role to play in ensuring that homelessness for people in Anchorage is a rare, brief and one-time experience. Many partners have contributed to Anchored Home and have committed to working together to achieve its goals. Many voices came to the conversation and provided inputs.

Anchored Home Developers and Funders



- American Civil Liberties Union of Alaska
- AK Red, LLC
- Alaska American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)
- Alaska Children's Trust
- Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
- Alaska Criminal Justice Commission
- Alaska Department of Corrections
- Alaska Department of Health and Social Services
- Alaska Food Policy Council
- Alaska Grassroots Alliance
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Alaska Legislature
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Alaska Mill and Feed
- Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium
- Alaska Trails
- Alaska Veterans Foundation
- Allen & Peterson Cooking + Appliance Center
- Anchorage Assembly
- Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness
- Anchorage Downtown Partnership
- Anchorage Economic Development Corporation
- Anchorage Fire Department
- Anchorage Parks Foundation
- Anchorage Police Department
- Anchorage School District
- Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association (ARBRA)
- Assembly Member Christopher Constant
- Assembly Member Forrest Dunbar
- Assembly Member Suzanne LaFrance
- Abused Women's Aid in Crisis (AWAIC)
- Bean's Café
- Catholic Social Services
- Christian Health Associates
- Cook Inlet Housing Authority
- Cook Inlet Tribal Council
- Covenant House Alaska
- Daybreak Services, Inc.
- Disability Law Center of Alaska
- Downtown Community Council
- Downtown Hope Center
- East Downtown Partnership
- East Downtown Community Action Group (eDAG)
- Fairview Community Council
- Forget Me Not
- Institute of Community Alliances
- Mat-Su Health Foundation
- Mat-Su Coalition to End Homelessness
- Mountain View Library
- Municipality of Anchorage
- NeighborWorks Alaska
- Nine Star
- Office of Governor Bill Walker
- Office of Senator Tom Begich
- Office of Representative Geran Tarr
- Partners for Progress
- Providence Health Systems Alaska
- Rasmuson Foundation
- RurAL CAP
- Southcentral Foundation
- The Boardroom
- Third Avenue Radicals
- U.S. Housing and Urban Development (HUD), Region 10
- U.S. Veterans Administration (VA)
- United Way of Anchorage
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Anchorage Justice Center
- Youth Task Force