

Everyone is Home.

A 5-Year Strategy to End Chronic/Episodic Homelessness in Regina

REGINA FACES AN UNCOMFORTABLE REALITY. ON A PER CAPITA BASIS, THE NUMBER OF HOMELESS IN THE CITY IS LARGER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR MOST CANADIAN CITIES.

Over the course of a year, the number of people experiencing homelessness is conservatively estimated at approximately 2,000. Of these, about 250 are stuck – effectively homeless year-round.



Given those facts, a critical dimension of The Plan must be to end homelessness among Indigenous people, which is central to the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The challenge is what to do about it.

To meet and overcome the homeless challenge in our community, a partnership was formed between the City of Regina and the Regina Homelessness Community Advisory Board. Its objective: put in place a comprehensive five-year plan to end homelessness. The Plan to End Chronic and Episodic Homelessness in Regina is the product of seven months of research and consultation to tackle the issue in a comprehensive, co-ordinated and focused manner.

ENGAGING REGINA ON HOMELESSNESS THROUGH MORE THAN 470+ CONTACT POINTS

COMMUNITY SUMMIT
participants



20
DESIGN LABS

had
150
participants



16
participants
with Lived Experience participated in our focus groups



Public survey received 72
72
responses



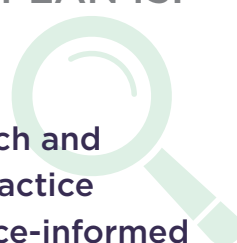
Follow up stakeholder groups had
8 participants

THE PLAN IS:

Grounded in local wisdom and responsive to our needs



Research and best practice evidence-informed



Strategic, focused, and achievable



* These numbers are a range because multiple data sources have been used.



City of Regina



canadian observatory on homelessness

TURNER STRATEGIES



VISION: A Regina where everyone is home.

CORE CONCEPTS

Truth & Reconciliation ● Person-Centred Supports ● Community Engagement

COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS FROM ACROSS REGINA IDENTIFIED THREE KEY SHARED OUTCOMES TO GUIDE OUR COLLECTIVE WORK:

- Everyone has access to service when they need it;
- People's experience of homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring;
- Services are increasingly coordinated.

IT IS AN AMBITIOUS TARGET. TO ACHIEVE IT, THE PLAN RECOGNIZES THE COMPLEXITY OF THE PROBLEM AND IS DESIGNED TO TACKLE IT IN A COMPREHENSIVE MANNER.

With that as context, the specific actions proposed in The Plan are based on four pillars that bring together the human, financial and physical infrastructure to effectively tackle the issue and reach the five-year objective.

ACTION PILLARS

1

LEADERSHIP & IMPLEMENTATION OUTCOMES

2

DATA-DRIVEN SYSTEMS INTEGRATION & COORDINATED ACCESS

3

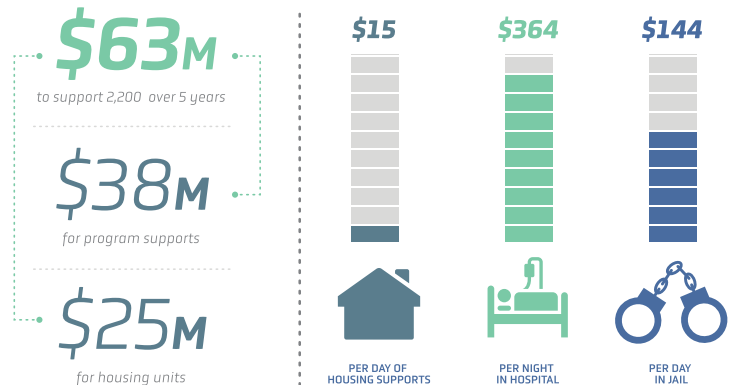
HOUSING & SUPPORTS

4

CAPACITY BUILDING & AWARENESS

The projected cost of The Plan over five years is \$63 million, made up of \$38 million in program and \$25 million in capital costs. But the real cost, when the human, health and social benefits are considered, is far less.

These proposed measures total just \$15 a day per person helped. Compare this to the costs per night in hospital at \$363, or jail at \$144.



PRIORITY INVESTMENTS

Additional Housing First program spaces for complex clients experiencing chronic and episodic homelessness

\$5.5M/year

Units of Supportive Housing

\$15M/capital

THE BOTTOM LINE IS IT IS LESS COSTLY TO HOUSE AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES WHO ARE HOMELESS, THAN NOT INVEST IN ADDRESSING A KEY ISSUE THAT FACES OUR COMMUNITY.

THE TIME TO ACT IS NOW.



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