What is Anchored Home:2018-2021?

Anchored Home is a single focused implementation plan for Anchorage that combines federal, state, and local strategies including an update of the 2015 Anchorage Community Plan to End Homelessness. It addresses immediate community needs and builds the foundation to address larger, socioeconomic factors that impact homelessness. Anchored Home was developed in partnership with the Anchorage community through a series of gatherings, discussions, public reviews, and open forums. Anchored Home officially launches in October 2018. It represents a collaborative effort between the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH), community leaders such as the Rasmuson Foundation, United Way, and many other key stakeholders - housing partners, social service agencies, residents and funding partners. These organizations will work with the Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council (HLC) to provide timelines for project completion, ensure assignment responsibility and accountability, and further guide the work in addressing homelessness and housing issues in our community.

Why are we releasing an updated strategic plan?

Anchored Home is a strategic update that will build on existing work to extend community strategies to new partners, deepen the commitment to align resources and incorporate a wider community voice. With this update, the core implementation team (consisting of the Municipality of Anchorage, the Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness and the Homeless Leadership Council) will increase data quality, focus implementation efforts and inform the community stakeholders of new developments to encourage a stronger understanding of what each person can do to help further Anchored Home and our shard goal to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time.

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. Richard 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 services and housing partners.

The list of supporting entities can be found at the end of this document.

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, the Anchorage Homeless Leadership Council, 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 this level of oversight allows multiple facets of Anchored Home 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 approaches 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 resource needs can be highlighted for everyone.

**How will community input be taken?**

There will be an initial community stakeholder input process on the Anchored Home Public Review Draft that will run from August 23 to the end of September 2018. October 4th, the final draft of Anchored Home will be published. Community meetings will continue throughout the three years of implementation.

There will be a general public meeting on Sept 18th at 7PM at the Anchorage Loussac Library, Wilda Marston theater.

**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. Anchored Home 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, Anchored Home will be positioned to grow and develop as the community does.

**Who created Anchored Home? Who provided input into the initial Public Review Draft?**

Everyone in the community has a role to play in ending homelessness. 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

Partners, Participating Organizations and Community Voices

ACLU of Alaska
AK Red, LLC
Alaska 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
ARBRA
Assembly Member Christopher Constant
Assembly Member Forrest Dunbar
Assembly Member Suzanne LaFrance
AWAIC
Bean's Café
Catholic Social Services
Christian Health Associates
Coalition to Protect Public Spaces
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
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