

AR 2024-207 Passed the Anchorage Assembly on July 16, 2023. This resolution adopted the Anchored Home Strategic plan as the Municipality's action plan to address homelessness in Anchorage, through 2028. We value Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness and their efforts to braid funding, outreach homeless and house individuals using a variety of bed options with housing first as their platform. While working to provide or assist the household in gaining resources to improve their safety, well-being and achieve long-term goals including resources related to benefits, employment and community-based services, the MOA's public policy will include the goals of leading individuals on the pathway to independence, expand focus on youth, and create options for safe interim sheltering.

ANCHORED HOME STRATEGIC PLAN EMPHASIS & CLARIFICATIONS OF ASSEMBLY SUPPORT:

HOUSING & SUPPORTS: ACTION 1 - CLARIFY: DEDICATE SUBSIDIES & FUNDING FOR YOUTH

Dedicate funding for transitional housing for youth 18-24 to bridge long-term stability. According to U.S. interagency council on Homelessness' 2022 report, 31-46% of youth that age out of foster care experience homelessness.

HOUSING & SUPPORTS: ACTION 1 - CLARIFY: DEVELOP ADDITIONAL HOUSING & SHELTERING OPTIONS

The MOA would like to ensure a continuum of sheltering options from emergency cold weather shelters, to scattered site shelters, transitional shelters to tiny home communities and permanent supported housing. Keeping these sheltering options right sized will ensure greater success.

HOUSING & SUPPORTS: ACTION 3 - ADD: FIND MORE RESOURCES FOR TEMPORARY LIVING

Ensure clean and safe public spaces, by designating spaces for temporary living which are orderly and secure and provide options for trash disposal, toileting, personal hygiene, shared cooking. A citizen coalition identified potential sites over a year ago. A nominal fee could be charged with options for volunteering in lieu of fees. Until public spaces are cleared of campers, park fees to user's groups should be waived.

HOUSING & SUPPORTS: ACTION 4 - ADD: IMPROVE ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT SUPPORTS

Support effective pathways towards self-sufficiency and reduced financial vulnerability through an increase in workforce development programs that are aligned with homeless services. Increase access to meaningful, sustainable jobs training and employment with programs such as the Doe foundation, St. Joseph the Worker. Supportive services for employment are a need in our community.

HOUSING & SUPPORTS: ACTION 5 - CLARIFY: ROBUST STREET OUTREACH OPTIONS

Create mobile resource center to decentralize homeless sheltering, creating more supported options for those awaiting housing.