

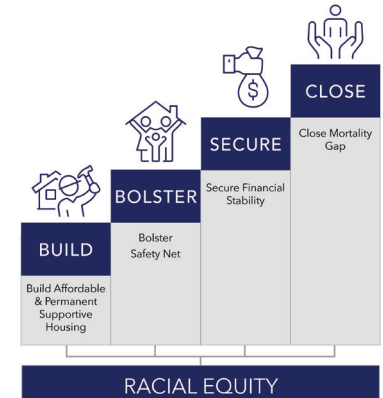
# Ending Homelessness in Illinois



In September 2021, Governor Pritzker signed the Executive Order to Fight Homelessness in Illinois. The Executive Order created two new commissions within State Government: Illinois Interagency Task Force on Homelessness and Community Advisory Council on Homelessness. These groups will be led by a new position, the State Homelessness Chief, and will work together towards the end goal of preventing and ending homelessness in our state.

## Action

Working with a collaborative approach, the State Homelessness Chief, Task Force on Homelessness and Community Advisory Council devised a bold action plan. The ambitious initiative is organized into four priorities: **building affordable and permanent supportive housing, bolstering the safety net, securing financial stability and closing the mortality gap** all through the lens of racial equity with the goal of correcting the racial disparity among unhoused individuals.



## Key Initiatives

A number of initiatives within the plan require interagency collaboration and coordination.



### Development of Permanent Supportive Housing

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA, Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS), Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO) and Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) will work together on strengthening the development and operations of permanent supportive housing. As IHDA and DCEO administer funding for capital, acquisition and rehabilitation of non-congregate shelter and supportive housing, HFS and IDHS will develop pathways for sustainable services funding.



### Supporting College Students Experiencing Homelessness

College students with housing stability should have access to dorms during school holiday breaks and know what employment, food and education resources are available to them. The Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) and Illinois Community College Board (ICCB) will work with Task Force Agencies, community colleges and universities to support students.



### Improve Discharge Planning for Young Adults

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ), Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) and IDHS Division of Mental Health will participate in a work group to ensure discharge planning and procedures support housing stability for young adults leaving State systems of care.



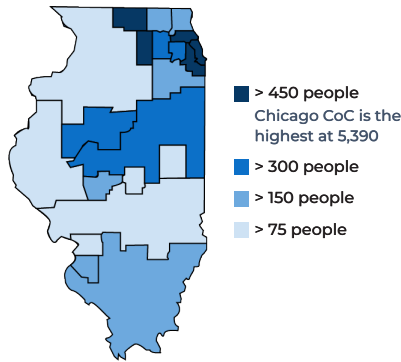
### Expansion of Medical Respite Model

Medical respite, or recuperative care, is temporary housing paired with clinical care for people experiencing homelessness after an in-patient hospital stay. HFS, IDHS, IHDA will work together to support expansion of the availability of medical respite housing across the state.

# Prevent & End Homelessness

Over the next two State Fiscal Years, the Task Force, Community Advisory Council, IOPEH and community providers will complete a deep data analysis to understand what financial, housing, services and human resources will be needed to end homelessness in every region of the state.

Illinois Homeless Population by Continuum of Care (CoC)



## Funding

In Fiscal Year 23, the 16 State Agencies of the Interagency Task Force will manage \$564.8M in programs that are homeless dedicated or where homeless households are prioritized for assistance.

Federal Funding	\$256,089,939
State Funding	\$211,631,212
Federal Stimulus	\$97,083,824
<b>Total State Investment in Homelessness</b>	<b>\$564,804,975</b>



## Learn More



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