



# HOUSTON ~~CAN~~ BE THE FIRST MAJOR CITY *will* TO END STREET HOMELESSNESS.

# ENDING STREET HOMELESSNESS BY 2026

## **NATIONAL RECOGNITION:**

Building on Houston's history of impactful initiatives to reduce homelessness.

## **CURRENT CHALLENGE:**

3280 individuals face nightly homelessness with 1100 unsheltered. (Per the 2024 PIT Count)

## **STRATEGIC ACTION:**

Mayor Whitmire's comprehensive plan targets the complete eradication of street homelessness.

## **DUAL BENEFITS:**

Enhancing public safety and community spaces while offering hope and support to vulnerable populations.

# SAFETY SUPPORT RENEWAL

**HOUSTON  
WILL** *end street  
homelessness.*



# ROBUST COLLABORATION



# BUILDING LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO END STREET HOMELESSNESS



## PERSONALIZED CARE

Immediate Intervention to address complex needs, ensuring every individual receives the right kind of help.

## STRENGTHENED OUTREACH

Enhanced coordination with non-profit partners to optimize resources and ensure consistent support across the city.

## LAW ENFORCEMENT COLLABORATION

Working alongside other public service entities to ensure the maintenance and safety of streets and parks after decommissioning encampments.

## UNIFIED HOUSING RESOURCES

Leveraging city, county, state, and federal resources to ensure sustainable, accessible housing solutions for all residents.

## MOVING FROM TEMPORARY RELIEF TO PERMANENT STABILITY



# \$70M FOR THE FIRST YEAR

*The Annual Cost: The strategy requires \$70M to effectively fund its first year.*

<b>SOURCES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
City of Houston General Fund	\$3,500,000	Obligated
Repurposed City HHSP	\$700,000	Obligated
City of Houston (Federal Funds)	\$14,000,000	Identified
Houston First	\$2,600,000	Identified
Harris County	\$8,000,000 - \$16,000,000	In Discussion
TIRZ & Management Districts	\$5,000,000 - \$8,000,000	In Discussion
METRO	\$10,000,000	In Discussion
Philanthropy & Corporations	Up to \$20,000,000	Needed
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,800,000 - \$74,800,000</b>	<b>\$70,000,000 Needed</b>



# **\$70M DOES NOT INCLUDE**

- The expected financial resources provided by HUD in its annual Continuum of Care Grant (55 million in FY25)
- City and County Law Enforcement support
- Solid Waste and Public Works Department support
- HUD Disaster Relief (DR 24)
- Support for Harris Center, Harris Health and housing vouchers.

# ALLOCATION OF \$70M IN FUNDING

*\*Early forecast; subject to change based on funding source, compliance requirements*

<b>USES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
Outreach	\$3,300,000
Rapid Rehousing	\$45,000,000
PSH (Permanent Supportive Housing)	\$11,000,000
Diversion	\$2,600,000
Navigation Center	\$3,600,000
HUB + Shelter	\$3,800,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,300,000</b>

# BRIDGING THE GAP PHILANTHROPIC FUNDING



Philanthropic funding is designated for the initial three years.

This strategic early support will be leveraged to establish a foundation while long-term financial solutions are developed.



# **SECURING SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR LONG-TERM IMPACT**

## **STATE COLLABORATION:**

Working with state legislators to secure long-term, stable funding solutions.

## **SPECIAL HOMELESSNESS ASSESSMENT:**

Conducting comprehensive evaluations to inform and optimize homelessness interventions.

## **CITY, COUNTY TIRZ & MANAGEMENT DISTRICT FUNDING:**

Leveraging funding from local tax increment reinvestment zones and management districts to support targeted initiatives.

## **ANNUAL ALLOCATIONS FROM METRO:**

Utilizing yearly funding contributions from the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

# AMPLIFYING IMPACT BEYOND FEDERAL LIMITATIONS



Seeking additional funding sources that allow **greater flexibility** than the restrictive federal requirements.



Building a framework that **braids local funding** sources with Houston's specific challenges and homelessness needs.



Using locally sourced funds to address homelessness **more swiftly and effectively**, adapting strategies to immediate needs.



**Expanding diversion** and preventative measures to intercept homelessness before it starts.



# ACHIEVEMENT TARGETS

## **ENDING STREET HOMELESSNESS**

Move all remaining individuals from encampments (~1,000) into housing with supportive services.

## **DIVERSION AND REHOUSING HUBS**

Establish hubs across the region to offer immediate support and services, facilitating a seamless transition from the streets to stable, permanent housing.

## **RECLAIM PUBLIC SPACES**

Restore public areas for community enjoyment and use, enhancing the quality of life for all.





# **INCREMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS LEAD TO SIGNIFICANT OUTCOMES**

ROBUST COLLABORATION IS THE KEY TO OUR PROGRESS.

*While securing long-term funding remains a critical objective, we are already making significant strides. Our ongoing efforts are yielding tangible benefits.*

# THE ALLEN'S LANDING INITIATIVE

Through strategic partnerships with the City, law enforcement, local businesses, organizations, and the Coalition for the Homeless (CFTH), a unified approach was orchestrated.

This collaboration facilitated a personalized intervention, creating a by-name list of clients and ensuring targeted referrals to appropriate services. Resource coordination with the Sobering Center and Jail Diversion programs was crucial, as it secured the necessary beds and set expectations clearly.

Financial planning was essential to assess costs and secure funding for housing placements. We also ensured that overnight sheltering partners were well-prepared and funded, creating a replicable and impactful model.

## STEP 1

Coordination meetings with partners to conduct weekly triage and post-mortem (6 months of planning)



## STEP 2

Data Collection and Analysis



## STEP 3

HPD HOT Team / Outreach Partners initiate soft engagement



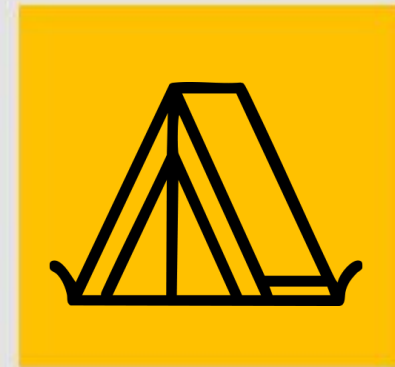
## STEP 4

Proactive Enforcement - After 2-3 days of outreach, law enforcement will begin proactive enforcement for 7-10 days.



# ALLEN'S LANDING DECOMMISSIONING

Before Photos of the  
Encampment (Main Street Bridge  
at Allen's Landing).



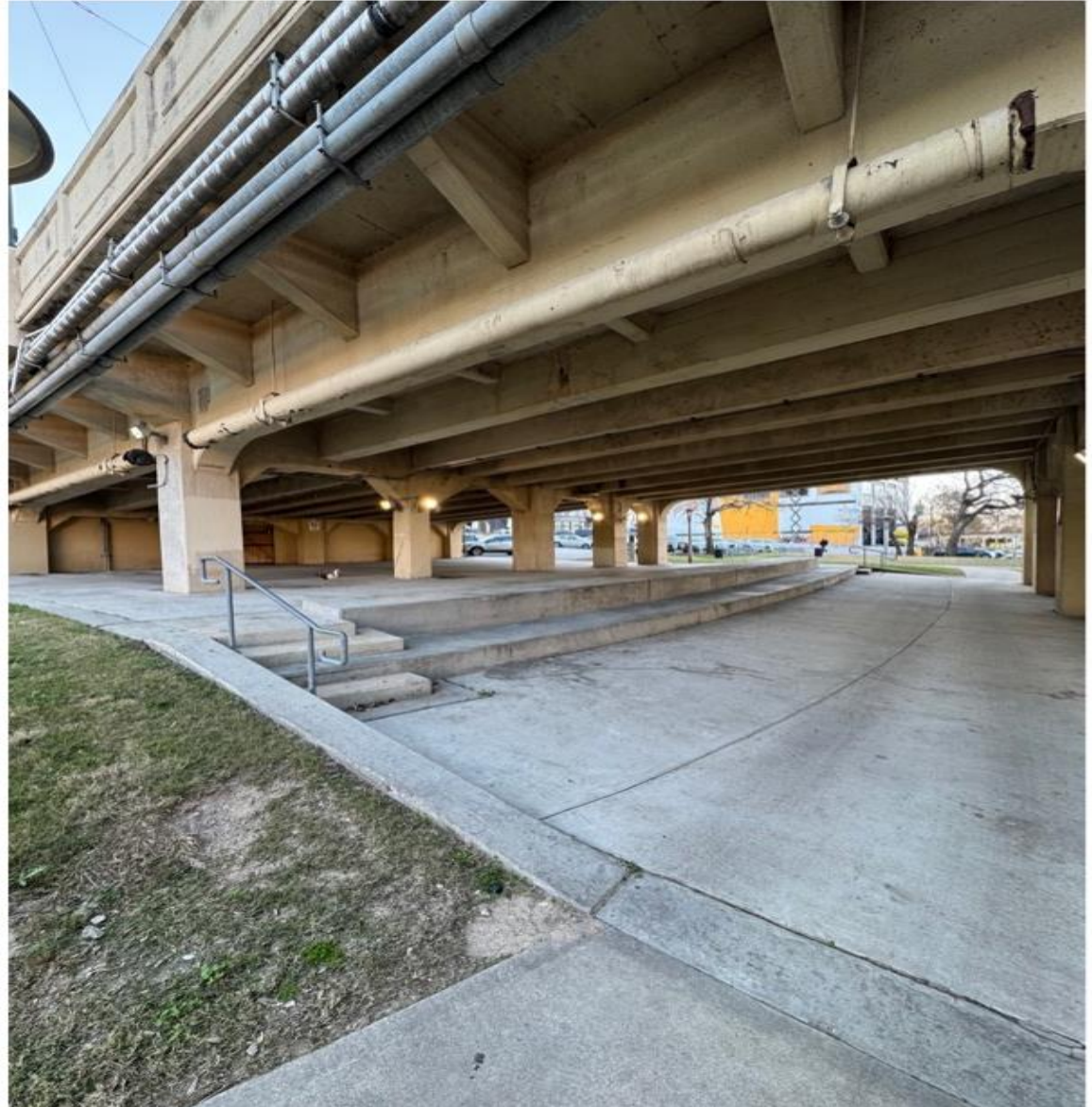


# ALLEN'S LANDING

**After Photo** - Main Street  
Bridge at Allen's Landing.

**19 individuals** were successfully  
connected to housing.

The space has now been  
returned for comfortable public  
enjoyment.





# COMMUNITY IMPACT

Following the successful decommissioning, Downtown Houston + hosted a holiday-themed event called 'Tinsel Treks,' at the revitalized Allen's Landing.

The event attracted roughly 400 attendees of all ages to the scenic trails around Allen's Landing.



**DOWNTOWN  
HOUSTON+**





# DOWNTOWN HOUSTON+

Fifth Vessel Coffee Shop – 104 Main Street

“ We’ve seen more customers come through the shop and begin to walk around Downtown. There is a lot less cleanup that we have to do outside of the shop now—it is overall a much more positive experience for the staff and our guests.”

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**Josh Jones,**

Part-Owner - Fifth Vessel Coffee Shop

# JANE'S JOURNEY FROM HOMELESSNESS TO STABILITY

## BACKGROUND

- Former Truck Driver: Illness during COVID led to loss of employment.
- Chronic Homelessness: Lived on streets for over 2 years, including 3 months next to a Truck Stop.

## CHALLENGE

- Lost housing due to non-renewal of lease.
- Struggled with mental and physical disabilities.

## HARRIS CENTER INTERVENTION

- Engagement: Behavioral Health Response Team's proactive support.

## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- In-home therapy to address trauma and anxiety.
- Connection to physical and mental healthcare.
- Outpatient psychiatric care initiation.

## OUTCOMES

- Reconnection with children.
- Healthier lifestyle choices and weight loss.
- Secured stable housing, improving overall quality of life.

# ALLEN'S LANDING | KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Amendment to City Ordinance 40-352:  
Restricting Public Sidewalk Use: Modification of the ordinance to regulate sitting and lying on public sidewalks, enhancing pedestrian access and safety.
- State Mental Health Commitment Laws: Broadening the commitment laws to include individuals with Anosognosia who pose a long-term danger to themselves
- Enhancement of State Resources: Allocating additional mental health beds specifically for individuals experiencing homelessness.