The Way Home

The Way Home is the collaborative model to prevent and end homelessness in Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery Counties.

The Way Home’s Community Plan to End Homelessness

On any given night in the greater Houston region, nearly 4,000 of our most vulnerable community members are experiencing literal homelessness — and, sadly, the coronavirus pandemic may result in an increase. This is unacceptable, especially in the Houston region, where we pride ourselves on our generosity and our “can-do” attitude. Fortunately, we have proven strategies to end homelessness. We are proud to present our ambitious but achievable plan for the next five years.

2021-2026 Update

The Community Plan has nine goals, all based on system data and community input: six new goals focused on components of the homeless response system and three goals that carry forward the work from previous plans.

Shared Values and Guiding Principles:
The guiding principles for the plan include:
- Ending homelessness
- A person-centered approach
- Accountability

Our New Goals:
- Address Racial Equity and Social Justice
- Expand Affordable Housing
- Prevent Homelessness
- Strengthen Crisis Response
- Refine Engagement Strategies for People Living Unsheltered
- Build Strong Cross-System Partnerships
- End Chronic Homelessness
- Maintain an End to Veteran Homelessness
- End Family and Youth Homelessness

Successful to date:

We increased CoC funding from $25 million to $42 million to support efforts to end homelessness.

Since 2012, more than 20,000 people have been housed with an 84% success rate.

We declared an effective end to Veteran homelessness.

From 2011 to 2020, overall homelessness has decreased by 54% in Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties.

To read the entire 2021-2026 plan, visit www.homelesshouston.org/thewayhome