

Metropolitan Homelessness Commission:

Vision:

To end and prevent homelessness for people in Nashville.

Mission/Purpose:

The Metropolitan Homelessness Commission has an unwavering commitment to a single mission: to end homelessness in Nashville. Together with many community partners including people who have experienced homelessness, we lead efforts to create, implement, fund, and advocate for programs and policies that generate measurable results and lead to a clear, 30-day path out of homelessness that provides housing stability for individuals and families.

Values:

- Housing focused
- Person centered
- Data driven
- Effective use of resources

Duties as outlined in Ordinance 2014-777:

The Metropolitan Homelessness Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- a) To implement a coordinated and focused approach to ending homelessness and to develop measurable objectives;
- b) To assure participation of all stakeholders including homeless persons;
- c) To maintain accurate, current data on homeless populations;
- d) To educate the public, service providers and other interested parties on issues related to homelessness.

Current budget for FY2017:

\$1,594,700 in Metro budget

- \$469,600 in salaries and benefits
- \$250,000 – Room In The Inn Day Center
- \$200,000 – Room In The Inn Guest House
- \$405,100 – Centerstone Critical Time Intervention (CTI) case management
- \$173,000 – Park Center SSI/SSDI Outreach Access and Recovery (SOAR) program
- Remainder for operations

\$510,000 in TN CABHI (Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals)

\$75,000 in THDA ESG funds for the N.O.T.E. (plus \$75,000 in matching grant from Metro, most of that is in-kind match)

\$9,000 in additional THDA ESG funds for HMIS

\$90,000 in CDBG funds (\$65,000 supplements How's Nashville move-in costs, and \$25,000 for an additional outreach position)

\$27,000 in How's Nashville donations and small grants

Total: \$2,305,700

What the Homelessness Commission Staff:

Total of 5 staff Metro-funded: Director, assistant director, CES manager, data and performance manager, housing and landlord outreach coordinator (3 positions filled, 2 open)

Grant-funded: 3 encampment outreach coordinators (all positions filled)

new staff request for next FY: office assistant

Highlights of specific tasks:

- a CES: (move from Homelink to HMIS)
 - i. Families
 - ii. Individuals
 - iii. Veterans
 - iv. Youth
 - v. Hospitals (H2H)
- b Landlord Liaison Project
- c UHS partnership (SRO units)
- d N.O.T.E. – outreach coordination & linking people to services
- e Interdepartmental Council (coordination among Metro departments)
- f Youth Planning – co lead of The Key Action Plan
- g VA Planning – goal to end Veterans homelessness, reach functional zero
- h How's Nashville Section 8 & finances
- i Housing Navigator trainings
- j CABHI/Centerstone/SOAR contracts
- k RITI contracts for Guest House and Day Shelter
- l Cold Weather planning & contract for coordination
- m Data and performance coordination (new position)
- n Educational community outreach
- o Participation in State Interagency Council on Homelessness
- p Built for Zero