



Heartland HOUSED: Springfield & Sangamon County's Strategic Plan to Address Homelessness

Big Goal:

By 2028, our community will put everyone who becomes homeless back in suitable and safe housing within 30 days.

Strategies:

Strategy 1: Create More Housing

- Create **765 units of safe housing** that people who are homeless can afford.

Strategy 2: Improve the Homeless System

- Help **our neighbors that live outside** to get the help they need.
- Support the **programs that are best** at ending homelessness.

Strategy 3: Work with Health Care, Public Safety and Workforce Partners

- Partner to help people who are homeless **easily get what they need** like health care, safety, and jobs.

Strategy 4: Work Together to End Homelessness

- Improve how we **collect, use, and share information** about people who are homeless.
- Make sure **people who have been homeless lead** our plan.

Meeting Our Goal

Why We Need a Plan:

264

people are homeless in our community on a given day

Only **58%** of shelter beds were full the night of our annual count



56% and only 16%

of people who are homeless need housing with supports to stay housed



of people who live outside or in shelters in Sangamon County get into housing

Each year, the number of people that are homeless grows by

155.4 people



Year One: Goals & Activities

- 100% shelter usage every night
- House 30 neighbors who live outside
- Launch diversion program

- 40 new housing units
- 100 housing units in development
- Create SHA homeless preference

- Share information with the community
- Cross-train with jobs, health care, and public safety

- 10 new temporary apartments for people leaving hospitals
- 20 new landlords lease apartments to homeless neighbors

- Launch Strategy Board
- Hire dedicated system staff

*This plan is a commitment to do things **differently.***