

# OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION

## ANNUAL UPDATE

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*Social Services and Public Safety Committee*



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## Background and Overview

- Established in 2014
  
- Designated as Continuum of Care Lead, HMIS Lead in 2015
  
- 3 staff positions
  
- Innovative & Sustainable Solutions Fund
  - Moved from fixed amount to a percentage of previous FY revenues
  - FY 25: \$1,438,510
  
- Coordination and Planning Office – **does not provide direct services**



# OHPI Responsibilities

COORDINATE	FACILITATE	EDUCATE	ADVOCATE
Staff/develop CoC	Develop funding applications, allocate funds	Training & technical support for partners	Identify system gaps & issues
Develop/operate Coordinated Entry system	Annual Point-in-Time Count	CoC website, social media, mailing list	Inform public policy & engage leaders
Develop system plans (ex: COVID, weather)	Daily operations of Coordinated Entry	Speaking events & media	Develop strategic plans
Develop service standards, set & monitor performance targets	Daily operations of HMIS	Analyze & publicize data	Promote equity and fairness
Designate/operate a client records system	Community data submissions	Research best practices & models	Seek community support
	Evaluation & compliance	Communicate across systems	Engage individuals with lived expertise
		Resource navigation	

## Between FY20 and FY25, LFUCG has invested over \$44 million to address homelessness

### Funding Sources

#### Local - \$17,774,264

\$4,779,118 – Innovative and Sustainable Solutions Fund\*

\$7,805,609 – ESR Overnight Emergency Shelters

\$2,056,000 – General Fund

#### Federal - \$26,765,279

\$ 1,432,473 – Emergency Solutions Grant

\$ 3,640,523 – Emergency Solutions Grant Coronavirus

\$ 410,084 – Community Development Block Grant

\$ 1,108,149 – Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus

\$10,819,736 – Continuum of Care

\$ 9,354,313 – American Rescue Plan Act\*



### FY25 Local Funding

Emergency Shelter

**\$1,918,014**

**(25% increase)**

Innovative & Sustainable  
Solutions Fund

**\$1,438,510**

**(92% increase)**

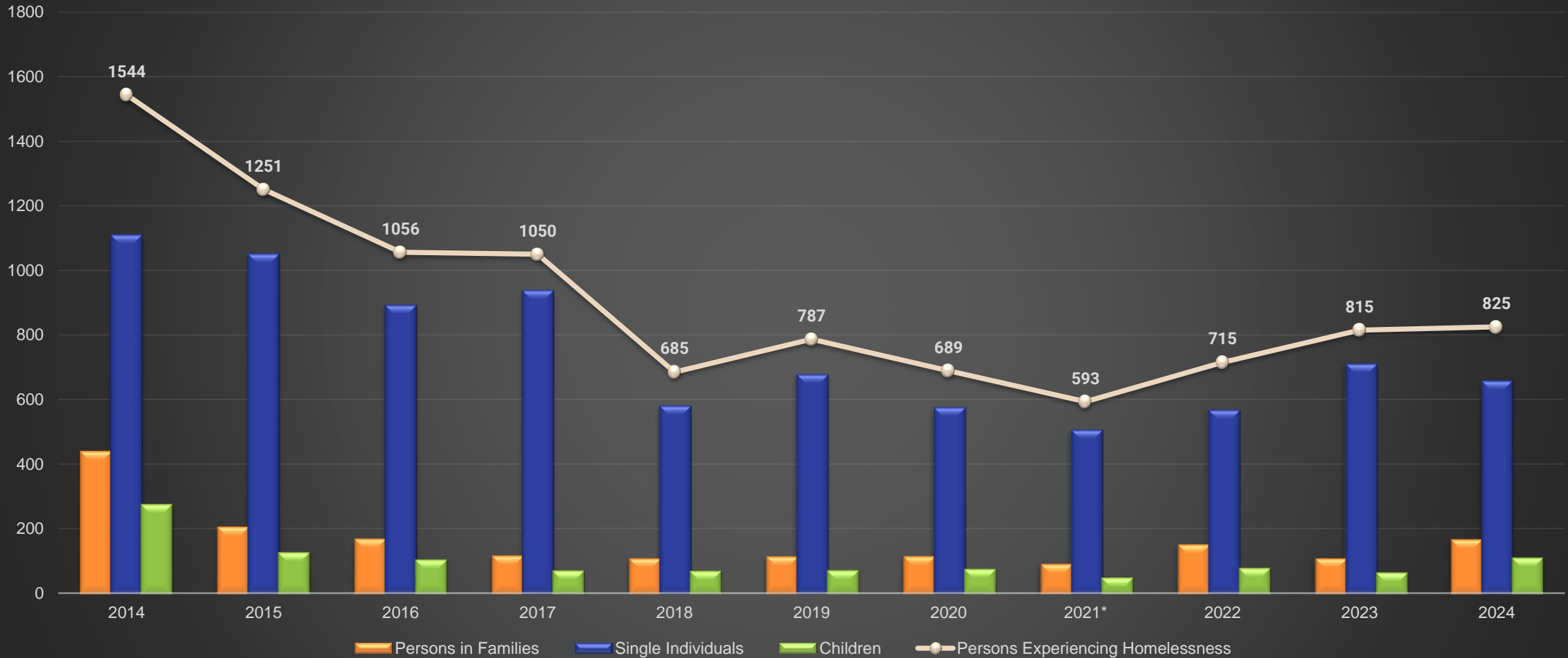
Winter Warming

**\$2,000,000**

\* ISSF funded via ARPA for FY22-24



### LexCount Results, 2014-2024





## FY24 Homeless Encampment SOP Review

- 28 camp cleanups conducted in FY24
  - 18 unique locations
  - 15 cleanups (54%) were tied to 6 Emphasis Areas
  
- Total cost of \$51,805 / Average cost of \$1,850 per cleanup
  - FY23: Total cost of \$39,276 / Average cost of \$1,510 per cleanups
  
- Outcomes:
  - 19 camps – No contact/no evidence of active encampment
  - 9 camps – Contact made
    - 9 persons accepted services (4 permanently housed)
    - 8 persons declined services, voluntarily relocated

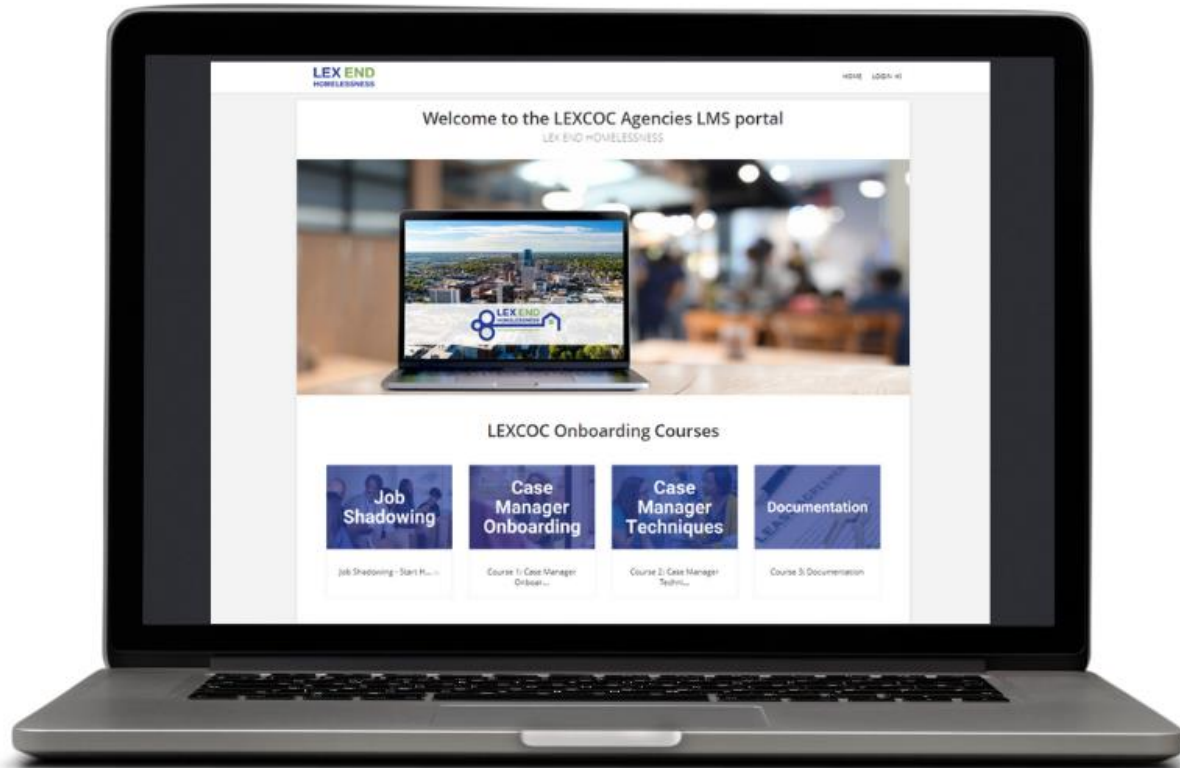


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## **5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2021-2025)**

- Released January 2021
  - 55 Recommendations/Actions
  - 28 Recommendations Completed/Ongoing
  
- Overarching Goals
  - Community Outreach and Engagement
  - Preventing Homelessness
  - Policy and Advocacy
  - Funding Sources
  - Expanding Permanent Supportive Housing

## Current Projects



**Onboarding Curriculum for Case Managers**

**Revamp of Local Assessment Tool**

**Shelter and Transitional Housing Feasibility Study**

**Housing Flex Fund**

**Landlord Partnership Program**

**FY 2024 Continuum of Care Program Competition**



# Questions?



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