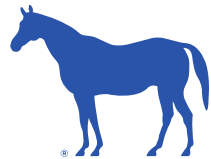


OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION ANNUAL UPDATE

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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
- 2 staff, 1 additional position funded in FY24
- Innovative & Sustainable Solutions Fund (*\$750,000/annually*)
- Coordination and Planning Office – **does not provide direct services**

OHPI Responsibilities

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

\$47 Million in the homeless system since 2014*

By Funding Source

LFUCG - \$21,574,095

\$7,303,230 – Innovative and Sustainable Solutions to Ending Homelessness

\$12,214,865 – ESR Overnight Emergency Shelters

\$1,656,000 – Budget Stabilization Housing Stabilization 1.0

\$400,000 – Additional Winter 2022-23 Funding

State - \$350,000

\$350,000 – SAMHSA

Federal - \$25,292,097

\$14,863,302 – HUD CoC Competitive grants

\$5,628,795 – HUD CARES Act

\$4,800,000 – American Rescue Plan Act

By Purpose

End Homelessness - \$28,764,499

\$7,419,030 – LFUCG

\$350,000 – State

\$20,995,469 – Federal (CoC, CARES Act, ARPA)

Manage Homelessness - \$16,795,693

\$12,499,065 – LFUCG

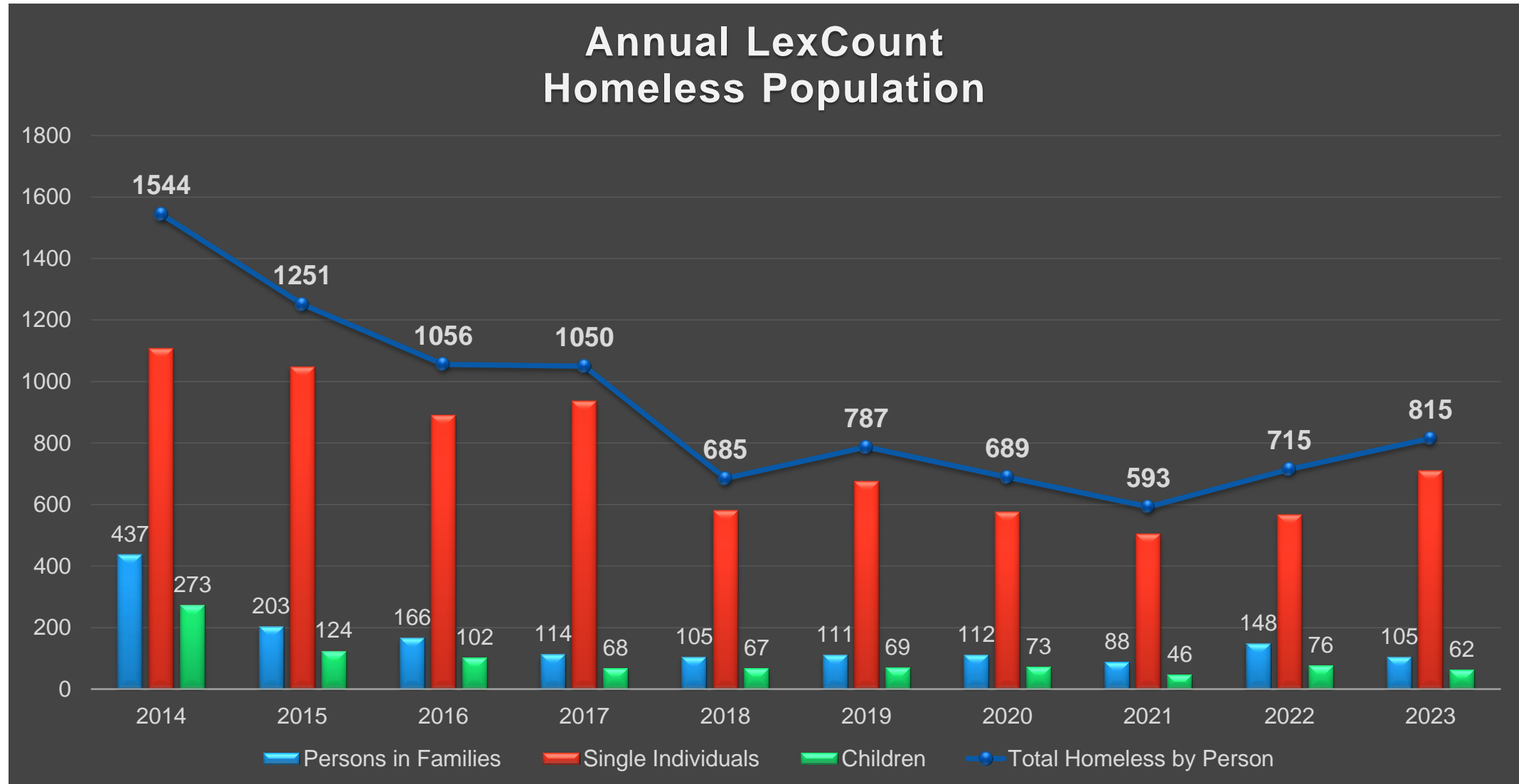
\$2,496,628 – Federal (CARES Act)

\$1,800,000 – American Rescue Plan Act

Prevent Homelessness - \$1,656,000

\$1,656,000 – LFUCG

*Investment does not include funding administered by the Division of Grants and Special Program other than the CARES Act.
Investment does not include any funding not overseen, administered, implemented, monitored, or led by the OHPI.





FY23 Homeless Encampment SOP Review

- 25 camp clean-ups conducted in FY23
 - 16 unique locations (ex: Emphasis Area)

- Total cost of \$39,276 / Average cost of \$1,510 per clean-up

- Outcomes:
 - 11 camps – no contact/no evidence of active encampment
 - 3 camps – voluntarily relocated prior to street outreach contact
 - 5 camps – voluntarily relocated, declined all services
 - 6 camps – engaged in services

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2021-2025)

- Released January 2021
 - 55 Recommendations/Actions
 - Progress: 19 Recommendations Completed/Ongoing

- Overarching Goals
 - Community Outreach and Engagement
 - Preventing Homelessness
 - Policy and Advocacy
 - Funding Sources
 - Expanding Permanent Supportive Housing



5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2021-2025)



THE BASICS OF STREET OUTREACH

What is Street Outreach?

Street outreach is a person-to-person approach to help people who are experiencing homelessness. It involves going to where people are living on the streets and offering them support, information, and resources. Street outreach workers are trained to build relationships with people who are experiencing homelessness and to help them access services and resources.

Where Does Street Outreach Take Place?

Street outreach takes place in areas where there are a high number of people experiencing homelessness. This includes areas such as parks, public housing, and areas near public transportation. Street outreach workers are trained to identify areas where people are living on the streets and to go to those areas to provide support and resources.

Who Can I Contact About Street Outreach?

Street outreach workers are available to help people who are experiencing homelessness. They can be reached by calling the Lexington Homelessness Helpline at 859-252-7881. Street outreach workers are also available to provide support and resources to people who are experiencing homelessness.

What should I do if...

- I see someone who appears to be living a local park, on the streets, or in an encampment:** Reach out to the Community Action Council's team. They will make contact and work with you to determine the best next steps.
- I am concerned about someone experiencing unsheltered homelessness cold or in a harsh winter:** Reach out to the Lexington Homelessness Helpline at 859-252-7881. They will make contact and work with you to determine the best next steps.

LEXINGTON HOMELESSNESS SUPPORT ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN FAYETTE COUNTY

THE BASICS OF THE LEX END HOMELESSNESS HOUSING TRIAGE SYSTEM

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that each Continuum of Care (CoC) create a comprehensive crisis response system for people most in need of help. This means that all of Fayette County's CoC partners must work together with a goal that everyone who is in need of help will have a safe and stable place to live.

How to Address Concerns about Homelessness

At Lex End Homelessness, we believe that everyone has a right to safe, stable, and affordable housing. Community members like you help us connect people experiencing homelessness to housing, shelters, and other essential services.

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LEXINGTON COMMUNITY SHELTERS

DAY CENTERS	OVERNIGHT SHELTERS
Arbor Youth Outreach Center 859-254-2501 540 W. 3rd St. Youth 18 - 24 yrs	Hope Center 859-252-7881 360 W. Loudon Ave Men 18 and over
Lexington Rescue Mission 859-381-9600 444 Glen Arvin Ave. Breakfast and lunch daily (except Sunday) Laundry services Monday/Wednesday	The Salvation Army 859-252-7706 736 W. Main St. Single women, single parents and their children
New Life Day Center 859-721-2325 224 N. Martin Luther King Blvd. Breakfast (doughnuts) daily except Sunday	Catholic Action Center 859-255-0301 1055 Industry Rd. Unaccompanied men and women over 18
New Vista Drop-in Center 859-721-8505 201 Mechanic St., 2nd Floor Monday - Friday 8 AM - 4 PM	Arbor Youth Services 859-254-2501 Unaccompanied children 0-17 yrs, youth 18-24 yrs
	Greenhouse17 1-800-544-2022 Victims of domestic violence

What To Do If You Are Facing Eviction

- Know your rights**
Once you receive an eviction notice, you have 7 days to pay the rent. If you do not pay the rent, the landlord can file an eviction lawsuit on the 15th day.
- Learn the process**
Once you receive an eviction notice, it is important to act quickly. Make sure you have a record of your lease or rental agreement, history of rent paid, and any communications with your landlord.
- Get your paperwork in order**
The number of days you are given before the landlord can file an eviction lawsuit against you depends on the reason (see above).
- Notice to summons to court date**
Once the notice has been given and if you are unable to fix the problem, your landlord will need to serve a summons and complaint. The judge will give permission to the landlord to have an eviction hearing. If you do not show up to court, the judge will rule against you and/or your things from the property 7 days after the court hearing date.
- Continue to pay your rent**
Pay rent if you can while you wait for your court hearing. Failing to pay your rent will lead to the court automatically ruling in the landlord's favor.
- Verdict in favor of the landlord and/or to vacate the property**
You have 7 days after the verdict to appeal.





5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2021-2025)

Community Outreach and Engagement

- Create a Centralized Public Education Campaign (\$50,000 annually)*
- Expand Access and Use of Public Data Interface (\$115,000 annually)*
- Establish Onboarding Curriculum for Case Managers (\$380,000 first 2 years)*

Preventing Homelessness

- Eviction Diversion and Mediation Program (\$1,500,000 first year)*
- Expand Existing Reentry Program into Jails (\$65,000 annually)*

Policy and Advocacy

- Local Lawmaker Engagement (no additional cost)*

Funding Sources

- Enhance Use of Lex End Homelessness Fund at Bluegrass Community Foundation (\$120,000 annually)*
- Leverage Chamber of Commerce Support (no additional cost)*

Expanding Permanent Supportive Housing

- Establish Homeless Preference for Housing Choice Vouchers (no additional cost)*
- Establish Moving on Strategies with Housing Authority (no additional cost)*
- Expand Permanent Supportive Housing Units (\$2 million annually chronically homeless base cost – estimates as high as \$8 million annually for full impact)*

Questions?



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