



Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention

Annual Update

October 14, 2025

Social Services and Public Safety Committee





Background and Overview

- Established in 2014 to provide funding and coordination for local response system
 - Does not provide direct services
 - Designated as Continuum of Care (CoC) Lead Agency and Collaborative Applicant
 - Designated as local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead
- 4 staff positions
 - Continuum of Care Coordinator
 - HMIS Data Analyst (Added in FY24)
 - Encampment Coordinator (Added in FY26)
- Administers local funding to address homelessness
 - Innovative & Sustainable Solutions Fund (Increased in FY25)
 - Extended Social Resource (ESR) funding for Emergency Shelter





OHPI Responsibilities

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





Funding Allocation

Between FY20 and FY25, LFUCG has invested over \$50 million to address homelessness

Innovative & Sustainable Solutions Fund (\$1,467,329/year)

Annual set aside from the General Fund used to pilot evidence-based best practice programming

Extended Social Resource (ESR) Emergency Shelter Funding (\$1,918,014/year)

Annual funding commitment to local emergency shelters for operating costs

Winter Weather Response (\$2 million+/year)

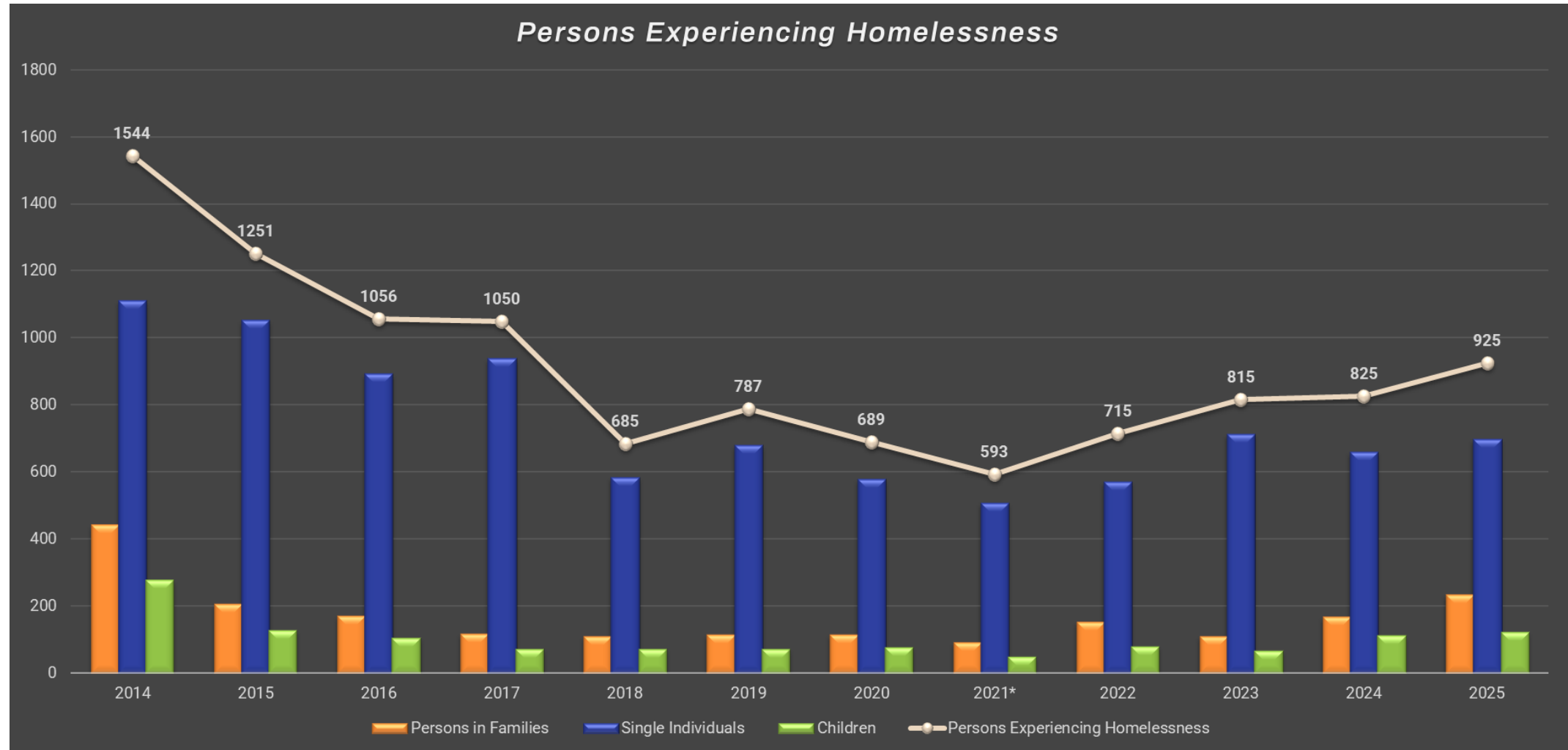
Annual commitment to expand shelter seasonally

HUD Continuum of Care (CoC) Program (\$2,550,767/year)

Annual federal grant funding brought into community for housing and supportive services

Note: Funding reflects current amounts; annual funding could fluctuate.







FY25 Homeless Encampment SOP Review

- 22 cleanups were conducted in FY25
 - 19 unique locations
 - 8 cleanups (42%) were tied to 5 Emphasis Areas

- Total cost of \$65,542.60 / Average cost of \$2,979.21
 - Costs range from \$100 to \$21,544 / Median cost of \$1,094.95
 - FY23: 25 cleanups / total cost of \$39,276 / average cost of \$1,510
 - FY24: 28 cleanups / total cost of \$51,805 / average cost of \$1,850





FY26 Action Steps to Improve Encampment Response

- Encampment Coordinator position included in FY26 Budget
 - Staff started in role on 9/22
 - Onboarding training in process
 - Revisions to Homeless Encampment SOP underway

- Proposed expansion of street outreach services
 - Increased downtown focus since August with support from Police and Paramedicine
 - Amendment to Hope Center's outreach agreement would:
 - Expand clinical supports
 - Add downtown-dedicated staff
 - Provide weekend coverage





Strategic Update

- Current 5-year strategic plan comes to a close at end of year
 - 36 of 55 recommendations/actions completed
 - Funds budgeted for FY26
- Emerging challenges to reducing homelessness
 - Federal and state policies which criminalize homelessness
 - Anticipated changes in funding programs such as the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
 - Criticism of evidence-based practices such as Housing First and harm reduction
- Lexington requires an updated strategic plan which:
 - Focuses on reduction of unsheltered and chronic homelessness
 - Increases and diversifies the stock of housing resources
 - Navigates shifting federal policy





Strategic Update

- June 2025: Emergency Shelter Feasibility Study released
 - Recommended the addition of approximately 500 additional beds
 - Emphasized the need for low-barrier model
 - More than shelter--additional shelter should consider needs for system navigation, interim housing, and permanent housing
- Strategic plan update will build upon Mayor's Task Force recommendations
 - Internal meetings underway to develop structure and process
 - To make recommendations regarding low-barrier shelter, service models, funding options, and community engagement
 - Final recommendations should be specific, actionable, and address **both** short-term and long-term solutions



Questions?



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