

# Philadelphia's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness

## The Ten Year Plan contains seven goals:

1. Open the “back door” out of homelessness—ensure that all Philadelphians have a decent, safe, accessible and affordable home.
2. Close the “front door” to homelessness—implement successful prevention strategies.
3. Ensure that no one in Philadelphia needs to live on the street.
4. Fully integrate all health and social services to aid in preventing and addressing homelessness.
5. Create the political will, civic support, and public and private resources to end homelessness.
6. Build human capital through employment preparation and training programs, and jobs at a livable wage.
7. Support families and individuals to promote long-term independence and prevent their return to homelessness.

## Recalibrated Ten Year Plan History and Process

- In the fall of 2005, the Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness: *Creating Homes, Strengthening Communities and Improving Systems* was completed through the work of over 325 representatives from government, nonprofit, philanthropic, and advocacy organizations.
- In January 2008, Mayor Michael A. Nutter began his tenure and pledged to support the Ten Year Plan.
- In May 2008, Mayor Nutter established a Ten Year Plan Advisory Committee with a public and private sector co-chair and recalibrated the Ten Year Plan as part of a comprehensive initiative to reduce homelessness in Philadelphia.
- The Ten Year Plan prioritizes the creation of permanent supportive and independent housing for our city's homeless. As people transition, movement is being created within the homeless and behavioral health systems, making housing and treatment placement available for individuals who are on the street and families who are in shelter.
- The recalibrated Ten Year Plan also includes homelessness prevention. Through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Philadelphia has been allocated \$ 21.4 million in Economic Recovery Funding to be utilized for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing.
- Recovery funding will be used to retool the “front door” into emergency housing as a cost-effective approach to reducing demand for shelter. Eligible activities including financial assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services, are focused on housing – either financial assistance to help pay for housing, or services designed to keep people in housing or to find housing.
- Prevention services will be community based and will provide financial assistance and housing stabilization services to help people remain in their homes or relocate.
- Rapid Re-Housing will be targeted to residents of city-funded emergency or transitional housing facilities. They will receive first month's rent, security deposit, short-term rental assistance and housing stabilization in order to move back into the community.