


Looking Homeward:
Asheville-Buncombe's
10-Year Plan to End
Homelessness



Mission of 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness:

End chronic homelessness & reduce all types of homelessness over the next decade by investing resources in a coordinated, sustained effort that addresses the underlying causes of homelessness. Adopted by the City of Asheville and Buncombe County in 2005.

Looking Backward:

■ Chronically Homeless

- 2006 – 134
- 2007 – 105
- 2008 – 181
- 2009 – 180
- 2010 – 187
- 2011 – 75
- 2012 – 80



The Numbers: Current Homeless Count

- 2012 Point-In-Time Count:



- 523 total homeless
- Approximately 100 were veterans
- 80 were chronic
- 448 formerly homeless now in permanent supportive housing

The Numbers: Veterans' Housing Options

- 180 HUD-VASH vouchers
 - Not tied to units
- 188 Per Diem Beds
 - Transitional only, site-based



The Numbers:

Chronic Homeless Housing Options

- Permanent Supportive Housing
 - Chronic Homeless Housing Project
 - Pairs case management support with Public Housing Authority units and Housing Choice Vouchers
 - Project Rebound
 - Chronic w/ dual diagnosis of Substance Abuse and Mental Illness
 - 165 will be housed over 3-year project
 - 35 housed to date
 - HUD grants to Homeward Bound
 - Approximately 31 housed at a given time

The Numbers:

Targeted Programs for Homeless



- Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)
 - 26 currently housed
 - Not site-based
- Shelter + Care
 - 22 currently housed
 - Site-based
 - 79 currently housed
 - Not site-based

Housing Stock Realities:

- Low-income/no-income developments require clean credit and clear criminal record
- Average Rent in Asheville
 - \$717/1-bedroom (w/out utilities)
- Fair Market Rent – FY 2012 (effective Oct 1)
 - \$655/1-bedroom (**including** utilities)
- Housing Authority of the City of Asheville
 - 461 1-bedroom units available total
 - 877 on 1-bedroom waiting list
 - 119 Annual Turnover Rate

Signs of Hope

- **SOAR Project**
 - 47 cases approved FY12; avg \$190,000 benefits' value
- **HUD-VASH**
 - Additional 35 vouchers awarded this year to bring total to 180
- **SAMHSA Agreement**
 - Collaborative community project to house 165 chronically homeless over 3-years
- **ESG Funds Transition**
 - Allows for greater resources invested in collaborative, solutions-based projects



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