



Values and Principles for Our Shared Work (Updated for 2022)

The Framework project partners have updated the values and principles underlying our shared work – work that is evolving to better reflect the opportunities and challenges that communities are experiencing within the current stage of responding to, and recovering from, the COVID-19 pandemic.

It remains as important as ever to use funding strategically and wisely, driven by smart planning and execution, aligned with the following key principles:

1. Advance racial justice and equity

Assess and strengthen homelessness response systems by leading with racial justice and equity practices and in pursuit of housing justice. Ensure that uses of available funding and resources are informed by the leadership and expertise of the most highly-impacted communities.

2. Support people to secure and sustain housing

Seize every opportunity provided by current funding – through homelessness, housing, health, and services funding sources and systems – to implement person-centered, Housing First approaches that connect people to permanent housing options and the services they want and need to succeed and thrive.

3. Act and invest resources with both urgency and purpose

Strike a balance between speed and impact, understanding that both are critically important. Mobilize resources quickly to address people's urgent housing, health, and services needs. Purposefully strive to have the greatest impact possible, through implementing best practices and through a sustained focus on racial justice and equity, and help make the case for reaching the scale of investments necessary for lasting solutions.

4. Ensure investments are addressing the highest needs first

Prioritize families, youth, and adult individuals currently experiencing homelessness, especially people who are unsheltered, older, disabled, and/or medically fragile, within uses of available homelessness funding. And prioritize extremely low-income households and households with past histories of homelessness within eviction and homelessness prevention efforts.

5. Center the rights and expertise of people experiencing homelessness

Stop implementing policies and practices that punish, criminalize, dehumanize, and/or further traumatize people experiencing homelessness. Engage and support the leadership of people with lived expertise, and strengthen partnerships so that efforts reach, serve, and empower historically marginalized communities and populations.