



## THE FRAMEWORK FOR AN EQUITABLE HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Whether you're in a city with growing encampments or a rural area with limited services, homelessness impacts every community across the country. It's clear that solving homelessness requires us to expand proven, equitable solutions and to test new approaches that can have the most impact.

The [Framework for an Equitable Homelessness Response](#) project helps the people responsible for solving homelessness – local leaders, city officials, housing and services providers, organizations, state health and human services departments, and many others – reimagine their systems and make innovative changes so that everyone has a safe place to live.

The Framework project provides practical insights and recommendations from national leaders and experts on homelessness, offering communities new tools, and reports, guided by people who have experienced homelessness and housing instability, and grounded in best practices. The project's tools and resources cover five distinct, but interconnected, areas of work:

### 1. **Expanding Housing and Support:**

Encouraging communities to fund and create housing options at the scale needed, through construction and renovation activities, through subsidies and direct cash assistance, and through other strategies, and to provide services for people who need them so that everyone thrives.

### 2. **Reimagining Interim Housing:**

Transforming how communities shelter people by providing options that are safe, welcoming, and affirming, that truly meet people's needs, and that quickly connect people to permanent housing.

### 3. **Ending Unsheltered Homelessness:**

Helping communities build homelessness response systems that respect and protect the rights, dignity, and health of people who are unsheltered, that do not depend on law enforcement activities, and that help people to quickly move into interim and permanent housing.

### 4. **Advancing Diversion and Prevention:**

Ensuring communities have the guidance and assistance they need to work effectively, across systems, to both prevent and respond to housing crises, so people do not fall into homelessness in the first place.

### 5. **Strengthening Systems:**

Continuously examining what works and what needs to change, supporting and following the leadership of people with lived experience, focusing on racial equity and housing justice, and expanding partnerships to solve homelessness for good.

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Learn about the [Values and Principles](#) that Framework partners strive to hold ourselves accountable to, read more about the Framework in a [joint blog from the National Alliance's Ann Oliva and CBPP's Peggy Bailey](#), and explore a [brief paper providing an overview of the Framework project](#).

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*The Framework for an Equitable Homelessness Response project is being collaboratively guided by the following partners:*

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