



# Homeless Advisory Committee Proposal

# City's Existing Homeless Initiatives



Police Homeless  
Outreach Team

To build trust and instill a feeling of safety when individuals experiencing homelessness interact with officers.



Community Court

To address low-level misdemeanor offenses and violations of local laws by providing community service opportunities in lieu of incarceration. We have broadened the program's impact by providing continuum of care services to walk-ins.



Housing Navigation  
Program

To provide field outreach, complete intake assessments, and connect homeless individuals with appropriate housing services g a continuum of care



Education

To educate neighbors and businesses of the City's homeless initiatives and provide resources.

# City's Existing Homeless Supportive Funding



Housing Community Development

<b>Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Inc.</b>	Food and bus passes for individuals at the shelter
<b>HOMES, Inc.</b>	Transition to independent living for youth aging out of foster care
<b>Covenant House, Inc.</b>	Shelter for Homeless youth
<b>Women In Distress of Broward County, Inc.</b>	Domestic Violence Shelter
<b>Hope South Florida, Inc.</b>	Up to 24 months of Rent Assistance for formally homeless persons
<b>Neighbor Support Rapid Rehousing</b>	First and last month plus security deposit for Housing Navigation Program participants

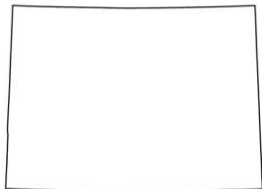
# Homeless Advisory Committee Research



Los Angeles, CA provides a forum for collaborative and strategic leadership on homelessness. Their purpose is to facilitate understanding **of best practices and communicate goals, barriers and progress** to community stakeholders.



Austin, TX includes those with lived homeless experience on their committee. Their purpose is to **educate and inform** policymakers on pertinent issues surrounding homelessness, **research best practices** and **collaborate on solutions** to ending homelessness.



Fort Collins, CO committee is comprised of business owners, service providers, faith leaders, healthcare professionals and community members (with and without lived homeless experience). Their goal is to make homelessness rare, short-lived and non-recurring. They began by working to **develop recommendations** for expanding emergency shelter capacity within the city.

# Advisory Committee



## Purpose

The Homeless Advisory Committee will provide recommendations to the City Commission on gaps and additional initiatives to help prevent, mitigate, and address the unsheltered population in the City of Fort Lauderdale.

## Objectives

1. Review best practices in addressing homelessness
2. Provide feedback on strategic plan to prevent, reduce, and address homelessness
3. Assist in identifying funding for homeless initiatives
4. Help raise community awareness on City's actions
5. Determine program gaps and develop performance indicators

## Structure

- Five appointed community members by the City Commission
- One business owner
- One subject matter expert
- 24-month limit