

# STRATEGIES TO **END HOMELESSNESS**

## Homeless Medical Services

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- The leader of a coordinated system of care for the homeless, and those at risk of becoming homeless, in Greater Cincinnati
- We apply for, receive, allocate, monitor, and report progress on a combined \$33M/year in Federal, State, County and City funding to prevent and end homelessness





Bethany House Services ● ● ●  
 Caracole, Inc. ●  
 Center for Independent Living Options (CILO) ●  
 Center for Respite Care ●  
 Cincinnati Metropolitan Housing Authority ●  
 Community Action Agency ●  
 3CDC GeneroCity513 ●  
 Cincinnati Health Network ●  
 Cincinnati Union Bethel ● ●  
**CITY GOSPEL MISSION** ● ●

Excel Development Co. ●  
 Freestore Foodbank ●  
 Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services ●  
 Interfaith Hospitality Network of Greater Cincinnati ● ● ●  
 Joseph House ●  
**LIGHTHOUSE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES** ● ● ●  
 Maslow's Army ●  
 Northern KY Independent Health District ●

Ohio Valley Goodwill ● ●  
 OTR Community Housing ●  
**SHELTERHOUSE** ● ●  
 St. Francis / St. Joseph Catholic Worker House ●  
 Society of St. Vincent de Paul ●  
**TALBERT HOUSE** ● ●  
 Tender Mercies, Inc. ●  
 The Salvation Army ● ●  
 Veterans Administration ● ●  
 Volunteers of America ●  
 YWCA Greater Cincinnati ● ●



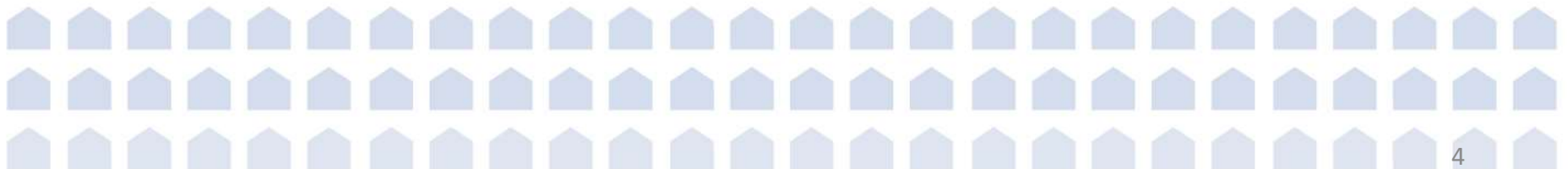
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## The Homeless to Homes Plan

Adopted by the Hamilton County Commission &  
Cincinnati City Council in 2009

### "Homeless to Homes" Shelter & Service Recommendations:

1. Expanded Faith-based shelter - new [City Gospel Mission](#)
2. Shelter for Homeless Youth - [Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth](#)
3. Separate Congregate Facilities for Men & Women -
  - [Shelterhouse - Hatton Center for Women](#)
  - [Shelterhouse - Barron Center for Men](#)
4. Expanded facility for men with Substance Abuse issues
  - [Talbert House - Parkway Center](#)



# **Medical Services Supported with Levy Funds:**

**Currently \$1.8M/year total**

**Bed nights: 22,977**  
**\$136,000/year**

## **City Gospel Mission**

- Health Check facility staffed by & also available for use by medical and mental health professionals
- Case managers assist program participants with medical needs, COVID-19 testing, and vaccination, connecting participants with medical benefits and other health related services

**Bed nights: 9,825**  
**\$173,466/year**

## **Lighthouse Sheakley Center for Youth**

- Medication management, health education, first aid, connection to resources, and therapeutic one-on-one support during times of stress related to health issues
- Medical screening and primary health care for the youth at the shelter, accompanied by Cincinnati Health Network van on-site weekly

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## Shelterhouse - Barron Center for Men

**Bed nights: 51,908**  
**\$937,398/year**

- State-of-the-art medical facility within the shelter, fully-staffed five days a week with a nurse practitioner & medical doctor. Includes access to medication and availability during evening hours

## Shelterhouse - Hatton Center for Women

**Bed nights: 21,177**  
**\$346,781/year**

- Offers a fully-functioning medical clinic, meeting the needs of women in a comfortable environment with special attention is given to women who present in the clinic and are pregnant

## Talbert House - Parkway Center

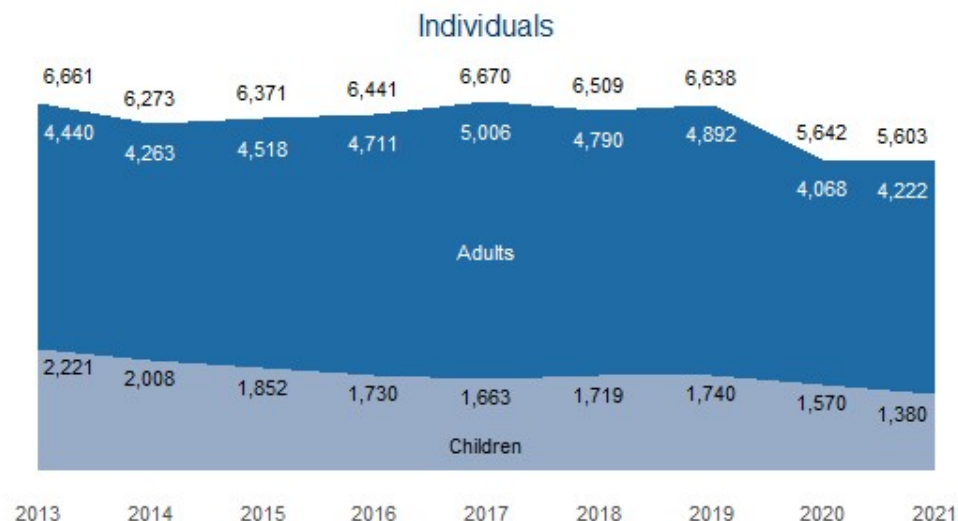
**Bed nights: 8,840**  
**\$159,788/year**

- State-of-the-art medical kiosk on site enabling clients to interface with an on-call doctor over video chat. Case managers assist with filling prescriptions at local pharmacies. Three clinical treatment options for men recovering from substance abuse diagnoses; mental and health and substance use disorder treatment providers on site five days/week and a nurse practitioner on site one day/week.

# COVID-19 Impacts

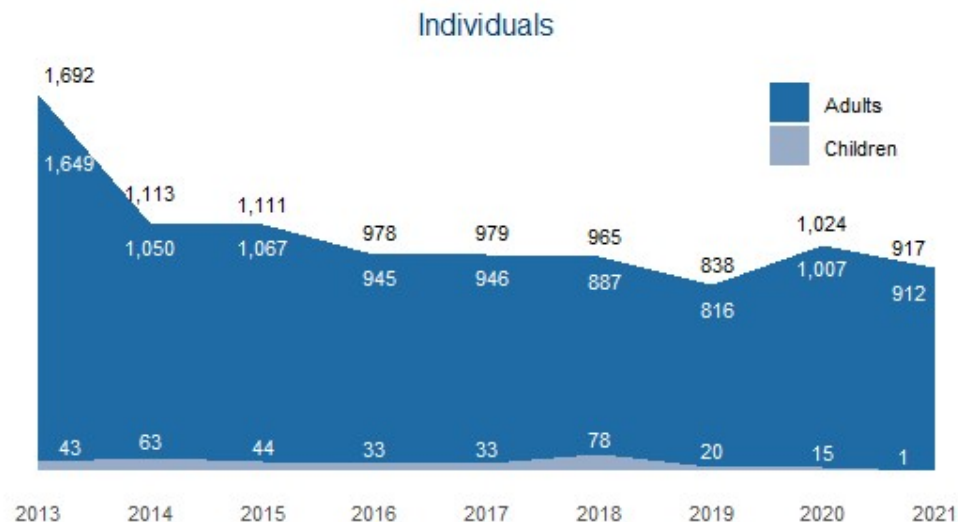
## Sheltered Homelessness:

- People accessing shelter & improved services at higher rates 2014-2019
- COVID: -15% in 2020
- Stable in 2021 (down <1%)



## Unsheltered/Street Homelessness:

- Declined 2013-2019
- COVID: +22% in 2020
- 10% decline in 2021 as shelter operations normalized







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## Moving parts due to COVID-19 in 2020/2021:

1. **Social Distancing requirements** = temporarily closed/reduced capacity in congregate shelter facilities
2. Some operators replaced **lost capacity** with hotel/motel rooms, but not all
3. **More work** to shelter fewer people; hotel/motel operations presented additional logistical challenges
  - Cafeteria-style food service vs. multiple locations
  - Social services under one roof vs. multiple locations
4. People **fearful of contracting COVID** in congregate facilities
5. Day Center in winter 2020-2021 **due to closure** of soup kitchens, libraries, etc.





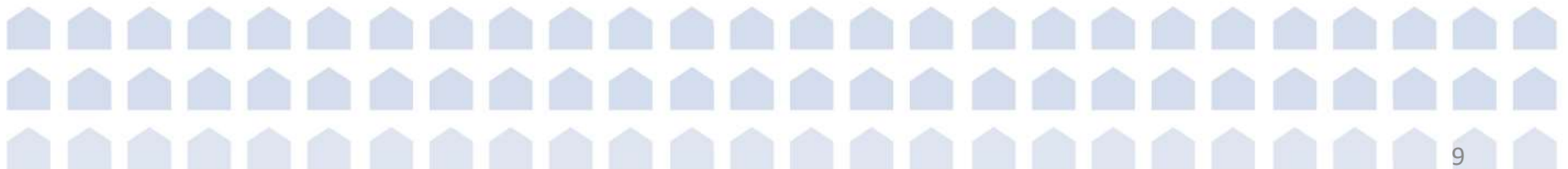


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<b>Previous Funding Level</b>	<b>\$2M/per year</b>
<b>Current Funding Level</b>	<b>\$1.8M/year</b>
<b>Funding Request</b>	<b>\$2M/per year</b>

## **Why are we requesting funding be restored to previous level?**

When the economy experiences a downturn, as we have seen in the past two years, homelessness typically increases 12-24 months later. Local & national leaders believe this increase has been delayed by eviction moratoria & the presence of COVID funds for Eviction Prevention. However, an increase in homelessness is predicted as such COVID funds run out. We'll need more resources to assist more people.

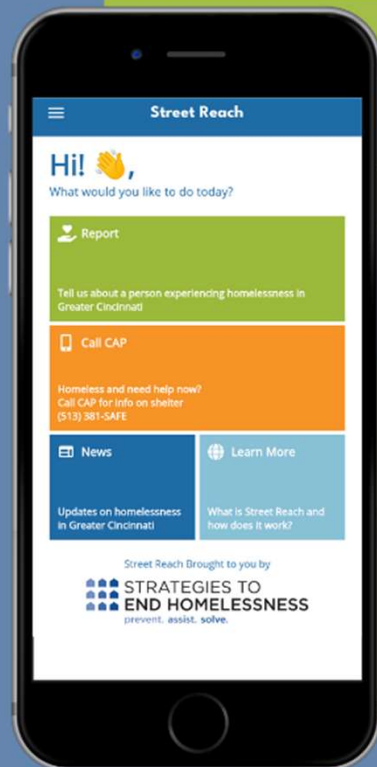




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## Questions?

Concerned about someone sleeping outside?



Download the  
**Street Reach**  
app to send help!

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## Cincinnati/Hamilton County Continuum of Care for the Homeless

### **Out of 400+ Communities in the Country Funded by HUD-**

**Financial Oversight:** Third/One of fourteen communities in the country designated a Unified Funding Agency (UFA) by HUD. Level of oversight normally maintained by HUD Field Office.

**Data:** the first community in the country to have 100% of our homeless services agencies contributing data to the same Homeless Management Information System (10 years)

**Data Analytics:** experienced data analyst, have 4+ year partnership with 84.51, making sure we are data-driven in our approach to the issue of homelessness

# 2021 Cincinnati/Hamilton County: People in Emergency Shelter & on the Streets

## **6,062** total unduplicated people on the streets & in shelters

- <1% decrease from 2020;
- 14% decrease since 2019

## **5,603** resided in Emergency Shelter

- 92% of total population spent at least part of the year in shelter
- <1% decrease from 2020, 16% decrease from 2019

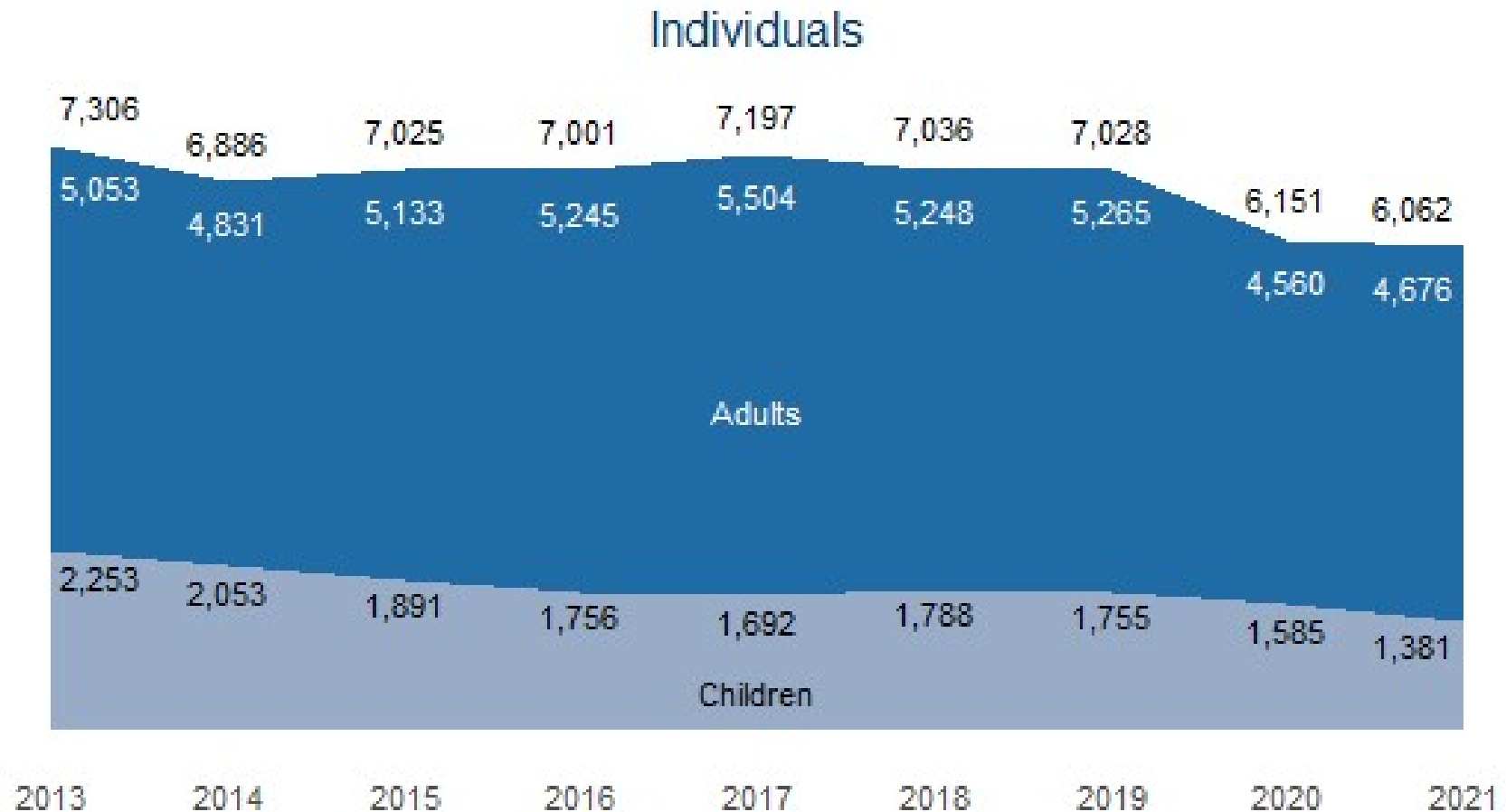
## **917** unsheltered on the streets

- 15% of total population spent at least part of the year on street
- 10% decrease from 2020; 46 decrease from 2013

## **7.5%** exclusively sleeping unsheltered on the streets

- 459 people

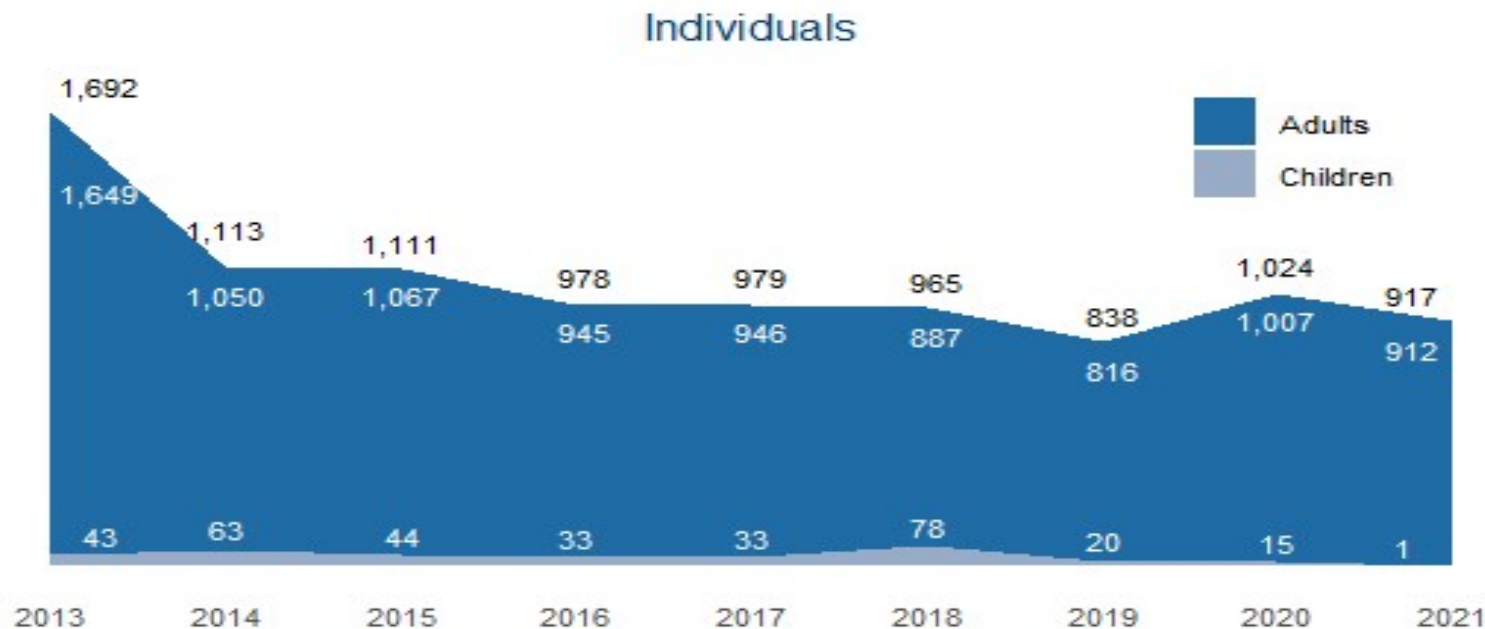
# 2020 Cincinnati/Hamilton County: Unduplicated Sheltered & on the Streets



Source: Cincinnati/Hamilton County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

# “Street”/Unsheltered Homelessness

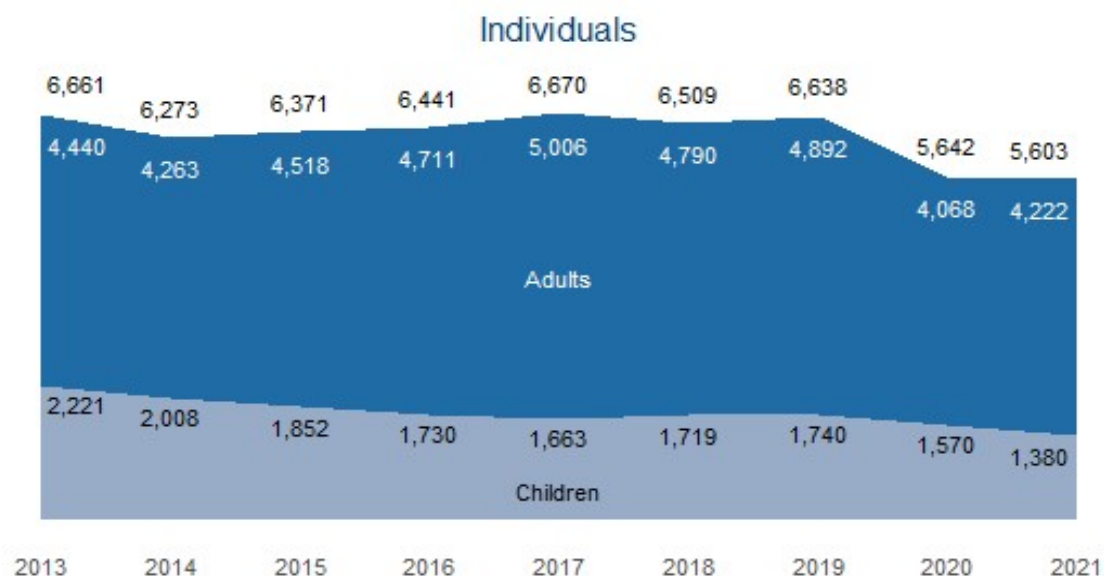
- Decreased each year from 2013-2019
- 22% increase in 2020, followed by 10% decrease in 2021
- Avg. 35% unsheltered nationally vs. 15% locally
- 7.5% unsheltered only (no stay in shelter in 2020)
- Reduced capacity in shelters due to COVID-19



Sources: Cincinnati/Hamilton County Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)  
National Alliance to End Homelessness

# Sheltered Homelessness

- Significant investment in improving singles shelters 2012-2015
- 5.8% increase in people in shelter from 2014-2019, corresponding decrease in people on the streets
- People are 3x as likely to die on the street vs. in shelter; more people coming into shelter & fewer unsheltered is positive
- Reduced capacity in 2020 & 2021, fear of catching COVID-19 virus pushed people out of shelters last year



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Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)