

Making Homelessness Rare, Brief, and Non-recurring in DC

Far too many men, women, and children live on our streets and in our shelters. This is unacceptable, because homelessness is a problem we know how to solve. Earlier this year, Mayor Bowser and the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness released HomewardDC, a comprehensive five-year plan to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. In her first Budget, Mayor Bowser is making historic investments in Homeward DC and in the solutions we know work to end homelessness. Now, Mayor Bowser is announcing a set of legislative and administrative measures to ensure these investments make the biggest impact on the lives of DC residents experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.

The Bowser Administration has a plan to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. To achieve this goal Mayor Bowser is announcing an all eight ward strategy that includes legislative and administrative measures to improve the District's homelessness crisis response system for families.

- Close DC General and replace with smaller, more dignified community-based emergency housing located across DC.
- As policy, make shelter available to families who need it when they need it—not just during hypothermia.
- Prevent or decrease the amount of time that families experience homelessness by connecting them more quickly with housing and supports.
- Provide safety to families whose eligibility for shelter or other homeless services cannot be quickly determined by creating “interim eligibility” placements into shelter.
- Clarify the role of emergency housing and its configuration as apartment-style or private room.

Mayor Bowser asks you to join the effort to end homelessness in DC. Our entire community must be a part of the solution. Every neighborhood, and every resident, has a stake in ending homelessness.

- Take the Pledge to End Homelessness in DC.
- When everyone is in safe, stable housing, we all benefit.
- Commit to action by supporting proven strategies to end homelessness—like those in Homeward DC.
- Enlist the support of family, friends, and neighbors to join this important effort, and let your local leaders know that you support the Mayor's plan, and they should too.

We are Washington, DC, and together, we will end homelessness in our nation's capital.

#HomewardDC

Visit mayor.dc.gov/homewarddc to sign the Mayor's pledge to end homelessness in the District.