

ECHO Priorities 2025

Local Planning & Collaboration (14)

Participation in local 5 year plans

Engagement w/nonprofits and local plans

Participation/active involvement in Homeless Action Plan & CRESA planning re: severe weather

Priorities - tackle "both" / "and" not "either" / "or" - shelter AND housing

How to create collaboration between data systems: HMIS, police & fire records, medical/HIPAA protected

Aligning policy around addressing impacts of homelessness while working toward long term solutions

Community impact: families/children; cultural barriers, and language; PWD/elderly

Engage by and for - MUST be at the table

Create opportunities and ways for people with lived experience to participate

Engage all cities in ECHO to increase collaboration; identify other community agencies that should be part of ECHO's work

Engage with local law enforcement and clark county volunteer lawyers program re: evictions

Get every jurisdiction on the same page / extend olive branches

Integrate non-traditional providers into ECHO conversation (ex: FVRL, C-TRAN)

Look for ways to involve substance abuse/mental health/health care providers

Discuss funding priorities for short, medium, and long-term strategies/solutions

Housing Production & Affordability (10)

Temporary/transitional housing; land for housing

Identify affordable housing units in production for 2025-26 to figure out how to expand production

Support housing options study recommended actions

City of Denver's aggressive plan as an example / large focus on veteran homelessness

Identify/explore approaches to increasing housing affordability + ways to decrease evictions across jurisdictions

Preventative measures like production/affordability/eviction

McKinney-Vento and understanding preventative measures that can be taken re: youth housing instability/homelessness

Discussion of how production of affordable housing is being integrated into comprehensive plans

Protecting current affordable housing and addressing high rent increases

How to balance competing interests related to housing production? Ex: energy efficiency vs cost of housing

Eviction data and resources - WA Administrative Office of the Courts

State/federal legislative & funding advocacy (5)

Develop shared funding/programmatic strategy; lobby state/federal govts for \$
Legislative strategies to remove roadblocks for vulnerable community members
Identify funding to pay people with lived experience for their time and expertise
Lean budget years demand louder voices - ramp up advocacy and lobbying for resources
State fully fund homeless system and backfill projected local DRF shortfall

Other (2)

While all these great things are being worked on - what can ECHO do to support those outside?

Working through the different stages of homelessness:

Safety nets to prevent homelessness

Unsheltered homelessness

Temporary sheltered homelessness

Permanent housing/permanent supportive housing

^learning how each of these items relate to each other; how system can best support those experiencing each stage

South Sound Housing Affordability Partnership <https://southsoundaffordablehousing.org/>

https://www.denvergov.org/files/assets/public/v/2/housing-stability/documents/host_2024actionplan_c2.pdf