

ECHO 2025 Work Plan & Priorities

Priority 1: Collaborate across jurisdictions and support local planning efforts

- a) Local plans
 - Homeless Action Plan
 - CRESA Strategic Plan
- b) Collaboration
 - Connecting and including on ECHO those with lived experience of homelessness
 - Financial support
 - Connecting and communicating with local governments, nonprofits/providers, other community partners such as transportation, library services, others
 - Data & shared understanding of key issues

Priority 2: Support housing production & affordability

- a) Explore approaches to increasing affordability, decreasing evictions
 - Support zoning that leads to housing development
 - Preventative measures for avoiding falling out of homelessness
 - Collaborating around expanding affordable housing production
- b) Identify resources and capacity
 - Land for housing
 - Balancing competing interests
 - Programming, data, shared understanding of issues
 - Additional subcommittees?
 - Councilmanic actions

Priority 3: State and federal advocacy

- a) Develop joint legislative priority document
 - Ask state to fully fund homeless system, backfill DRF shortfall
- b) Understand state and federal funding mechanisms, how to access
 - Jurisdictions coming together to apply jointly where possible

Month	Agenda Items
January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHO Retreat • Develop 2025 Work Plan & Priorities
February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize 2025 Work Plan& Priorities • Document Recording Fee Shortfall Letter •
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Action Plan • ECHO-related legislative updates • Severe Weather (training/funding/collaboration) • CRESA Strategic Plan
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeless Action Plan • ECHO-related legislative updates • Severe Weather
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe Weather • ECHO-related legislative updates • Housing Component of Comprehensive Plans
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countywide Affordable Housing • ECHO-related legislative updates
July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Countywide Affordable Housing • Severe Weather
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial drafting of 2026 legislative priorities document • TK
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative priorities • TK
October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize legislative priorities • TK
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial 2026 Work Planning
December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fill in 2026 Work Plan • 2025 Evaluation/next steps

Other topics:

- Law Enforcement: Sherrif Horch; Chief Price; Law Enforcement Council; HART/county approach
 - o Philosophy, approach
- Community Court
- Immigration / legal framework
 - o NaCo webinar: <https://www.naco.org/event/impacts-immigration-executive-orders-local-governments#watch>
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