

ECHO Priority Areas 2025

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