Connecticut is facing unprecedented challenges in our effort to prevent and end homelessness. Our lifesaving and stability restoring system is overburdened, historically underfunded, and confronting a workforce shortage that threatens the state-wide safety net we provide. Rescuing the Homeless Response System, and the critical services it delivers, requires reliable and consistent funding every year.

The effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic remain acute for our state’s Homeless Response System. Homelessness has grown significantly, since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Our data since the onset of the pandemic reveals:

- 39% increase in people experiencing homelessness from 2020 to 2022.
- 56% increase in calls to 2-1-1, the call center for the homeless response system, with 114,949 calls seeking housing assistance and shelter.
- 30% increase in unsheltered households served by street outreach since 2019.
- 82% increase in CAN Appointments made for families, individuals, and youth at imminent risk of homelessness since 2019.

We need the Administration and Legislature TO TAKE ACTION. Fully funding homeless response organizations and frontline staff is critical to addressing the increased need we are seeing across the state and preventing and ending homelessness.
Fairfield County CAN

Homelessness Exists In Every Community Across The State.

1,577 people experienced homelessness in the Fairfield County Coordinated Access Network in 2022, including:

386 Families

223 Children

1,191 Individuals

Source: HUD Annual Performance Report (APR) by program type (ES, SO, TH) FY 2022

CT CAN End Homelessness Legislative Priorities

Rescuing the Homeless Response System, and the critical services it delivers, requires reliable, consistent funding every year. The legislature should invest $50,000,000 to Rescue the Homeless Response System.

⇒ $37,046,452 to address chronic underfunding of homeless response nonprofits and to ensure adequate wages for frontline homeless response workers.
⇒ $5.95 million annually in the DOH Housing/Homeless Services line for Coordinated Access Network infrastructure. As an emergency response system, we need stable and permanent funding to support our infrastructure.
⇒ $5 million annually in the DOH Housing/Homeless Services line for the annual Cold Weather Emergency Response Program.
⇒ $2 million annually in the DOH Housing/Homeless Services line for a Flexible Funding Subsidy Pool to subsidize housing and provide flexible assistance.

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