# INCREASE AND ANNUALIZE FUNDING FOR DIVERSION AND CAN HUBS

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To continue to increase diversion rates and for Coordinated Access Network (CAN) hubs to connect people with critical support and resources to resolve their housing crisis, Connecticut must invest $3.6M annually in the DOH Housing/Homeless Services line item

**Diversion improves the quality of life for people experiencing housing insecurity and is one of the most cost-effective methods to prevent homelessness.**[1] Shelter diversion means keeping individuals and families from entering emergency shelters or sleeping in places not meant for human habitation. Or, by definition, becoming homeless. It targets those who have already lost their housing, are doubled up, and are running out of places to stay. The program provides light-touch financial assistance.

**Coordinated Access Network (CAN) hubs support the diversion process by offering accessible, centralized locations and case management services locally.** Hubs are an innovative and important resource where people who are experiencing or are at imminent risk of homelessness can receive services quickly.

CAN hubs implement diversion as a best practice and deliver services locally, but they need ongoing and reliable funding. The system lost more than 57 full-time positions responsible for this work due to the Emergency Solutions Grant-CARES Act (ESG-CV) funding cliff in 2023, and current ARPA funding expires in September 2025.

Citations:
Cost-effectiveness of diversion: "The Costs and Harms of Homelessness", Community Solutions 2023