

3.3.4. Heading Home Ramsey: Plan to End Homelessness, 2005-2010 - Implementation

Since 2005, the City of Saint Paul has aggressively supported the *Heading Home Ramsey – Plan to End Homelessness*' five year production goal of creating 920 permanent supportive housing units in Ramsey County for long-term homeless residents. In fact, in the State of Minnesota, *Heading Home Ramsey* is the only homelessness prevention initiative that has met its five (5) year annual production goals. As of October 2010, with major City support, 894 permanent supportive housing units have been financed to serve long-term homeless residents – more than 75% of these units are located in Saint Paul. Furthermore, in partnership with Minnesota Housing, the City may be able to produce 4-10 long-term supportive housing units annually during 2010-2013 through City/HRA-supported affordable housing projects.

To meet the goals of Heading Home Ramsey over the 2010-2013 period, the City/HRA will:

- a. Participate in the Ramsey County/Saint Paul Funders' Council to improve the process by which funding decisions are made for supportive housing and other special needs housing projects.
- b. Actively participate in the Ramsey County/City of Saint Paul Homeless Advisory Board by advocating for constructive policy and program changes for affordable supportive housing and homelessness prevention initiatives – including overseeing progress in the five-year Homeless Plan (including any updates made to the plan).
- c. Work with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency to obtain resources for the State business plan to end long-term homelessness in Minnesota.
- d. Administer the federal Emergency Shelter Grant program and its program redesign under the HEARTH Act
- e. Administer the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP), which has provided homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing services to 592 households or 1,294 persons (families, single adults and youth) who are homeless or at-risk of being homeless since October 2009.
- f. Advocate for the continuation of the Housing Crisis Response collaboration – a comprehensive homelessness prevention initiative and Rapid Re-Housing service delivery model.
- g. Support homeless prevention initiatives such as support for Project Homeless Connect, the Cold-Weather Emergency Overflow Shelter, and the Police Homeless Outreach Project, a street outreach & housing program for chronically homeless residents.
- h. Work with Saint Paul Parks Department, Lutheran Social Services and Freeport West to actively recruit youth at-risk of being homeless and homeless youth for the City's Summer Youth Work Program.
- i. Work with Ramsey County to advocate for state funding for emergency shelter for youth and supportive housing for homeless veterans.
- j. Work with Saint Paul Public Housing to develop supportive housing for homeless veterans.
- k. Work with supportive housing service providers to provide information and referral to homeless citizens and citizens at-risk of being homeless about Section 3 Work Program.