



# HOMELESSNESS ACTION PLAN

2024-2025

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The City of Canning acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the lands in Canning and pays respect to Elders past, present and emerging. The City extends that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and acknowledges their ongoing connection to the land and waterways in which we live, work and gather.



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# FOOD BANK FOOD DRIVE

The City of Canning has partnered with Foodbank WA to help provide meals for those doing it tough within our community.

Find out more at [canning.wa.gov.au/fooddrive](http://canning.wa.gov.au/fooddrive)

What type of items to collect



Canned fruit

Canned tuna

Baked beans

Gluten free items

Meal bases

# ACTION PLAN 2024-2025

**The Homelessness Plan will act as the guiding framework to support the implementation of initiatives and programs that support those experiencing/at risk of homelessness across the City of Canning.**

This will be achieved through the delivery of an annual Action Plan, which affords the opportunity to regroup and ensure the community's concerns and needs are effectively captured and considered. This approach aims to ensure actions remain relevant and in-line with community sentiment.

Each Action Plan will be developed to compliment the State Government's *10 Year Strategy on Homelessness - [All Paths Lead to a Home](#)*. Identified actions will be assigned to one or more of the core focus areas detailed below:



**CONNECT**



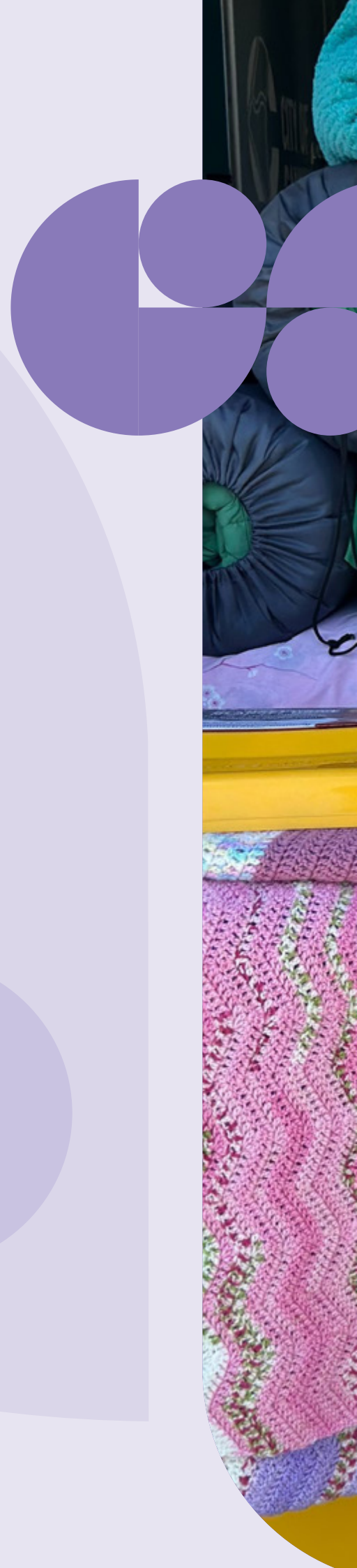
**SUPPORT**



**ADVOCATE**

Homelessness is a complex issue requiring collaborative responses from all tiers of government.

As homelessness spreads from inner Cities and housing stress is felt across the suburbs, communities are increasingly looking to Local Governments to respond.





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Share the warmth this winter  
**BLANKET DRIVE**  
10 June - 23 June

The City is collecting blankets and sleeping bags to donate to local charities, sharing warmth to those who need it this winter.

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## CONNECT

### Goal:

By focusing on community understanding, the City aims to develop more effective and sustainable solutions to homelessness.

Commitments - The City will provide information and connection to support services, develop and share accessible information, and improve community education and understanding of homelessness.





# CONNECT

Item	Priority	Rationale	Actions
1.1	Service delivery	The City supports the continuation of programs, initiatives and partnerships that support those experiencing/at risk of homelessness.	Develop and deliver a new Homelessness Plan and subsequent Action Plan.
1.2	Community education & awareness	Improved awareness of the contributing factors of homelessness helps to reduce stigma and connect with those experiencing homelessness.	<p>Continue to provide free services to the community, such as libraries and youth centres/hubs.</p> <p>Develop and deliver a dedicated Homelessness Week Communications Plan to raise awareness of the nature, impacts and challenges of homelessness, and available supports.</p> <p>Regular information sharing through the City's various channels with improved reach.</p> <p>Newsletter submissions and social media posts include messaging related to homelessness and crisis support (&gt; once per quarter).</p> <p>Maintain up to date <a href="#">Homelessness and Crisis support webpage</a>.</p>
1.3	Foster connections	The City will seek partnership opportunities to establish a network of local support services and seek opportunities to connect with those experiencing and/or at-risk-of homelessness.	<p>Local support services are mapped and updated as required (minimum once per annum) and remain up to date.</p> <p><a href="#">Support Providers Directory</a> is updated annually and distributed to all Community Safety Hubs and local service providers.</p> <p>Frontline staff referrals to local support providers are recorded in 'By Name Register.'</p>



## SUPPORT

### Goal:

The City will actively seek opportunities to provide support for those already experiencing homelessness, as well as supporting those who are at risk of becoming homeless.

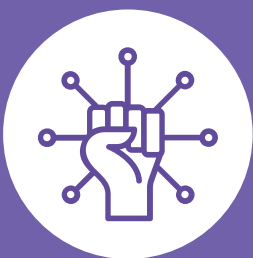
Commitments – The City will proactively identify trends and concerns relating to homelessness and endeavour to create safe, inclusive, and welcoming public places and spaces. The City will seek partnership and collaboration opportunities with community groups, charities and the community to respond to homelessness.



# SUPPORT



Item	Priority	Rationale	Actions
2.1	Place-based response	<p>Homelessness looks different across WA, between regional and metropolitan areas, and between Local Governments.</p> <p>Accordingly, the City aims to develop appropriate, place-based responses, which are informed by local needs, ensuring the most appropriate response.</p>	<p>Support and promote local support services.</p> <p>Identify emerging trends and concerns via community and stakeholder consultation.</p> <p>Renewal of annual partnership with Black Swan Health to deliver the Freo Street Doctor clinic in Canning.</p>
2.2	Tailored support for vulnerable cohorts	<p>Provide opportunities tailored to vulnerable groups and support employment opportunities.</p>	<p>Delivery of City’s Youth Services program.</p> <p>Direct support for “at risk” youth, through varied targeted programs.</p> <p>Direct 1:1 support, mentoring, and referrals.</p> <p>Annual delivery of City of Canning Job Expo.</p> <p>Annual facilitation of Blanket Drive and Food Drive (in partnership with Foodbank WA).</p> <p>Targeted promotion of the Community Grants Program to inform and encourage applications from organisations who assist those experiencing homelessness.</p>
2.3	Rough sleeping	<p>As the most vulnerable cohort of people experiencing homelessness, rough sleeping remains the City’s highest priority focus.</p>	<p>Provision of training for frontline and relevant policy/development staff to better understand and connect with those at risk of, or experiencing, homelessness.</p> <p>“By Name List” is used by frontline staff for service referrals and engagements with those experiencing homelessness.</p> <p>Provide immediate and practical support to those experiencing rough sleeping.</p>



## ADVOCATE

### **Goal:**

Advocate on homelessness and rough sleeping matters to support positive and effective outcomes.

Commitments – The City will seek opportunities to advocate for a collaborative response to homelessness, and will ensure consideration is given to the impact on those experiencing homelessness in the development of new Council policies, local laws, procedures etc.



# ADVOCATE

Item	Priority	Rationale	Actions
3.1	Community behaviour change	Advocate on homelessness and rough sleeping matters to support positive and effective outcomes.	<p>Host events to increase awareness of available support services, including Eye Contact Homelessness Art Exhibition and donation pop-ups.</p> <p>Renew annual partnership with Constable Care Foundation to educate children in local schools about the importance of personal safety and community safety.</p> <p>Include homelessness as a key theme in annual Community Safety Month calendar of events.</p> <p>Include homelessness as a key theme in annual Community Expo, including sharing prevention and support information.</p>
3.2	External funding	Identifying and applying for external funding opportunities to support the City's approach to homelessness.	Seek external funding opportunities for initiatives to support those experiencing rough sleeping.





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