

2018 Legislative Session: Homelessness Advocacy Report

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Setting Priorities

- PIC Membership Survey
- Consideration of Other Factors
- Recommendation to PIC Board (Priority, Support, Notify)
- PIC Board Vote
- BTG Review and Support

Priority Issues

- Outreach
 - Serious and Persistent Mentally Ill
 - Youth
 - Adults
- LEAD and Substance Abuse
- Housing First
- Rapid Rehousing
- Funding for New Affordable Units

Priority Actions

- Develop Materials
- Meet with Legislators
- Send Action Alerts
- Provided Testimony

Support Issues

- Funding for Kona Family Assessment Center
- Civil Legal Services
- Safe Place for Youth
- Transitional Living Services for Youth
- Right to Shelter for Unaccompanied Youth
- Decriminalizing Status Offenses
- Include Dental Coverage in Medicaid
- Mobile Medical Units
- Rental Application Fees
- Funding for Hawaii Public Housing Authority (HPHA)

Support Actions

- Send Action Alerts
- Provided Testimony

Notify

- Safe Zones
- Opposing Proliferation of Vacation Rentals

Notify Actions

- No Formal Position
- Send Notifications

Website & Mailing List



Legislative Breakfast



***We are all part of the solution to end homelessness.
Come join us in finding solutions!***

Partners In Care (PIC) and Bridging the Gap (BTG) are service provider membership organizations throughout the State of Hawaii comprised of homeless service providers, government agencies, consumers, concerned professionals, and units of local and community representatives working to end homelessness across Hawaii. Please join us on January 22nd to enjoy continental breakfast while learning about the important work we are doing throughout our islands.

Core Team Efforts

- Created Handouts
- Drafted Priority Bills
- Met with Legislators
- Submitted Testimony

Hundreds of Hours Volunteered toward PIC and BTG Advocacy

Results: Homelessness Services Funding

\$15m Lump Sum (Housing First, Rapid Rehousing, etc.)

\$800,000 Outreach & LEAD

\$1.5m CSHI

Results: New Homeless Programs Funding

\$800,000 2nd Assessment Center

\$400,000 LEAD Maui + Hawaii Island

Results: New Homeless Programs Funding

\$30m Ohana Zones

\$1m Emergency Department Assessment Pilot

\$1m for a Medical Respite Pilot Program

\$1m Hawaii Tourism Authority for Homelessness

} **Must Match**

Results: Affordable Housing Funding

\$200 million

Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF) - affordable rental housing units for 60%AMI or below

Results: Affordable Housing Funding

\$10m Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF)

\$2.5m Kahului civic center/bus hub

\$21.5m HPHA Improvements

\$450,000 HPHA State Rent Supplement Program

Results: Affordable Housing Funding

\$50,000

Housing Needs Study (Functional Needs Population)

\$30m

GET Exemptions for 140% of AMI Rentals (12yrs/\$360m total)

2018 Homeless Point in Time Count Results



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9.6% Decrease

7,220 persons in 2017

6,530 persons in 2018

County by County Decreases

Kauai - ↓28.9%

Oahu - ↓9.4%

Hawaii - ↓8.8%

Maui - ↓2.6%

Unsheltered Homeless Decrease

8.6% Decrease

3,800 persons in 2017

3,475 persons in 2018

County by County Unsheltered Decreases

Kauai - ↓37%

Oahu - ↓7.7%

Maui - ↓5.4%

Hawaii - ↓1.3%

Sheltered Homeless Decrease

10.7% Decrease

3,055 persons in 2018

Results by Subpopulation

Family Homelessness: ↓10.6%

Children: ↓12.5%

Veterans: ↓13%

Chronic Homelessness: ↓4.8%

Families: ↓12.7%

Housing Focused Strategies Are Working

- Increased Fed Resources on Housing Focus
- Housing First and Rapid Rehousing Expanded
- More Homelessness – Focused Housing Inventory

Questions?

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