

Vision: Ending homelessness and addressing housing instability in Red Wing

Values

Red Wing's response to homelessness and housing instability will:



Honor the experience of people who have experienced homelessness or housing instability as the experts



Center compassion and be judgment free



Be welcoming and inclusive towards people of all backgrounds, cultures and experiences



Promote environmental sustainability and contribute to the overall quality of the community

Characteristics of an effective homeless response system in Red Wing

Housing First

There is an adequate stock of housing that is safe and affordable.

People are quickly connected to permanent housing options, while making readily available the services that people may need to be stable and secure.

Comprehensive

Supports and services are in place to address the various needs of people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, including:

- Prevention services and supports,
- Emergency shelter,
- Rental assistance and
- Permanent supportive housing.

Person-centered

Interventions are driven by the person and their strengths and needs.

Supports are designed to address the needs of the whole person (e.g., training, employment, health and well-being, transportation, laundry, access to food, etc.)

Community-wide

Volunteers and organizations not typically part of the formal homeless response system, particularly housing developers and property managers, play an important role.

Accessible

The response system is supported by a broad network of professionals and volunteers with knowledge of the available resources, who provides them and how to access them.

Collaborative

Organizations work together to leverage each other's strengths and reduce duplication of effort.

Strategic

Systems and services are guided by community plans

Well-resourced

Homeless programs are adequately funded.