

# Vision: Ending homelessness and addressing housing instability in Red Wing

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## Values

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



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



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. The community at large is educated about issues related to homelessness and housing instability and the importance of addressing it.

## 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 and supported by accurate data related to homelessness and housing instability.

## Well-resourced

Programs designed to help people experiencing or at-risk of homelessness are adequately funded.