



Homelessness Initiatives Commission

This Commission was created through work done by City Council's Special Committee on Homelessness and Affordable Housing and codified by 2024-111-E. The Commission consists of 7 members: 4 selected by City Council and 3 from the Mayor, plus 3 liaisons (council member, JFRD, and JSO). To the extent possible, the members should possess specialized knowledge about the needs of the homeless and chronic unhoused populations.

The Commission is charged with:

- (a)** Review and assess the current unmet needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused populations and any gaps in existing programs and services targeting these populations.
- (b)** Annually review and recommend programs, initiatives and services to be funded by Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund dollars, including specific amounts to be allocated to those programs, initiatives and services, for inclusion in the City's annual budget.
- (c)** Identify funding sources, both public and private, to assist in the provision of appropriate services for Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused populations and make recommendations to the City Council and the Mayor with respect to how these funding sources are best utilized and administered, including how said funding could be leveraged for additional funds.
- (d)** Create a five-year Strategic Plan outlining appropriate programs, services and initiatives to combat homelessness - this Strategic Plan should be tailored to address the unique needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused populations; the initial Strategic Plan shall be presented to the Council committee of reference tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on measures addressing homelessness on or before 31 October 2026.
- (e)** Create an annual Action Plan that includes specific goals and measurables to effectuate the Strategic Plan; the initial Action Plan shall be presented to the Council committee of reference tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on measures addressing homelessness on or before September 1, 2024.
- (f)** Annually review the Strategic Plan and Action Plan and make recommendations to the Council committee of reference tasked with reviewing and making recommendations on measures addressing homelessness for updates and changes to both Plans on or before 01 March each year.
- (g)** Act as a motivating and coordinating body to encourage joint public and private participation in serving the needs of Duval County's homeless and chronic unhoused populations.

The Homelessness Initiatives Special Revenue Fund: all gifts, donations, contributions, grants, state, federal funding, and other funding received by the City for programs, initiatives, or services for Duval County's homeless or chronically unhoused populations; AND Funding for homelessness initiatives through economic development incentives equal to four percent of the approved economic development agreement incentives approved during a calendar year.