



Priority Area - Housing/Facilities

STRATEGY	ACTION	YEAR					LEAD
		1	2	3	4	5	
1. EMERGENCY/COLD-WEATHER SHELTER: <i>Prioritize an emergency/cold-weather shelter facility.</i>	a. Prioritize an emergency/cold-weather shelter facility.						
2. CONTINUUM OF HOUSING SOLUTIONS: <i>Address the continuum of housing needs, including prevention, emergency shelter, transitional, and permanent housing.</i>	a) Consider all possible strategies for meeting needs both locally and regionally.						
	b) Coordinate system development.						
3. YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS: <i>Evaluate and consider the reasons behind youth homelessness and identify strategic actions to meet their specific housing needs.</i>	a) Analyze and evaluate what other similar communities are doing to address youth homelessness.						
	b) Use data to understand the scope of housing needs on the Peninsula.						
4. DATA-INFORMED PLANNING: <i>Establish data-informed size and capacity goals for housing, programs, and facilities.</i>	a) Consider known data as a factor when determining size and capacity of new development.						
	b) As new data becomes available, allow for system flexibility to meet potentially shifting needs.						
5. INVENTORY: <i>Conduct an inventory of available properties, facilities, and housing options on the Kenai Peninsula.</i>	a) Engage realtors, developers, and other partners in efforts to conduct an inventory.						
	b) Share inventory available with coalition partners to assist with planning and development.						
6. ADDRESS BARRIERS: <i>Identify ways to address barriers to federal, state,</i>	a) Identify primary barriers facing facilities in permitting process through stakeholder interviews and discussions.						



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<p>and local licensing requirements for a wider array of properties and facilities.</p>	<p>b) Consult with local authorities to better understand Fire Marshall codes, DEC policies; sprinkler systems and egress; and retrofit requirements.</p>						
	<p>c) Identify ways to ensure that insurance and liability issues in project and program planning activities are understood and addressed.</p>						
	<p>d) Leverage volunteers with expertise to help provide resources and technical assistance to facilities wishing to provide shelter options.</p>						
	<p>e) Identify targeted small funding opportunities to address licensing barriers to increase available shelter options.</p>						
<p>7. FUNDING STRATEGIES: Develop collaborative funding strategies, including an inventory of available grants and low-income housing opportunities.</p>	<p>a) Identify grants and funding sources such as private foundations, federal, state, cities, borough funding sources.</p>						
	<p>b) Compile, centralize, share, and inventory funding opportunities.</p>						
	<p>c) Develop a funding strategy and support Kenai Peninsula partners in their funding strategies.</p>						
	<p>d) Explore low-income housing incentives as part of any funding strategy.</p>						
<p>8. CAPACITY: Secure funding and support for local capacity-building, including the hiring of a housing and data coordinator.</p>	<p>a) Engage with cities and borough in the implementation of housing development.</p>						
	<p>b) Leverage other key staff positions to help coordinate strategic plan implementation activities.</p>						
	<p>c) Identify long-term support needs on the Kenai Peninsula.</p>						