

Data sources & assumptions

PROGRESS TOWARD SOLUTIONS: CITY OF BELLINGHAM

The following data points come from the City of Bellingham's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs) for 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016. These years were chosen because they include Bellingham Home Fund funding. The amount of City funding to provide housing and services per year, number of people helped per year, and number of homes built or fixed up per year was averaged over these four years.

- *\$4.9 million provided by the city to provide housing and services for low-income residents:* A total of \$19,636,791 was provided over four years.
- *25,000 people helped by the city with services including crisis support, food, and literacy:* A total of 101,758 people were served over four years. This is the cumulative reported number by all agencies who received funding from the City, and is not an unduplicated list of individuals. Some individuals probably received multiple types of services.
- *131 homes per year are built or fixed up for low-income residents:* A total of 525 units were repaired or built over these four years. Only units/projects completed were counted in this total. Including funds committed, the total is 573.

Visit <https://www.cob.org/services/planning/cd/Pages/capr.aspx> to see the CAPERs for all individual years.

- *For every \$1.00 spent from the Bellingham Home Fund, we bring in \$12.30 from other sources for housing programs and services:* This is the amount of funds leveraged in 2016 only. The leveraged amount varied considerably by year depending on the types of projects built or implemented.
- *Housing and supportive services can reduce the need for people to rely on already-stressed emergency services:* The Bellingham Police Department tracked 911 calls related to eight individuals who were frequent users of 911 services, and who were later housed at Francis Place. Calls were tracked for up to 18 months prior to and after moving into permanent, supportive housing. There were 329 calls from this group in the period before, and 67 total calls in the period after moving into Francis Place. On average, each caller made 2.3 calls per month before Francis Place, and that dropped to 0.5 calls per month after moving in. Over the course of 12 months, that amounts to 27.7 calls per caller before, and 5.7 calls per caller after.
- *Housing and services funding:* This data comes from the City's Action Plans for 2015–2017, removing carryover dollar amounts and using all categories except administration and community facilities. The chart combines the categories of Services, Housing Development, Homeownership, and Acquisition and Opportunity; it depicts the funds provided for shelter-only as separate from all the other projects and services supported. At this time, the City provides no funding to Lighthouse Mission Ministries. The Action Plans can be found at: <https://www.cob.org/services/planning/cd/Pages/action-plan.aspx>