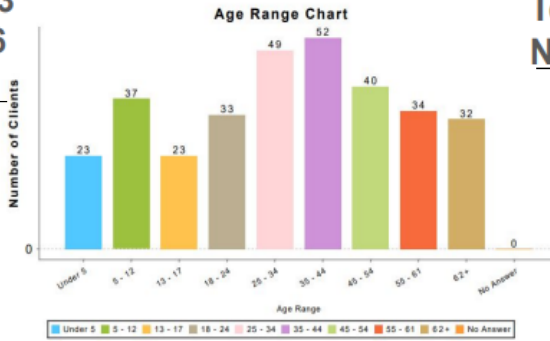


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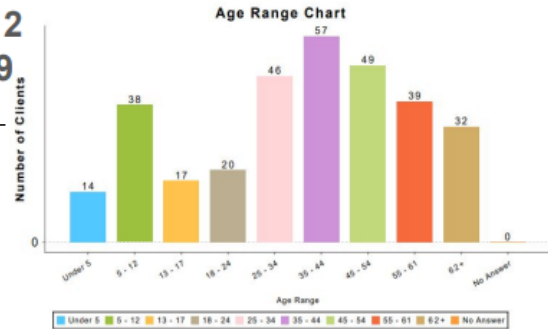
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Pacific County Coordinated Entry Roster Data (Jan - Dec)

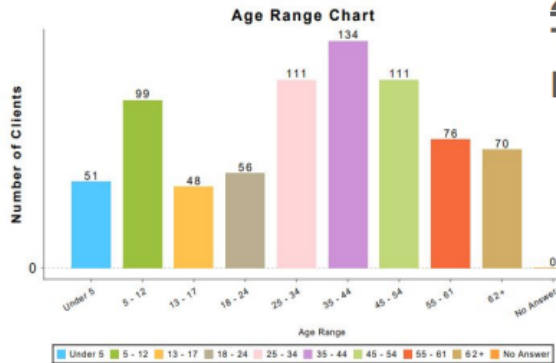
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New 276



2023
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2024
Total 756
New 577



Objective #1: Quickly identify and engage people experiencing homelessness under the state definition, and all unaccompanied youth under any federal definition, through outreach and coordination between every system that encounters people experiencing homelessness.

Milestones for Objective #1: By Dec. 2025

- a. Increase percentage of exits to permanent destinations to 80% (currently 68.93%)
- b. Increase enrollments in CE for individuals in institutional settings by 10% (currently 0%)

Strategy 1: Expand partnerships and coordination to ensure efficient identification and referral of individuals and families experiencing homelessness.							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
				January- March 2025	April- June 2025	July- Sept 2025	Oct- Dec 2025
Continue the Case Conferencing meetings to case conference shared clients with other providers	HMIS Participating Agencies	Ongoing, monthly	Case Conferencing meetings are held monthly through 2025 and all HMIS participating agencies are attending				
Continue the Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup to address current issues related to coordinated entry, and ensure that the Coordinated Entry system complies with state and federal coordinated entry data collection requirements	PCHHS, CSN, CCAP, GHCHHS, and DV Center	Ongoing	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) Workgroup meetings held monthly through 2025				
Coordinate monthly BH/Housing subcommittee meetings to provide opportunity for partnership between housing, behavioral health, and other social service providers	PCHHS	Ongoing	The BH/Housing Subcommittee meetings held monthly through 2025				
Increase capacity of the delivery system and coordinated entry by creating multiple access doors to include at least 2 new access doors	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	July 2025	Centralized CE agency created in HMIS for multiple CE access points to utilize & contract with domestic violence survivor provider to engage those fleeing DV				
Continue Outreach contracts with By and For agencies to reach populations historically underserved and experiencing homelessness	PCHHS	July 2025	Execute new contracts for FY 2025 - 2026				
Collaborate with mainstream service providers to increase community awareness of housing services.	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE)	August 2025	Set up tabletop information centers at every food bank across the county to spread awareness				
Strategy 2: Collaborate with behavioral health service providers to target individuals with behavioral health needs who are experiencing homelessness.							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
				January- March 2025	April- June 2025	July- Sept 2025	Oct- Dec 2025
Continue liaison position for homeless individuals involved in BH services	PCHHS	February 2025	Both Crisis Care Coordinator positions filled.				
Coordinate with Great Rivers ASO and MCO Hospital Liaisons to ensure they have CE information	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	June 2025	Referrals to Pacific County CE are occurring while households are in BH/SUD inpatient facilities				
Continue and expand CE drop in hours with WBH for their clients	CCAP	September 2025	Drop in hours established for WBH's Raymond location				
Strategy 3: Partner with Pacific County Jail staff and reentry staff to conduct CE for inmates who are homeless prior to release							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
				January- March 2025	April- June 2025	July- Sept 2025	Oct- Dec 2025
Continue to support Jail Reentry Liaison to help identify homeless individuals involved in the jail system	BH/Housing Subcommittee & Sheriff's office	On-going	Maintain funding for Jail Reentry Liaison employed by PCHHS				
Ensure those incarcerated are connected to CE as they enter	CCAP & Pacific County Jail	Jun. 2025	CCAP staff are able to enter Pacific Co. jail to complete CE assessments prior to release				
Explore potential partnerships to expand jail reentry services	Pacific County Sheriff's Office	December 2025	Build capacity budget & contract				
Strategy 4: Partner with youth serving organizations to ensure youth and young adults experiencing homelessness are connected to services							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4
				January- March 2025	April- June 2025	July- Sept 2025	Oct- Dec 2025
Continue to support Family Resource Coordinators in local schools to help identify homeless youth and families	BH/Housing Subcommittee, Local School Districts, ESD 113	On-going	Maintain funding to support FRC's at four of the school districts in Pacific County & Investigate if schools can be CE access points				
Increase referrals for young adults who are eligible for FYI vouchers	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	March 2025	Imbed referral in YYA coordinated entry process				
Continue funding for YHDP programs to engage youth and unaccompanied minors experiencing homelessness in order to get a better understanding of youth homelessness in Pacific County	PCHHS	October 2025	Execute YHDP RRRH and SSO contracts for FY 2025 - 2026				

Objective #2: Prioritize housing for people with the greatest need.

Milestone for Objective #2: By Dec. 2025

a. Increase Pacific County's homeless system prioritization to at least 70%

Strategy 1: Ensure prioritization for housing programs are effective to serving those with greatest need							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Work with Washington State Department of Commerce to develop priority tool	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	December 2025	Prioritization Tool has been created and Pacific County participating as pilot community				
Continue a Youth Centered Coordinated Entry system (13- 18 years of age) to help prioritize youth into the limited programs available.	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	February 2025	All CE access points are utilizing the YYA Prioritization and conversion tools				
Create and maintain a By Name List to ensure individuals with highest need are being placed into open program slots	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	Ongoing, monthly	All CE access points are working in a shared priority pool (By Name List) and case conferencing is maintained for highest need households				
Strategy 2: Implement more opportunities for Permanent Supportive Housing to serve those with highest need							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Continue funding for PSH projects within Pacific County	PCHHS	October 2025	Execute HUD PSH contracts for FY 2025 - 2026				
Support the development of new units for the use of Apple Health and Homes participants	BH/Housing Subcommittee	May 2025	Identify a property for potential use of an Apple Health and Homes project				
Improve relationships with EMS, hospitals, BH providers, etc. to increase referrals to PSH program	PCHHS & COC group	Ongoing	Have one representative from EMS, hospitals, and a BH provider attend the monthly COC meetings				
Strategy 3: Create partnerships to engage with those with highest need							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Invest in street outreach programs to reach to individuals who are literally homeless	BOCC & PCHHS	Ongoing	Executed contracts with outreach providers				
Engage all veteran serving organizations to participate case conferencing and managing veteran By Name List	PCHHS	April 2025	Portland VA Medical Center added to HMIS & case conferencing & increase veteran referrals				
Engage with and set funding aside for senior services to help get people connected to housing assistance	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	February 2025	Host a CE and resource sharing meeting & execute contract to provide services for seniors				
Maintaining contact with people w/o phones, especially after PIT count	Housing Providers	March 2025	Send referrals for continued outreach through partners after PIT count				

Objective #3: Operate an effective and efficient homeless crisis response system that swiftly moves people into stable permanent housing

Milestone for Objective #3- Measured Outcomes: By Dec. 2025

- a. Decrease length of time homelessness from 218 days to 160 days
- b. Reduce returns to homelessness after exit to permanent housing to less than 10%

Strategy 1: Improve the local street outreach to increase connection to CE							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Coordinate annual Project Community Connect event to provide resources and outreach to individuals experiencing poverty	PPR & PCHHS	January 2025, annually thereafter	Annual event, serves at least 150 individuals				
Create avenues for CE assessments to be completed with individuals while outreach is done in the field	Outreach partners & the Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	January 2025	Include CE access while completing the 2025 PIT county event				
Strategy 2: Ensure case managers are using best practices when working with clients							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Ensure case managers/care coordinators are creating robust housing stability plans and actively working with individuals towards the goals.	PCHHS & Housing Providers	July 2025	Create Housing Stability Plan drafts for subgrantees to use for youth and adult programs				
Provide community-wide training for housing providers and social service partners on best practices in homeless housing services (motivational interviewing, mental health first aid (MHFA), harm reduction, trauma informed care etc.).	PCHHS & Housing Providers	December 2025	PCHHS provides at least two community wide trainings & compliance to contract training requirements are met in annual reviews				
Strategy 4: Create robust Diversion program to quickly divert people from homelessness							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Set aside CHG/HEN and local funds to create a Diversion program	BH/Housing Subcommittee	July 2025	Execute Diversion assistance contracts with subgrantees				
Train providers on Diversion and Motivational Interviewing	PCHHS	March 2025	Host Diversion and MI training for providers				
Create a way to track performance outcomes from households receiving Diversion assistance	PCHHS	June 2025	Meet with HMIS team to create report that tracks performance for Diversion program				
Strategy 3: Expand emergency and therapeutic housing Options							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Create emergency shelter & crisis stabilization center	BH/Housing Subcommittee	December 2025	Identify viable property for emergency shelter & crisis stabilization center				
Partner with Pacific County Emergency Management to establish inclement weather shelter	Emergency Management, PPR, & ABC	December 2025	Hold first inclement weather shelter in Pacific County				
Creating a men's oxford/sober living house	BH/Housing Subcommittee	September 2025	Identify viable property for mens Oxford/sober living house				
Strategy 3: Strengthen resources to ensure households stay housed once served							
Get Family Self Sufficiency program up and running for Pacific County	JPCHA	December 2025	Increase enrollments in FSS program by 10%				
Establish financial literacy classes	BH/Housing Subcommittee	October 2025	Establish relationship with a financial institution or provider to provide financial literacy classes				
Provide Rent Well courses	HOSWWA & DRC	December 2025	At least two Rent Well/Renter Certifications courses provided for community members				

Objective #4: Assess the impact of the fully implemented local plan on the number of households housed and the number of households left unsheltered, assuming existing resources and state policies

Milestone for Objective #4 - A 15% reduction in number of households unsheltered reported in the DSHS supplemental PIT count by 2025 (Current increase of 5% since Jan. 2023)

Strategy 1: Fully analyze homelessness within Pacific County							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Utilize Housing Needs Assessment to create updated 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan for Pacific County 2026 - 2031	BH/Housing Subcommittee	November 2025	Completed 5-Year Homeless Housing Plan 2026 - 2031 adopted for Pacific County				
Analyze County Report Card to ensure performance measures are being met	BH/Housing Subcommittee	December 2025	See improvements in Pacific County's County Report Card				
Strategy 2: Ensure goals are being met within the local plan							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Complete quarterly updates to activities outlined in the local plan	BH/Housing Subcommittee	On-going review, quarterly	Update submitted in local plan				

Objective #5: Address racial disparities among people experiencing homelessness

Milestone for Objective #5- By November 2025, Pacific County's HMIS data will show a 5% increase in Native American/Alaskan Native being served who are experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity

Strategy 1: Evaluate data to ensure equity within the homeless response system							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Use racial equity tools provided by Commerce to evaluate the current homeless housing response system and work to eliminate gender and racial disparities within the system. Make adjustments to service delivery as indicated	BH/Housing Subcommittee & PCHHS's Equity Team	On-going review, quarterly	Analyze Racial Equity Dashboard published by Commerce quarterly at Homeless Housing Subcommittee meetings				
Use CE HMIS data to evaluate if population accessing the system reflect the proportion of individuals experiencing homelessness/housing instability	BH/Housing Subcommittee	October 2025	Analyze CE HMIS demographic report and local rates for homelessness and housing insecurity measures annually at Homeless Housing Subcommittee meetings				
Strategy 2: Develop a plan to minimize racial disparities (especially for our Native American/Alaskan Native population)							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Engage with Shoalwater Bay, Chinook, and other prominent indigenous tribes to ensure connection/support/engagement relative to the Indigenous homeless population	BH/Housing Subcommittee	January 2025	Ensure Shoalwater Bay and Chinook Nation input on creation of the new 5 - Year Homeless Housing Plan (2026 - 2031) for Pacific County				
Research and engage with other tribal leadership of the most prominent tribes making up our Indigenous population in Pacific County to ensure connection/support/engagement relative to the Indigenous homeless population	BH/Housing Subcommittee & PCHHS's Equity Team	February 2025	Have meeting with other tribal leadership representing our local indigenous population to learn about member's needs and tribal services				
Reach out to the tribal HCA liaisons to engage in conversation around helping tribal members access resources	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	March 2025	Have meeting with HCA liaison				
Connect with facilities that serve tribal members	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	March 2025	Have meeting with Northwest Indian Health Treatment Facility and the Quinault Wellness Center				
Strategy 3: Ensure the homeless response system is accessible for all races							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Contract directly with and prioritize funding By and For organizations; provide long term grantees with the flexibility to allow for culturally appropriate responses	PCHHS, BOCC, & Housing Partners	Jul 2025	Contractual relationship established or expanded with at least one By and For organization				
Increase community/organization education on program eligibility (documentation, housing status, etc.)	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	April 2025	Host community education event on housing services and program eligibility				
Increase advertisement of current resources in ways that reach historically underserved	The Joint Grays Harbor and Pacific County Coordinated Entry (CE) workgroup	March 2025	Create outreach plan and update outreach materials to be culturally responsive				
Pursue funding for tribal housing liaison/CE specialist to work with our indigenous population accessing services	PCHHS, BOCC, & Housing Partners	December 2025	Execute contract for tribal housing liaison				

Objective # 6- Increase Housing stock available to provide housing to individuals involved in the homeless crisis response system in Pacific County

Milestone for Objective #6- By December 31st, 2025, 51 units for individuals at 30% AMI or lower were added (2024 - XX added)

Strategy 1: Review all surplus property and consider developing a plan regarding prioritization of surplus property for purchase and/or rehab into affordable housing units.							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Utilize County or City surplus property for affordable housing project	BOCC & Municipalities	December 2025	Complete surveys needed on at least one County or City-owned piece of property being considered for the affordable housing project				
Create surplus property inventory that includes underused homes & vacant land	PC EDC & PCHHS	December 2025	Complete development of property inventory that automizes what Livable Cities created				
Create a plan for next steps for identified properties once property inventory is completed	Housing Workgroup	April 2025	Published plan reported out to Housing Workgroup and BH/Housing Subcommittee				
Strategy 2: Maximize all local, state, and federal funding options for capital housing projects							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Establish RFP process to disperse 0.1% Housing Sales Tax and other local housing funding	BOCC & BH/Housing Subcommittee	February 2025	BOCC approved RFP document and process for implementation in March 2025				
Create inventory of available local, state, and federal funding for developers to use for affordable housing capital projects	BH/Housing Subcommittee	March 2025	Published list of available funding posted on PCHHS's & Pacific County website				
Explore the use of .09 funding to go towards capital housing projects	PCOG & BOCC	April 2025	New housing project receiving .09 funding in next budget				
Explore funding to use for purchasing a property for future development	BH/Housing Subcommittee & ABC	December 2025	Property is purchased utilizing ABC's flexible funding				
Strategy 3: Explore all avenues for changes in Comprehensive Plan to accommodate and plan for affordable housing options							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Educate our municipal planning commissions of RCW 36.70A	Housing Workgroup	March 2025	Hold the first education meeting on RCW 36.70A.600 with one municipality				
Complete thorough ordinance and permitting review to identify areas of improvement	Housing Workgroup	June 2025	Hold education meeting with municipalities and county to hear the outcomes of the Livable Cities ordinance and permitting review				
Encourage more flexibility in zoning for more housing options (ADUs, duplex/triplex, etc)	Housing Workgroup	June 2025	Hold education meeting with municipalities and county to hear the outcomes of the Livable Cities ordinance and permitting review				
Have Housing representation on COMP plan committee to help with affordable housing development goal	BH/Housing Subcommittee & Housing Workgroup	July 2025	Attend COMP plan committee meetings				
Strategy 4: Increase landlord and developer interest in affordable units							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Advocate for increased funding for developers and fewer regulations in planning and permitting process	PC EDC & Livable Cities	Dec 2025	Hold education meeting with municipalities and county to hear the outcomes of the Livable Cities ordinance and permitting review				
Create incentive for developers and homeowners by reducing regulations and fees (through low interest loans?)	Housing Workgroup & BOCC	Dec 2025	Hold education meeting with municipalities and county to provide some ideas of ways developers and landlords can be incentivised through code changes				
Provide landlord information events to provide education on state housing programs, landlord incentives, home preservation loans, and mitigation programs.	TCVLS & CCAP Landlord Liaison	1 event by June 2025, 1 event by Dec 2025	At least 10 landlords attended the landlord engagement meetings				
Strategy 5: Preserve/Maintain existing housing units for affordable housing							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Preserve/stabilize existing affordable housing (including unsubsidized such as mobile home parks etc.)	Housing Providers & BOCC	December 2025	At least one property is preserved				
Assist households in applying for weatherization grants	Housing Workgroup, CCAP & Outreach Partners	December 2025	Education provided to homeowners and code enforcement on weatherization assistance currently available				
Bulster local weatherization and home repair programs	Rebuilding Together & BOCC	Aug 2025	More funding secured to increase home repair and weatherization assistance for Pacific County households and expand service to North Pacific County				

Objective #7: Improve Financial and Supportive Services / Increase Housing Placements

Milestone for Objective #7 - Exits to permanent housing will be 80% and returns to homelessness will be less than 5% for Pacific County by 2025 **taken from Commerce County Report Card report*

Strategy 1: Improve local community - based organizations' capacity							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Provide organizational development training for community - based organizations	BH/Housing Subcommittee	Oct. 2025	Facilitate first training hosted by a TA provider				
Encourage a streamlined process for stakeholders to apply for local funding	Health and Human Services Advisory Board & BOCC	April 2025	Implementation of RFP process for all local funds available to community - based organizations				
Explore options for creating a collaborative process to help agencies build capacity	Housing Subcommittee	July 2025	Present examples to Housing Subcommittee members about TA assistance when applying for funding				
Strategy 2: Encourage stability after housing placements							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Attempt to reduce returns to homelessness by seeking support from partner agencies to ensure supportive services continue after placement into housing	Housing providers, Housing Committee	Dec 2025	An additional partner agency becomes a Pathways provider				
Increase referrals to employment services for clients in housing programs	Housing providers & outreach partners	Mar 2025	Increase employment service new enrollments by 10% in first quarter				
Strategy 3: Increase early intervention to prevent housing instability							
Activity	Who's responsible?	by When?	Measures of success	Quarter 1 January- March 2025	Quarter 2 April- June 2025	Quarter 3 July- Sept 2025	Quarter 4 Oct- Dec 2025
Utilize HB 1277 funding to provide eviction prevention funding	Pacific County	July 2025	An executed contract with Commerce				
Promote Dispute Resolution Services	NJP & DRC	Aug 2025	Referrals are being sent to and from Dispute Resolution Center for households facing eviction				
Explore funding to expand utility assistance to help household offset housing costs	BH/Housing Subcommittee	Dec 2025	Contract is in place to increase utility assistance available				