



# Implementation Status Updates

July 31, 2024

**Complete** indicates that an action item has been fully implemented.

**Ongoing** indicates that an action item has been completed and is of a continuous nature (typically policy, procedure, or enforcement).

**In Progress** indicates that an action item is underway.

**In Development** indicates that pre-work has begun in preparation of initiating an action item.

Goal 1: Housing Production & Preservation	Status	Update
<p><b>Tulsa Housing Strategy</b> Begin implementation of priority actions assigned to the City to lead and continue collaboration with partners and stakeholders on actions assigned to the City as a funder, participant and/or advisor.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> DCE is currently leading discussions with key stakeholders around implementation, many of which are Path to Home action items.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The full strategy was released April 15, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Development Review and Approval Process</b> Proactively communicate with the development community about improvements and timelines to make the process more transparent and show that improvements are being made. Inform applicants about best practices to avoid delays, including common issues that arise with specific development types and how they can be successfully resolved.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> The Anne &amp; Henry Zarrow Foundation, in partnership with the city, has selected Smart Growth America to perform a development process and permitting best practices assessment. The project kickoff is scheduled for August, with final deliverables due in November.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> PartnerTulsa convenes a quarterly Developer Roundtable meeting with representatives from various City Departments and the development community.</p>
<p><b>Housing Feasibility Zoning Amendments</b> Amend City zoning regulations to respond to shifts in the housing market and work towards meeting the citywide demand of nearly 13,000 units. Key concepts include converting commercial buildings into housing, allowing more housing types in office and commercial districts and addressing barriers to encourage accessory dwelling units and manufactured housing.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> The Tulsa Planning Office is scheduled to present at Council-UED (7/31) the third and final part of the housing series discussions. The proposed amendments will be presented at TMAPC work session (8/7).</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The amendments were initiated by Councilor Bellis in April 2023. DCE representatives have scheduled follow-up discussions in July 2024 with City Council, and a potential adoption September 2024.</p>
<p><b>Housing Suitability Map</b> Create and regularly update an interactive map that identifies housing-ready sites that have good development potential related to infrastructure, zoning, floodplain, surrounding land uses, and other key elements.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> A draft version of the map is complete. DCE is doing a final cleanup of the map before it is published on the City's website.</p>

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<p><b>Preapproved Plan Program</b> Publish permit-ready housing construction plans that have been reviewed for conformance with building codes and promote residential design that fits neighborhoods context. This simple, inexpensive-to-implement option reduces the permit process time for selected housing types and can contribute to more affordable housing.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> The budget amendment request for \$250,000 is on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at City Council (7/31). DCE is developing the Request for Proposals document scheduled to be published in August.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> DCE presented a funding proposal to the ARPA working group on May 21, 2024 (\$250,000 request). DCE is working with Development Services to answer some questions raised and will participate in the meeting on June 26, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Housing Project Coordinators</b> Fund and hire new positions to serve(s) as a liaison for affordable housing projects and assist developers for the duration of City processes including public incentives, zoning, and permitting.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> DCE and Tulsa Planning Office have a draft program being vetted by departments involved in the development process – Development Services, Public Works, Water &amp; Sewer, PartnerTulsa, and the Fire Marshals Office.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> A funding source has not been identified to support new positions. DCE is working on interim solutions to accomplish the same objectives (Housing Priority Program).</p>
<p><b>Expand Neighborhood Infill Overlay</b> Expand the Neighborhood Infill Overlay to allow a variety of different residential housing types in a manner that is compatible with the size and residential character of existing neighborhoods. A Zoning Overlay would amend underlying regulations that make it difficult to build housing commonly referred to as “Missing Middle” - duplexes, townhomes, multi-unit houses, quadplexes, and small apartment buildings.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The Overlay was expanded to the Dawson Neighborhood, approved by Council on January 10, 2024. The ordinance was published on February 2, 2024, and became effective date March 3, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Housing Redevelopment Lien Relief</b> Create a well-defined policy to evaluate the potential release of code enforcement liens upon meeting conditions of a defined redevelopment plan, ensuring long-term affordability, and addressing properties that were previously on the City's nuisance and/or demolition lists.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> DCE has drafted a new policy that is currently being reviewed by community stakeholders for feedback.</p>
<p><b>Save Our Homes Program</b> Foster a partnership with Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) and the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) to aid low-income households who are in danger of losing their homes. Services include title clearing, payment of delinquent property taxes, and financial counseling.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The program is being actively promoted by the City and administered by Tulsa Economic Development Corporation. The contract expires August 2024.</p>
<p><b>Vacant Home Redevelopment Program</b> Foster a partnership with Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) to offer a loan fund that provides forgivable loans to small redevelopers who purchase and enhance existing properties that will be available to residents who possess housing vouchers. Such properties may be abandoned, lien-levied, or in need of repairs.</p>	In Development	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> No update.</p>
<p><b>Vacant Lot Acquisition Program</b> Implement a pilot program with PartnerTulsa to identify and acquire vacant lots prime for housing development where new construction is economically viable. The program will initially focus on smaller infill lots with the goal of addressing properties that are identified on the City's nuisance and/or demolition lists.</p>	In Development	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> No update.</p>

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<p><b>Homeowner Emergency Repair Program</b> Increase commitment by 20% from previous year to address backlog of emergency repair applications. The program will provide grant funding for qualified applicants to repair home conditions that threaten the health and/or safety of the occupants.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The resolution was signed by the Mayor on May 15, 2024, approving the Program Year (PY) 2024 Annual Action Plan. The ER program funding increased from \$606,004 to \$729,888. Program funding will begin July 1, 2024.</p>

Goal 2: Outreach & Early Intervention	Status	Update
<p><b>Low Barrier Shelter</b> Open a Low Barrier Shelter in partnership with City Lights Foundation of Oklahoma to temporarily house 50-75 households at a time. The program is referral-based for unsheltered individuals who are unable to access other available services, specifically due to their mental or physical health limitations and other barriers.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> The proposed facility is located at 3910 N Park Rd. DCE and the Council Office held a neighborhood meeting on July 11. There were approximately 60 attendees. DCE is preparing a Special Exception application for the September 10 Board of Adjustment meeting.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> DCE is working with City Lights to evaluate a list of 50+ potential sites. Key criteria include a single-story building, lease option, 50-75 individual rooms, single exterior common entrance, outdoor common area, etc.</p>
<p><b>Priority Housing Placement Program</b> Pilot a program with the Tulsa Housing Authority to set aside 50 housing vouchers for chronically homeless individuals. The program will include two full-time staff positions, a reduction in the criminal history “look back” period from 5 to 2 years, and the removal of 34 out of 47 criminal screening categories.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> MOUs have been signed between the Tulsa Housing Authority, the City of Tulsa, and Housing Solutions. The program will begin once other emergency temporary housing and low-barrier shelter initiatives start.</p>
<p><b>Encampment Decommissioning</b> Develop a policy to strategically identify and close encampments through coordinated outreach to connect people with services and housing. Occupants would be given assistance to find housing over a period of time before encampment clean up occurred. Site selection, decommissioning processes, and housing opportunities are coordinated among stakeholders prior to clean up.</p>	In Development	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> DCE is participating in the Housing Solutions - Law Enforcement/Outreach monthly meetings to establish policies and procedures. The Homeless Lead Position will take ownership of this effort.</p>
<p><b>Homeless Program Lead</b> Fund and hire a position to serve as the City’s point of contact and liaison for homelessness services including service provider contractor coordination and efforts requiring collaboration with community partners.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> The budget amendment request for \$140,000 is on 2<sup>nd</sup> reading at City Council (7/31).</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> DCE presented a funding proposal to the ARPA working group on May 21, 2024 (\$140,000 request). Finance will process a budget amendment to reallocate funds.</p>
<p><b>TFD Alternative Response Team</b> Institutionalize the pilot co-responder program to assist with the growing number of mental health calls, staffed with an experienced paramedic and licensed mental health clinician.</p>	Complete	<p><b>July 2024:</b> \$618,000 was approved at Council July 24. Those funds will support 2 positions, program supplies, and a vehicle.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The ART-2 team, focused on providing services within the Inner Dispersal Loop, is fully funded in the FY24-FY25 budget.</p>

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<p><b>Crisis System Coordination</b> Convene and provide staff to support a multi-sector governing body to oversee the evaluation of the crisis response system to deploy resources and services more effectively in responding to individuals in mental health crisis who may also be experiencing homelessness.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The City's Chief Mental Health Officer is leading efforts with Healthy Minds and the First Responders Advisory Committee (FRAC). A presentation at 3H Task Force is scheduled for May 22, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Enhanced Street Outreach Program</b> Grow an enhanced Street Outreach Program that provides resources and direct services to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness across the city of Tulsa's geographic area using a collaborative approach by Housing Solutions and Mental Health Association's outreach programs.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> A contract amendment was approved to extend funding until March 2025.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> Housing Solutions received a City ARPA grant and SAMHSA grant to support outreach programming. Primary partners include Mental Health Association, Grand Mental Health, and Family &amp; Children's Services.</p>
<p><b>Emergency Temporary Housing</b> Create an interconnected system to effectively treat and house the unsheltered population, while reducing the impact on community resources. This program will include new staff to perform outreach, provide case management, and temporarily house participants in hotel/motel rooms with food and transportation services.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> The Tulsa Day Center has started outreach Downtown with efforts focused on individuals sleeping on sidewalks, under bridges, and other public areas.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The contract was signed by the Mayor on May 15th, 2024. Tulsa Day Center is actively hiring staff and will begin training with an estimated program launch in June 2024.</p>
<p><b>Tulsa Day Center Animal Kennels</b> Reduce barriers to emergency shelter by funding a facility buildout at the Tulsa Day Center for animals to include kennels, a wash station, and other accommodations.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> Construction is on schedule.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The building permit was approved. The groundbreaking event is scheduled for May 31, 2024. Estimated completion is October 2024.</p>

Goal 3: Leverage & Align Funding	Status	Update
<p><b>Improve Our Tulsa</b> Adopt a resolution to implement a project plan with recommendations from the City of Tulsa's Housing, Homelessness, &amp; Mental Health Task Force on funding priorities for housing initiatives.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> Goal to present a proposed IOT3 resolution by Fall 2024.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> In July and August 3H Task Force will engage other cities to learn about the structure of Housing Investment Funds. DCE is working with Council Staff and PartnerTulsa to do background work toward creating a Resolution for consideration by the 3H Task Force.</p>
<p><b>Align HUD Consolidated Plan</b> Establish priority needs and goals for effectively spending federal grant funds in the upcoming 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. This includes community development, housing, and homeless services funding received via Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> TDA consulting is under contract to provide consulting services to the city. The project kickoff is scheduled for the week of August 19 – 23.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> A Request for Proposal is out for consulting services to assist in developing the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. Applications are due May 22, 2024.</p>

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<p><b>Leverage Medicaid Funding</b> Investigate and engage other levels of government to expand the opportunity to utilize Medicaid to provide services. Medicaid funding could potentially be utilized by current City partners and under the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model.</p>	In Development	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> No update.</p>
<p><b>Capture Grant Opportunities</b> Support community coordination to ensure an entity is applying for all available grants and potentially create a set-aside of local match funds for competitive grants.</p>	In Development	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> No update.</p>

Goal 4: Community Standards & Resources	Status	Update
<p><b>Public Outreach and Education</b> Create a public resource page for businesses and citizens that contains a list of existing City programs, frequently asked questions, and contact information that help mitigate the symptoms of homelessness (Path to Home Initiative).</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> See Path to Home webpage for news, announcements, and other public updates.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> Path to Home was launched April 2024. The website is updated on a weekly basis with new social media posts highlighting city related efforts around housing, homelessness, and mental health.</p>
<p><b>Clean-up Crew Expansion</b> Temporarily add two additional crews to an existing contract with the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) to clean up public rights-of-way where litter has been left.</p>	In Progress	<p><b>July 2024:</b> Grants Administration is still waiting on approval from HUD.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> A budget amendment was approved by the City Council on May 8. The Grants Administration team is drafting the contract. The anticipated start date is August 2024.</p>
<p><b>Waste Disposal Assistance Program</b> Research a program to subsidize disposal fees related to property owner clean-up efforts and other larger public/private coordinated events. This program would help individual and community efforts to address trash and discarded items related to homelessness.</p>	In Development	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> No update.</p>
<p><b>Trespassing on Private Property</b> Continue to enforce the trespassing ordinance that makes it easier for individuals detained for trespassing to be considered for a diversion or specialty court program, while at the same time strengthening the City's enforcement capabilities as work continues to combat chronic offenders. The new ordinance does not change what is defined as trespassing. The maximum penalty for a first offense remains the same, up to a \$200 fine plus the court costs. The ordinance adds a second offense with a maximum penalty of up to a \$500 fine plus costs and/or up to 10 days in jail. A Municipal Judge must inquire as to whether the individual would like to be considered for diversion or specialty court program prior to accepting a plea.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The ordinance was approved by City Council November 29, 2023.</p>
<p><b>Public Right-of-Way Obstruction</b> Create an ordinance clarifying that it is illegal to obstruct rights-of-way with objects or persons. The measure will apply to all streets, alleys, crosswalks, sidewalks, driveways or trails, and exceptions will be provided for extenuating circumstances.</p>	Complete	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> The ordinance was approved by City Council, May 15, 2024.</p>

Goal 4: Community Standards & Resources	Status	Update
<p><b>Private Right-of-Way Enforcement</b> Expand partnership with railroads, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) to enforce trespassing laws related to camping, sleeping, and littering/dumping on private rights-of-way.</p>	Complete	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> A signed letter was received from ODOT on November 17, 2023. A signed letter was received from WATCO on August 10, 2023. A signed letter was received from Union Pacific on August 10, 2023. A signed letter was received from BNSF on March 2, 2024.</p>
<p><b>Mayoral Directive on Enforcement</b> Continue to enforce Mayor Bynum’s directive to Tulsa Police to enforce all laws equally regardless of perceived housing status.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> A letter from Mayor Bynum was sent to Chief Franklin August 9, 2023. Enforcement is ongoing.</p>
<p><b>Open Containers in City Parks</b> Continue to enforce new rules approved by the Tulsa Parks and Recreation Board that allow the Parks Director to regulate open containers and/or consumption of alcohol in individual parks. The new rules will initially focus on addressing public safety concerns in downtown parks to prohibit alcoholic beverages except at permitted events.</p>	Ongoing	<p><b>July 2024:</b> No update.</p> <p><b>May 2024:</b> On Sept 12, 2023, the Park &amp; Recreation Board approved a rule authorizing the Director to regulate use of alcohol in parks. The City Council approved amendments to Title 26 Section 102, 103 on January 24, 2024, codifying the new rule. New signs were installed at Chapman Green in December 2023.</p>