



701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: February 2, 2026

Re: Homelessness Report

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

A report on homelessness for Council review and situational awareness.

Discussion

The City of Columbia has identified homelessness as a priority. This report highlights the City's million-dollar investment in homelessness-related efforts during the past year. It summarizes intervention milestones, including how the Opportunity Campus may reshape the local response landscape. Finally, it recommends that the City pursue a five-year strategic plan to better align resources and proactively plan for the future.

The report also gives background information on pallet shelter villages. While Columbia has not pursued building these villages, these villages have been discussed by city staff and Council several times over the past few years.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: none

Long-Term Impact: none

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Safe Community, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Not Applicable, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	None.



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Suggested Council Action

Staff request that Council accept the report and authorize staff to proceed with a homelessness strategic planning process. This may include issuing an RFP for facilitation services.