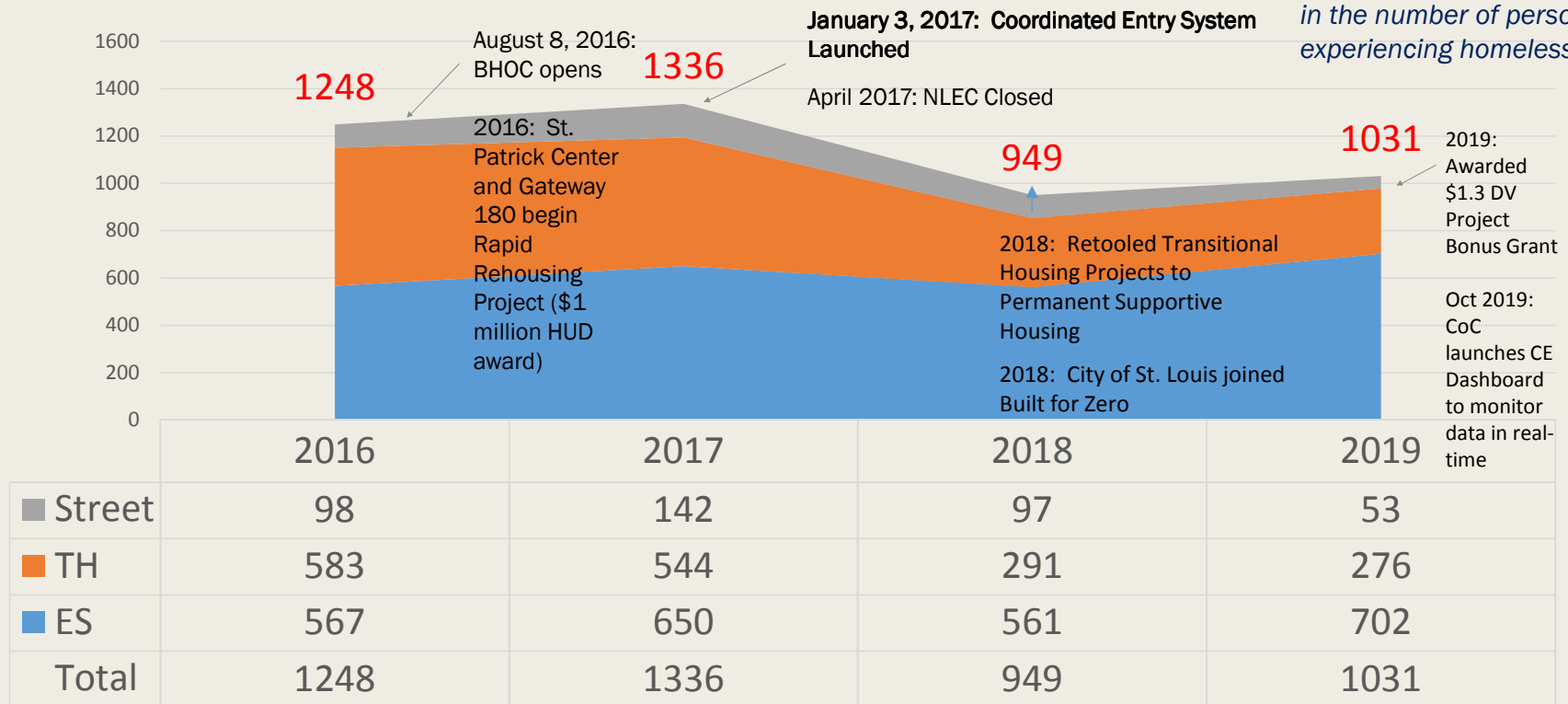


A map of the St. Louis region showing several counties: Lincoln, Warren, St. Charles, St. Louis Co., Jefferson, Madison, St. Clair, and St. Louis City. The St. Louis Arch is depicted in the center. The text 'CITY OF ST. LOUIS AND ST. LOUIS CITY CONTINUUM OF CARE LEAD THE EFFORT IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN THE REGION' is overlaid in white. The counties of Warren and St. Louis Co. are shaded in blue, while the others are in shades of gray. St. Louis City is highlighted in red.

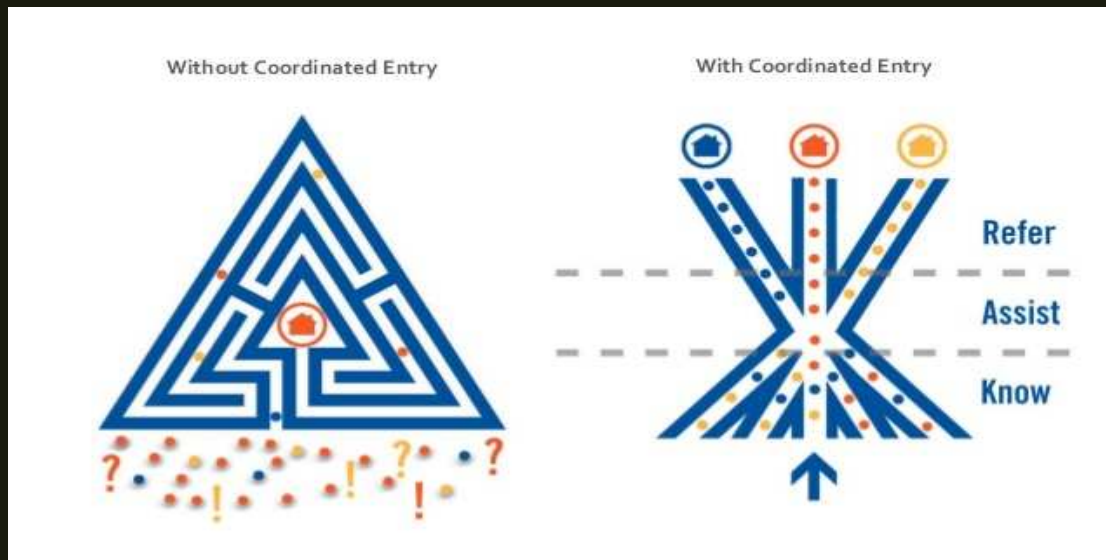
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CONTINUUM OF CARE LEAD THE EFFORT IN  
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# City PIT Count 2016-2019: Persons

*\*Since CES Launched in 2017, there has been a 22.8% reduction in the number of persons experiencing homelessness*



# Proven Solutions



## Housing First

An approach to quickly and successfully connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to permanent housing without preconditions and barriers to entry, such as sobriety, treatment or service participation requirements.

## Coordinated Entry System

Service delivery system designed to quickly identify, assess, refer and connect people in crisis to housing and assistance. CES is a vital component of Housing First and should be designed to do the following:

- Reduce inflow into homelessness by helping individuals rapidly resolve their housing crisis
- Increase outflow by helping people move through the system by quickly connecting to permanent housing;
- Improve data collection and quality to provide real-time data on who is actively homeless, monitor length of time homeless and make systems improvements

# Homeless and Housing Services (year-round) supported by the City of St. Louis

Projects in the City of St. Louis	Number of Units Supported by the City	Funding support by the City (CoC, ESG, AHTF, HOPWA, Prop P General Use Tax, DV funds)	Total Number of Units
9 Emergency Shelters	498	\$2,225,785	559
5 Transitional Housing Programs	159	\$730,079	371
5 Rapid Rehousing Programs (2 projects pending contracts)	134	\$2,974,445	319*
26 Permanent Supportive Housing Programs	1493	\$11,081,411	1890*

\*Represents household housed utilizing RRH/PSH (permanently housed)

# Past Winter Efforts: An Evolution

- 10+ years ago: St. Louis Winter Outreach began their work when a homeless man froze to death despite efforts to get him into shelter
- 2015: Department of Human Services (DHS) began to participate in winter planning and helped to bring partners together
  - *St. Louis Winter Outreach – community volunteers who provided outreach, transport and shuttling in the winter*
  - *St. Louis City Continuum of Care – 70+ providers dedicated to services for individuals and families at-risk of homelessness*
  - *emergency shelters*
  - *professional outreach (BJC Behavioral, Places for People, St. Patrick Center) – supported by SAMHSA funding*
  - *other community/faith groups*
  - *SLMPD*
- 2016 – Present: DHS participation continues to grow and evolve
  - *Bus Tickets, Blankets and Cots provided to community volunteer groups*
  - *Assisted in linking individuals to CoC programming and other support services*
  - *Warming buses coordinated with Metro*
  - *Help to link police and EMS to assist in outreach*

# What is different from last year?

2018-19	2019-2020
Temperature Activation: 20 degrees with precipitation & 25 degrees without	Temperature Activation: 32 degrees for November 2019 and March 2020, continuous sheltering December 1, 2019 – February 29, 2020
DHS leads weekly outreach meetings with all partners	DHS leads weekly outreach meetings with all partners and requires weekly reporting
DHS provides cots, bus tickets, blankets to SLWO	DHS provides cots, bus tickets, blankets to SLWO
Biddle Housing Opportunities Center dedicates 50 overflow beds to the most vulnerable (chronic, medically frail, most at risk of dying on the street)	Biddle Housing Opportunities Center dedicates 50 overflow beds to the most vulnerable (chronic, medically frail, most at risk of dying on the street)
	Dedicated Funding Support: \$500,000 general use tax funds dedicated to provide 186 additional overflow and supplies
	St. Louis City CoC members and DHS will provide additional case management support, ensure regular bed system is at 100% utilization and supplies

# Shelter Capacity

Year-Round ES/TH beds	
Emergency Shelters (9)	559
Transitional Housing (5)	371
SUBTOTAL:	930
Shelters Supported with City Use Tax Funds	
Biddle Housing Opportunities Center (expansion)	50
Gateway 180 (expansion)	7
Covenant House (expansion)	4
City Hope (new)	125
SUBTOTAL:	186
TOTAL:	1,116

- *St. Louis Winter Outreach will continue operating beds based on temperature activation of 20 degrees with precipitation and 25 degrees without precipitation (44-187 cots)*

# Side-by-Side Comparison

2018 allocations

## St. Louis City

ESG: \$1,461,624

CoC: \$12,494,002

AHTF (Homeless Prevention/Shelter and Transitional Housing): \$2,334,502

General Use Tax Funds\*: \$921,048

**TOTAL: \$17,211,176**

## Population

2018 Population Estimate: 302,838

2010 Census: 319,294

## St. Louis County

ESG: \$449,066

CoC: \$2,053,080

Housing Resource Commission:  
\$700,000

**TOTAL: \$3,202,146**

## Population

2018 Population Estimate: 996,945

2018 Population Estimate: 998,986



# Call to Action

- Change the narrative – The City of St. Louis has made the greatest investment federal and local funds in the region. The City’s inflow will not improve unless our surrounding counties are better equipped to serve their residents.
  - *Help us get answers from surrounding governments in the region. What is their local investment? What are their plans?*
- Help us identify landlords and create programming to encourage access to affordable housing.
- Promote cross-sector collaborations through identifying financial support and location
  - *Exciting new initiatives to address substance use, access to behavioral/mental health and re-entry*
    - sobering centers,
    - behavioral health urgent care,
    - focus on high utilizers,
    - connections to community based services due to the new municipal court rules