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# Action Research on Chronic Homelessness in Edmonton

Embedding Research and Development in Systems Change

Land Acknowledgment.



# Introduction.



# **Introduction: Homeward Trust**

#### **SYSTEM PLANNER ORGANIZATION**

**OUTREACH** 

EMERGENCY SHELTER

SHORT-TERM SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

> INTERIM HOUSING

**DIVERSION** 

COORDINATED

SUPPORTED REFERRALS

RAPID REHOUSING

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

INTENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT

ASSERTIVE COMMUNITY TREATMENT



#### **COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING**

Includes private market, social housing, rent subsidies through Civida (formerly Capital Region Housing).



# COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Includes prevention and poverty reduction supports through United Way, FCSS, Government of Alberta, End Poverty Edmonton, etc.



# PUBLIC SYSTEMS SERVICES AND SUPPORTS

Includes income assistance, justice, child intervention, health immigration/settlement, domestic violence.

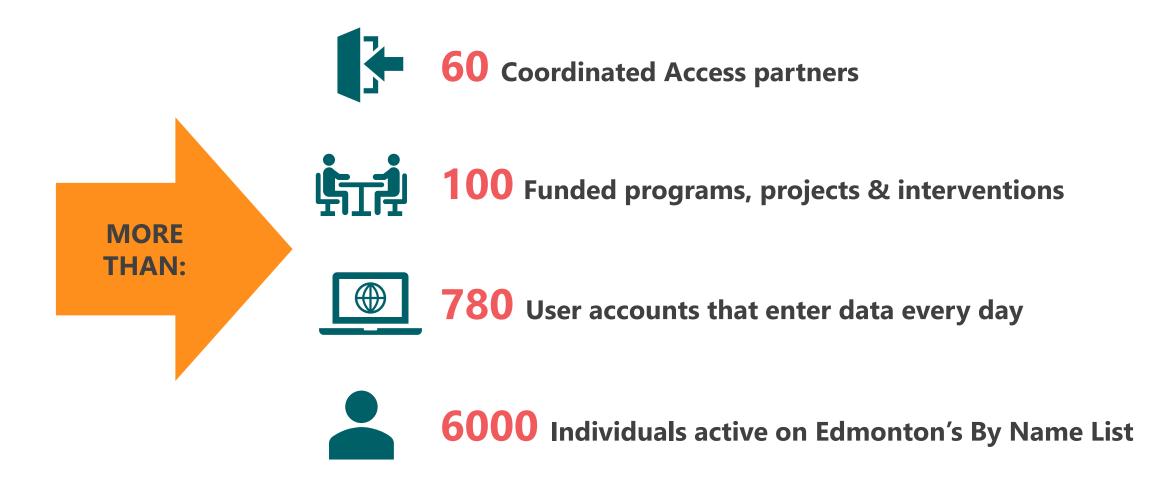


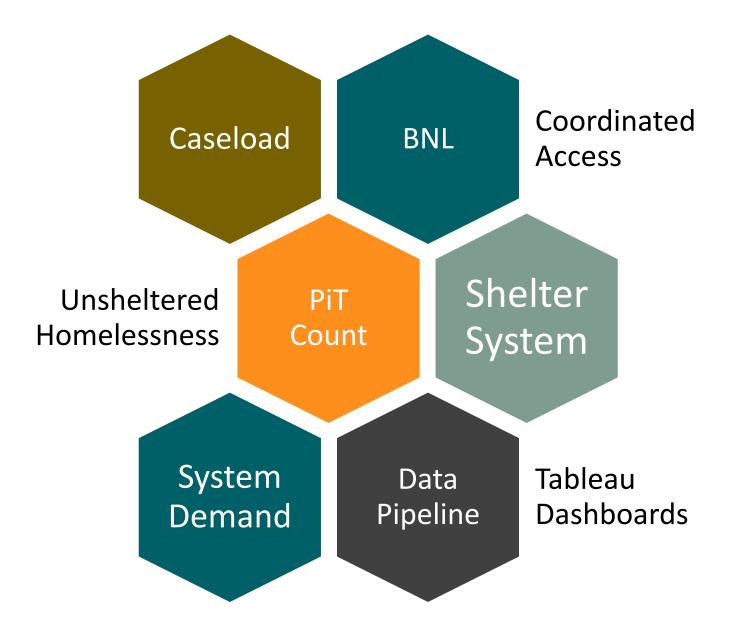
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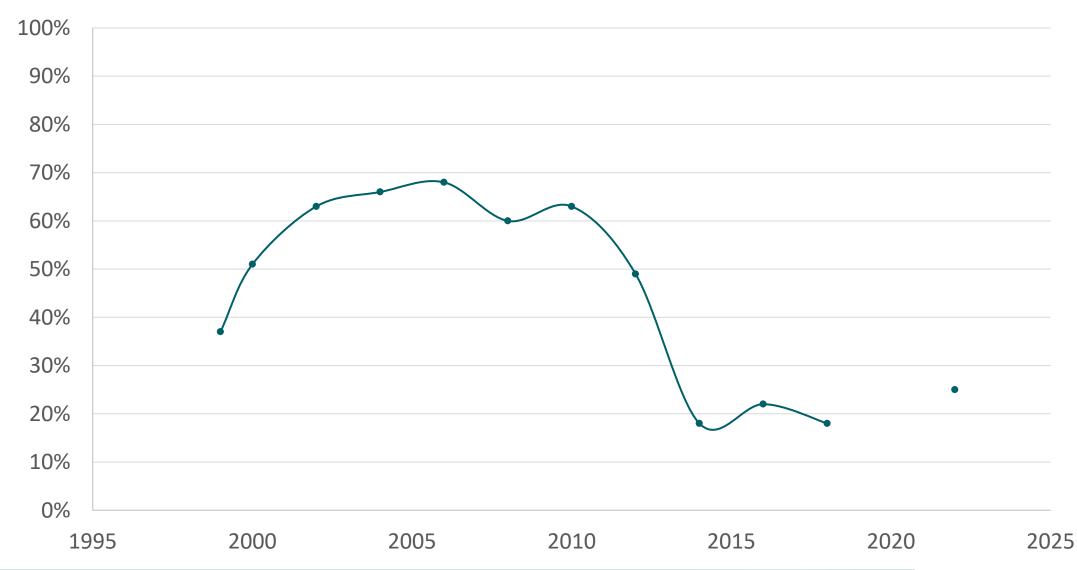
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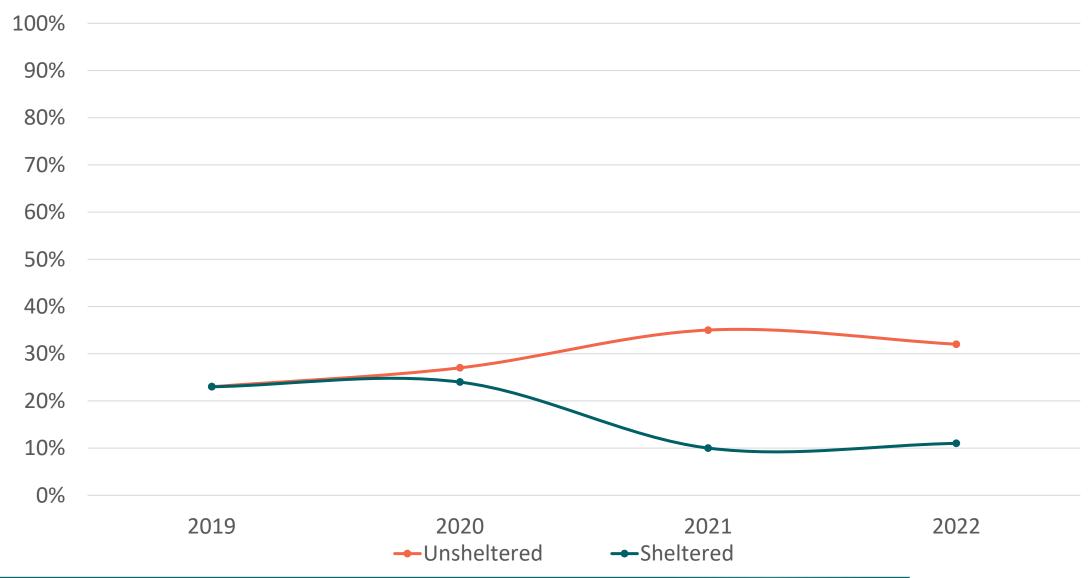
# **Unsheltered Homelessness.**



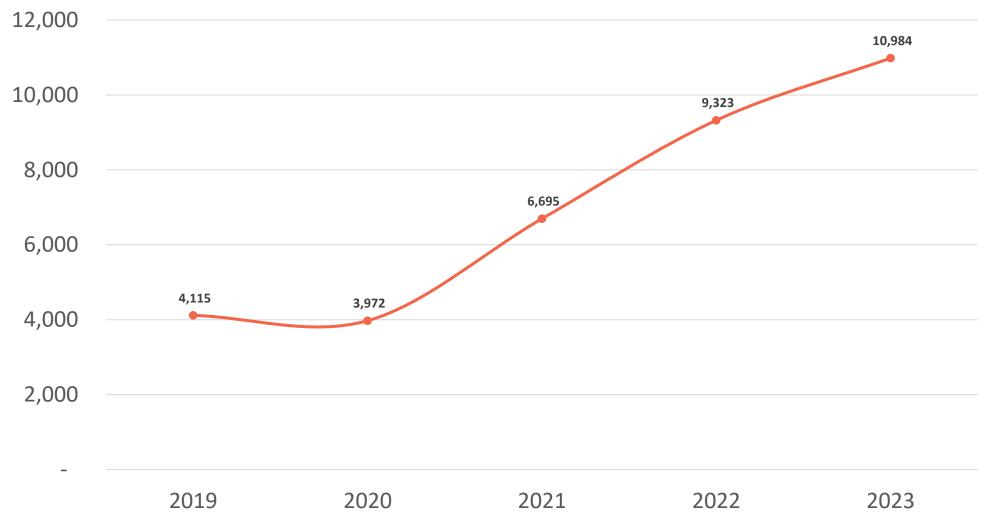
#### **Point in Time Count: Percent Unsheltered Over Time**



## **By Name List: Unsheltered Over Time**



#### **Encampment Complaints: Number of Calls to City Over Time**



# If our approach was working before, why isn't it working now?



# **Shifting Context**



Increases in unsheltered, decreases in sheltered affects intervention types.



Policy changes shifts in governments affecting funding and homelessness rates



Covid-19, affected housing supply and intervention delivery.



System discharges: Increased exits from public systems leading to higher demand of interventions.



Economic downturn: Job losses in oil and gas, housing costs rising faster than incomes.



Societal attitudes: growing awareness affecting public support for strategies



# The opportunity.



# Learning through Doing: Action Research on Chronic Homelessness.

**Major Project Components** 



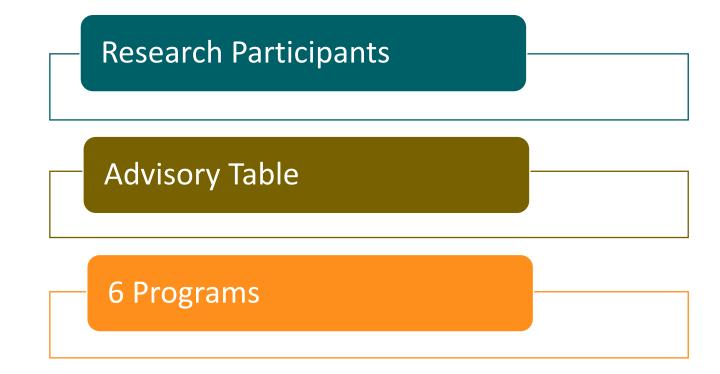


# The power of storytelling in systems change.



# **Cross-systems Work**





# **Edmonton ARCH Advisory Table:**



Lived Experience Committees

Indigenous Advisory Council

Research Committee

# Community-based approach prioritizes Indigenous voice, lived expertise.

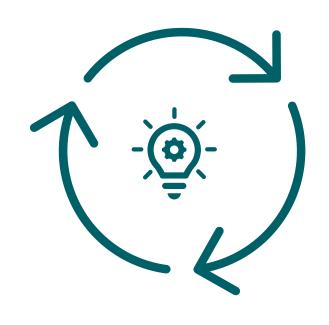
#### **Community Based: Mixed Methods**



The role of innovation.



# **Program Innovation**

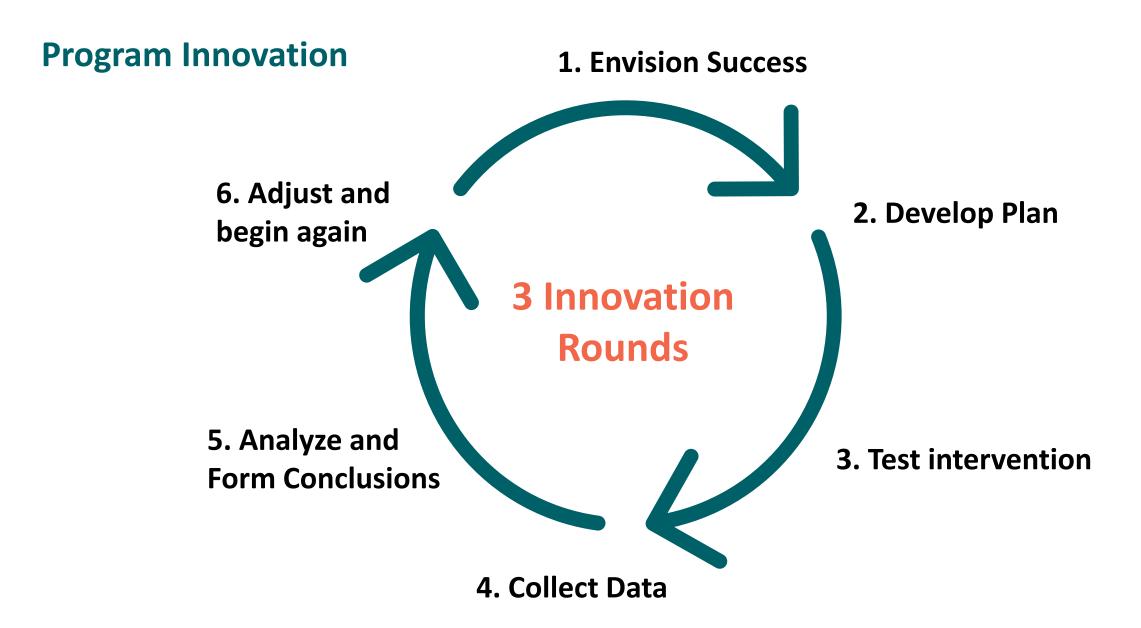


2 Outreach & Encampments Teams

2 HF Scattered Site Programs

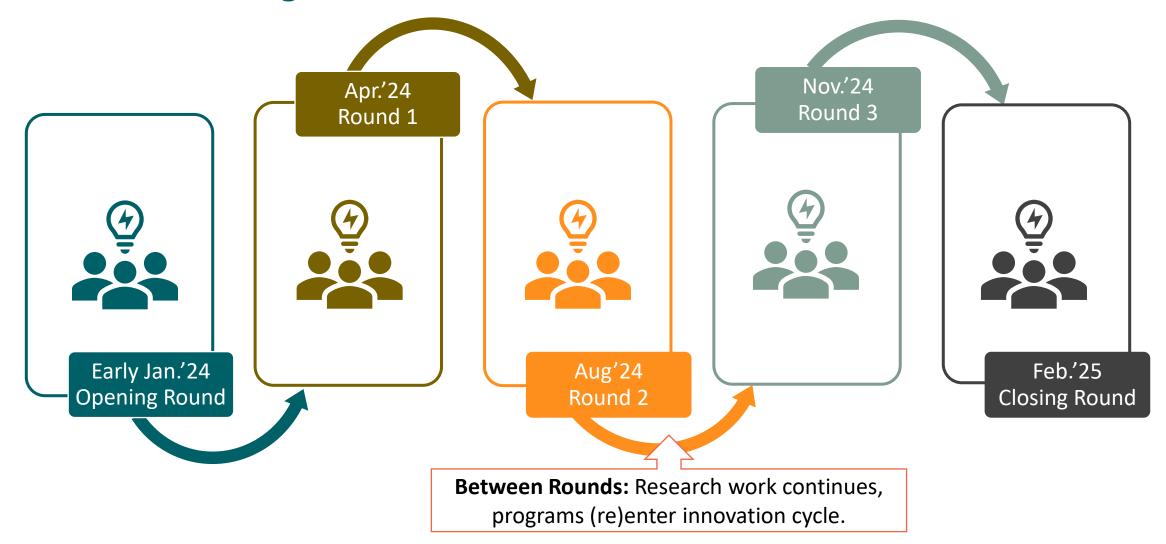
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## **Reflective Learning Rounds Calendar**

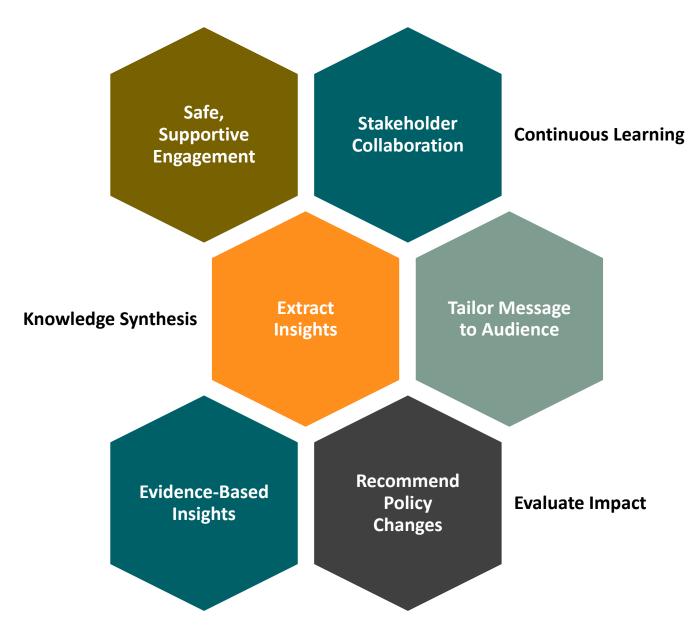


# Policy and program recommendations.



# **Knowledge Mobilization**







# Conclusion.



### **Thank You!**

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