Reaching "*Functional Zero*" in Fredericton

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The Current Situtation

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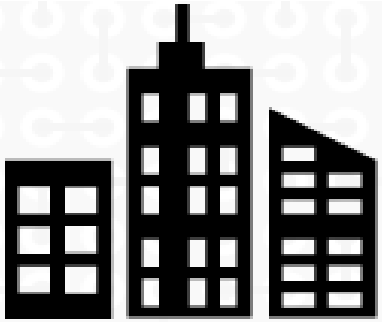

An estimated 1.2% of Fredericktonians experience homelessness during the course of a year: a total of 718 people.

Emergency Sheltered

of unique individuals who stayed at an Emergency Shelter in 2014:

281

Transitionally Housed

of women and children who stayed at a Transition House 2013:

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# of unique youth who stayed at Chrysalis House in 2014:

39

Provisionally Accommodated

Estimated # of provisionally accommodated persons in 2014:

199

- "Couch surfing"
- Staying temporarily with others
- People in institutional care

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The total persons estimated to experience homelessness may reach 780 individuals in 2018.

Approximately 1 in 5 Fredericktonians are in core housing need

# of Households in extreme core housing need poised to reach 1,651 in 2018

12.5% of 2014 homeless population estimated to be Chronically or Episodically homeless

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The Road Home

A Plan to End Homelessness in Fredericton

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Core Concepts & Strategies

Core Concept #1) System planning grounded in Housing First as method of organizing and delivering services, housing, and programs to ensure efforts align with ending homelessness goals.

Core Concepts & Strategies

Core Concept #2:

A Phased, Strategic Approach focus initially on ending chronic and episodic homelessness then focus on prevention

Core Concept #3:

A Priority Population Lens to develop programs and interventions tailored to meet the specific needs of priority populations

Strategy #1: Systems Planning & Coordination: Coordination/Integration of Key Systems/Partners

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- **Income/employment assistance**
- **Persons with disabilities**
- **Health/Education/Corrections**
- **Affordable Housing**
- **Child Protection/Domestic Violence**
- **Aboriginal organizations/services**
- **Poverty reduction**
- **Immigration & settlement**
- **Economic development**

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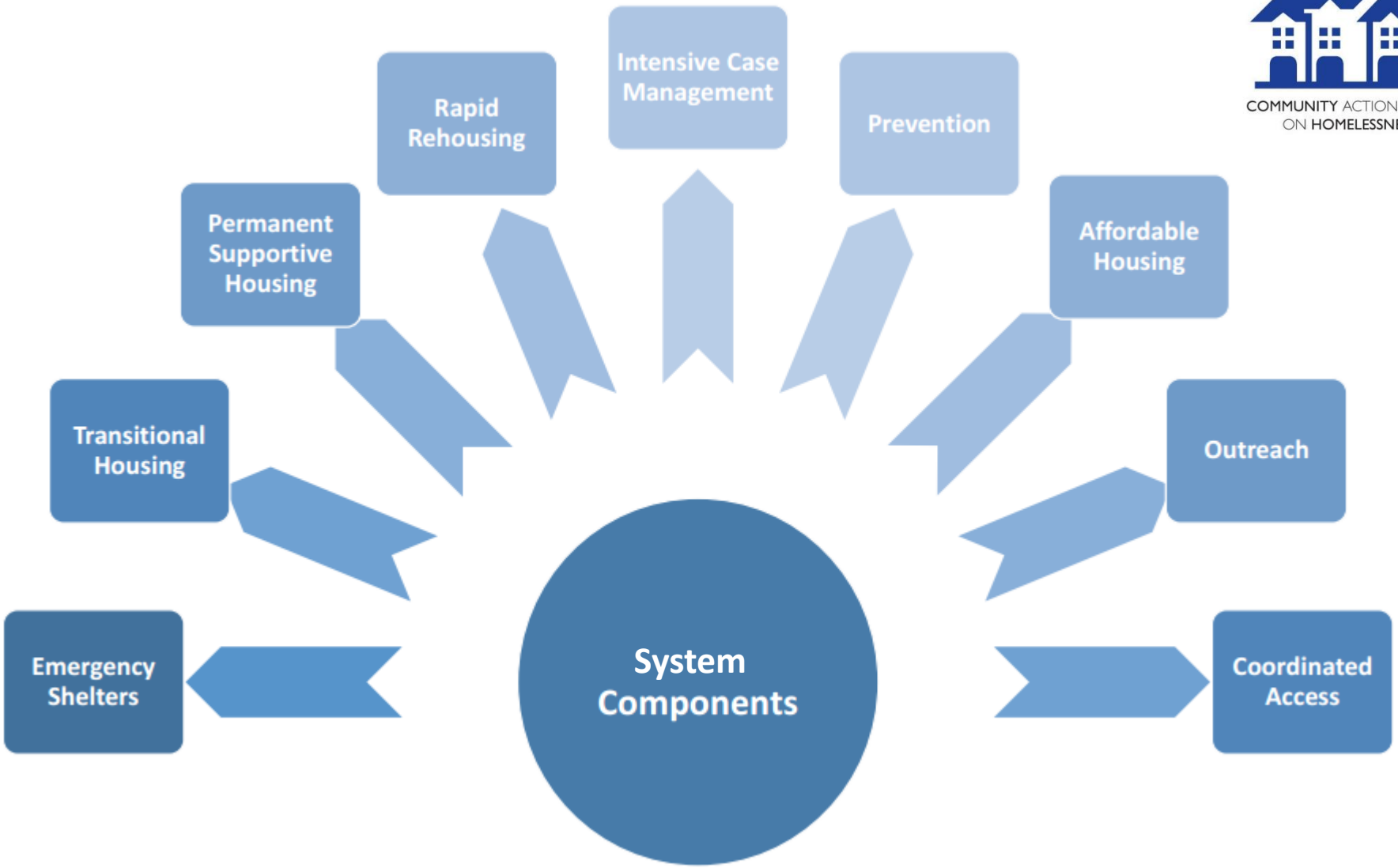
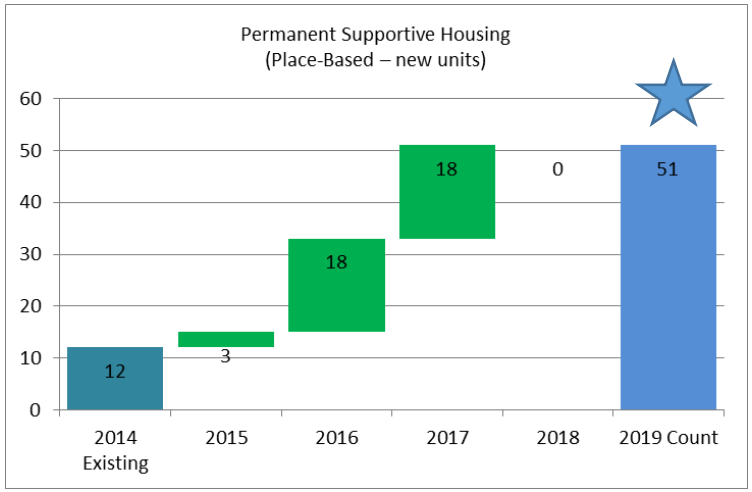
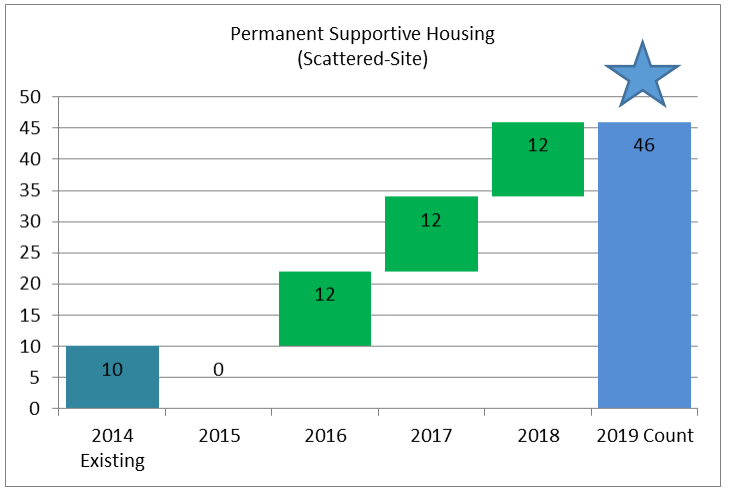
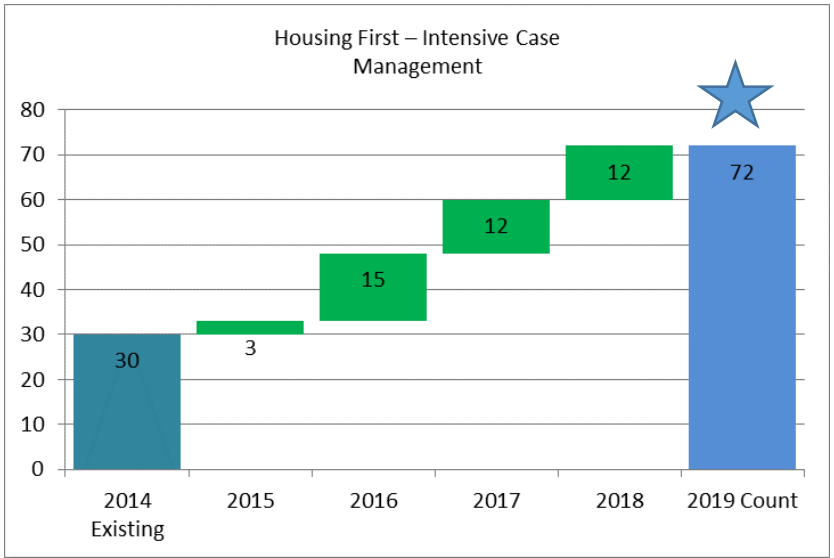


Strategy #2: Housing & Supports:

Ending Chronic & Episodic Homelessness

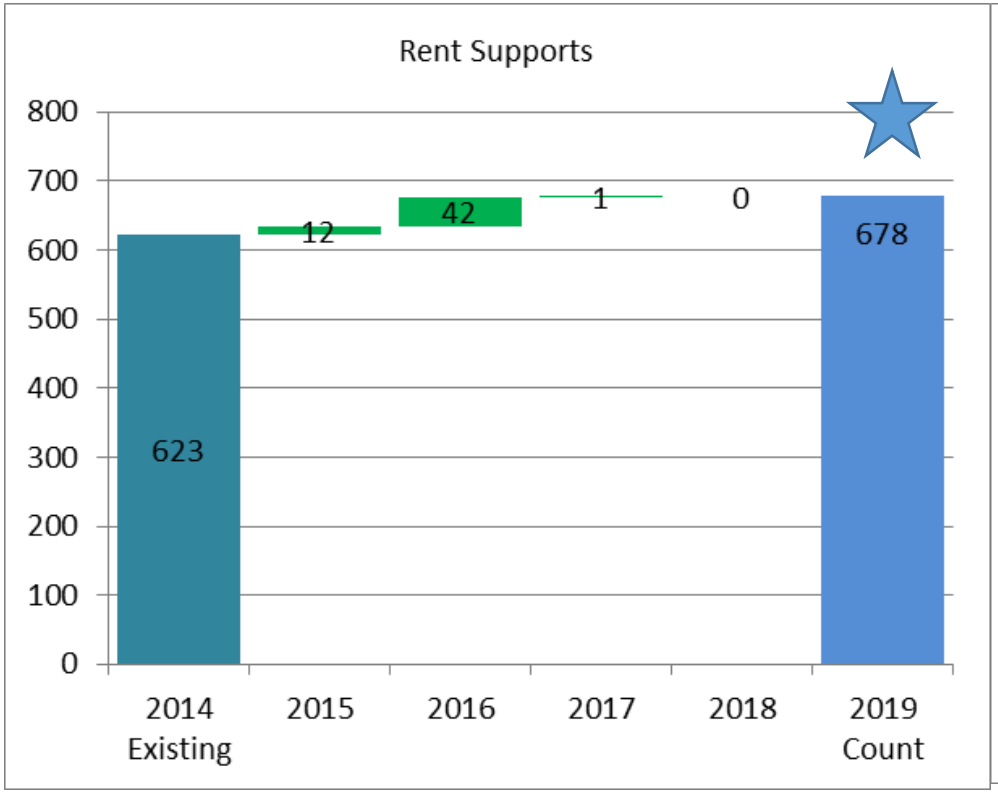


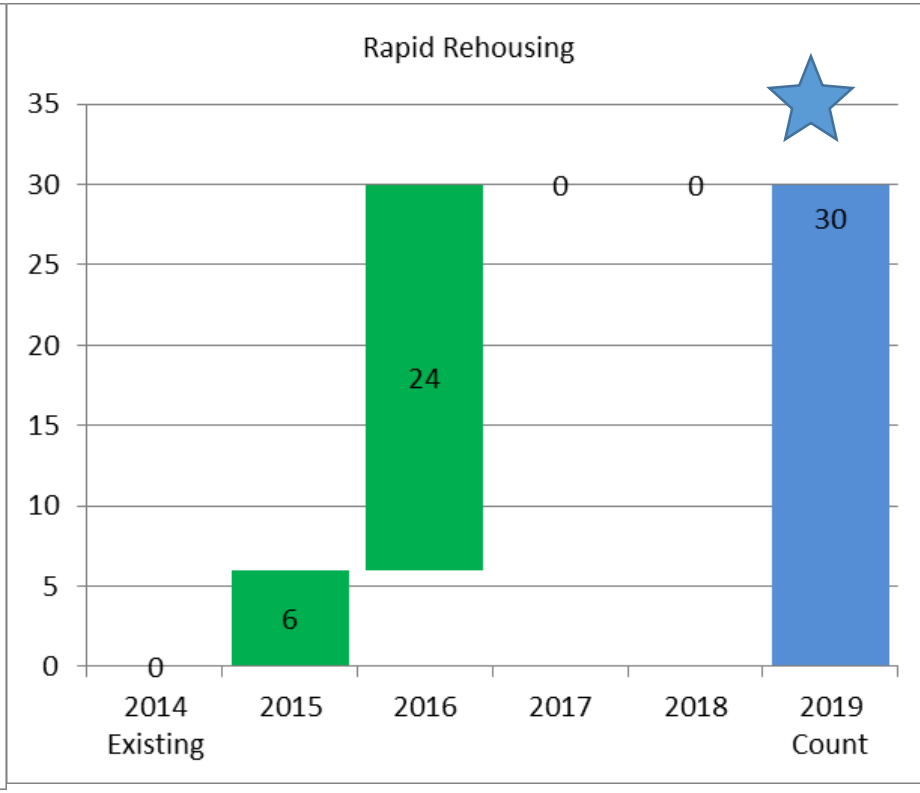




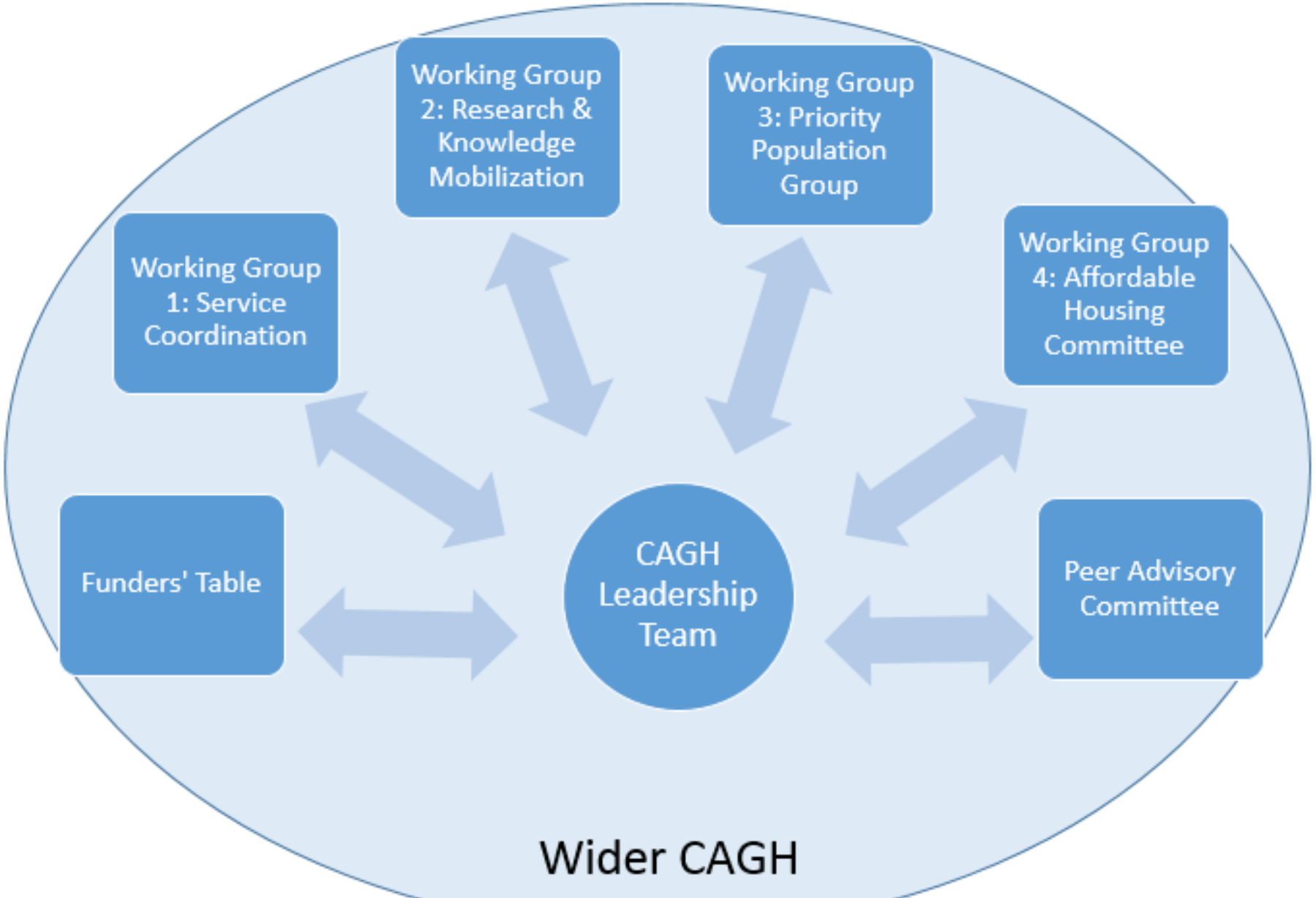
Strategy #2: Housing & Supports:

Assisting At Risk Households





Strategy #3: Leadership & Engagement



Policy & Funding

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Government Level	Relevant Areas of Accountability
City of Fredericton	Land use planning, economic development, police.
Government of New Brunswick	Affordable housing/rent supports, homelessness, income assistance, poverty reduction, health, domestic violence, corrections, public safety, child protection, education.
Government of Canada	Aboriginal people, immigration and settlement, housing and homelessness, economic development.

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What does "functional zero"ending in Fredericton look like?

Homelessness will no longer be a sustained, enduring experience for anyone in our community.

Projected Results 2015-2018

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#1

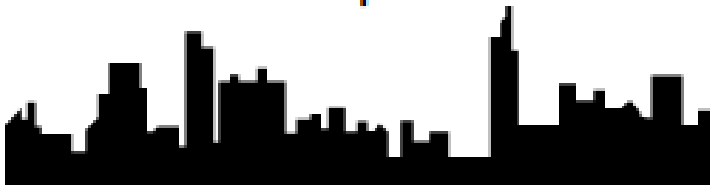
End chronic and episodic homelessness by housing and supporting 267 individuals by 2018.

- Develop 39 place-based and 36 scattered site permanent supportive housing spaces.

= 39

= 36

- Create 42 scattered site Housing First program spaces.

 = 42

Projected Results 2015-2018

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- Provide 623 households with rent supports and a further 239 with access to affordable housing (primarily existing units).

= 623 + 239

- Create an additional 55 rent supplement units.

= 55

- Provide 171 households with access to Rapid Rehousing programs.

= 171

#2

Stabilize 1,033 households at risk of or experiencing transitional homeless.

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Implementation Costs

Summary of Costs					
	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	Total
Operations	$0	$731,861	$1,902,393	$2,568,493	$5,202,747
Capital	$690,000	$2,070,000	$2,070,000	$0	$4,830,000
Total Cost	$690,000	$2,801,861	$3,972,393	$2,568,493	$10,032,747

Plan vs. Status Quo Impacts

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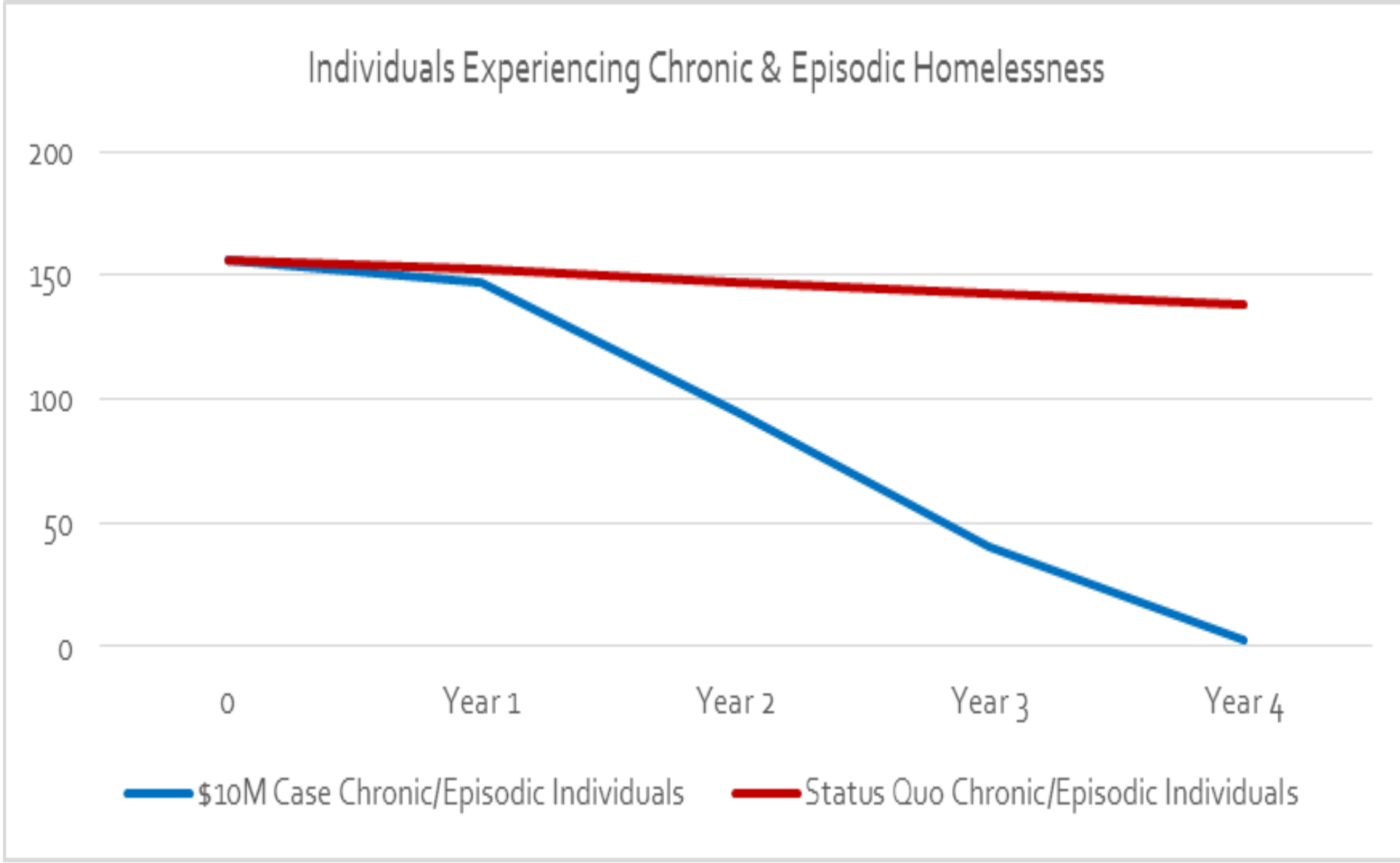
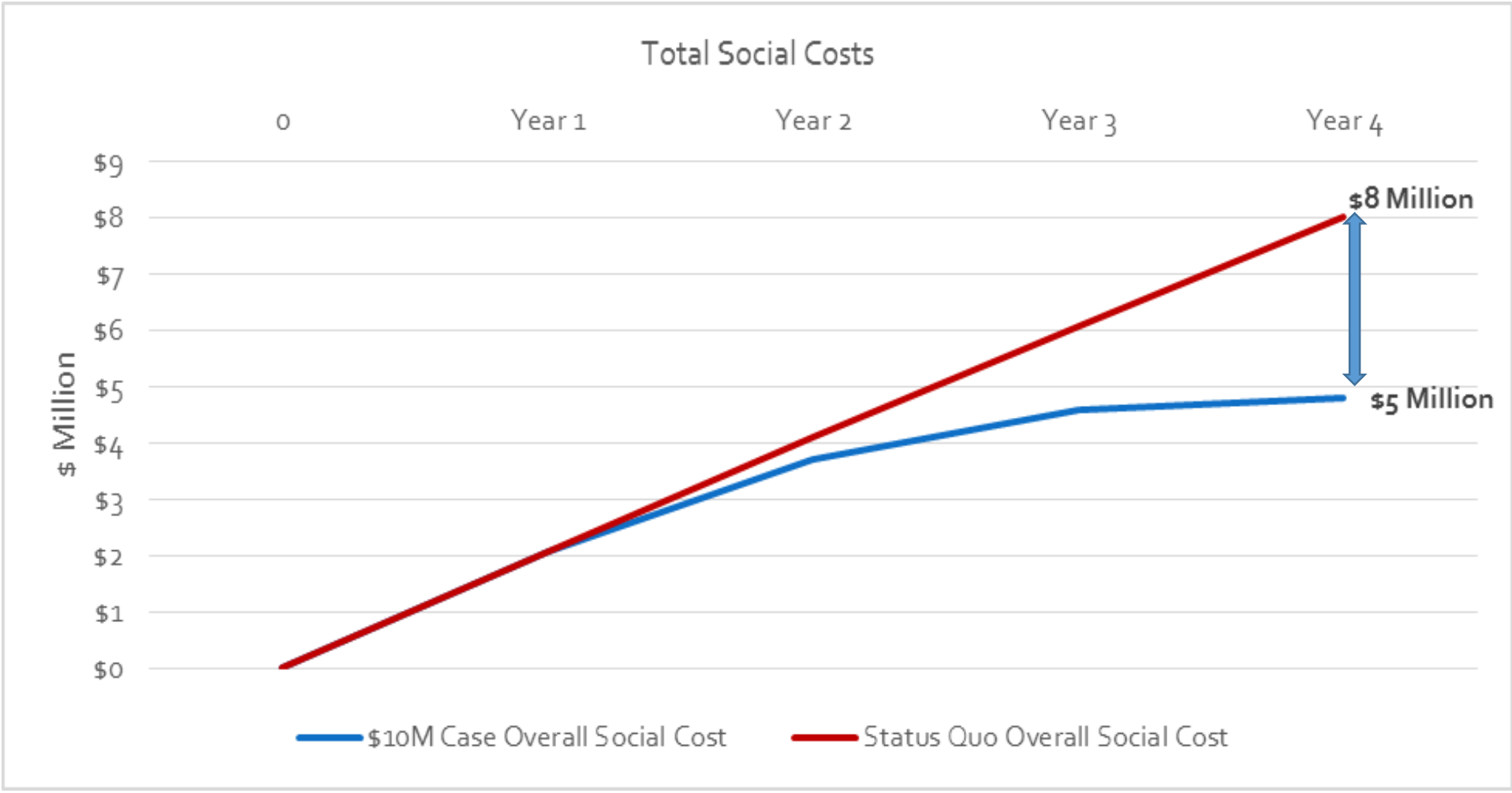


TOTAL SOCIAL COSTS



PROJECTED RETURN ON INVESTMENT

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"Better to light one small candle than to curse the darkness. "

.....Chinese Proverb

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