

SALT LAKE VALLEY COALITION

UNIQUE ISSUES, LOCAL GOALS/AREAS OF FOCUS

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SLVLHCLHC evolved in 2019 when The Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homeless was created. The Coalition was formed by building upon the strengths of previously existing efforts, including Salt Lake County's Collective Impact on Homelessness and the Salt Lake County Continuum of Care. The Salt Lake County government's Office of Homelessness and Criminal Justice Reform serves as the collaborative applicant and support staff for the Coalition. The Coalition aims to reinforce an overall system planning effort which includes coordinating all resources, stakeholders, and funding, and provides multiple opportunities for client input and feedback.

UNIQUE ISSUES

- The implementation of the first year of codified Code Blue alerts and shelters.
- A massive increase in family homelessness, especially with new American and asylum seeking families.
- The lack of affordable housing is keeping people homeless longer and leading to an increase in first time homelessness.

LOCAL GOALS AND AREAS OF FOCUS

- Filling the operational funding gap in the core services in our LHC, especially the Homeless Resource Centers
 - The proposal included in the Gov.'s 2024 budget will help fill the gap on a 3 year grant term is a huge success for the LHC
- Annual Winter Response planning for the County
 - More beds than ever have been brought online this year, but the LHC would like to not have to ramp up and ramp down each year
- Finding and building housing solutions for unique needs populations
 - The creation of the Medically Vulnerable Populations housing program and the Richmond Flats affordable housing project

COC ALIGNMENT/INVOLVEMENT

The LHC and CoC borders are the same so the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness (SLVCEH) is the LHC and the CoC. They are synonymous. All of the positions in the SLVCEH represent LHC and CoC roles. All work groups represent work from both. All coordination fulfills the requirement of both. All CoC and LHC required activities are fulfilled by the SLVCEH.