

Project BRIDGE

Building Resources and Individual Destinations toward Greater Exits

Project BRIDGE is a 100-day emergency response to immediate pressures facing Utah's homeless services.



Within the next 100 days, Project BRIDGE will connect individuals with clear pathways that lead to stable housing, treatment and long-term support.

Project BRIDGE Goal

- 1. Secure Stability Now**
Partnerships with local leaders – including Salt Lake City, South Salt Lake City and West Valley City – ensure critical temporary capacity remains in place during the transition.
- 2. Mobilize Community Partners**
Leverage the leadership and expertise of community partners by bringing case management and direct intake options to overflow clients.
- 3. Map Every Resource**
A real-time, continuously updated inventory identifies all available housing, treatment and service options statewide – including supportive housing, recovery beds, mental health services and veteran resources.

A Different Approach

Project BRIDGE is fundamentally different. Instead of handing out referrals, teams provide confirmed placements. Each interaction includes rapid, individualized assessment to connect people to:

- Housing opportunities
- Substance use treatment
- Mental health services
- Family reunification options

A \$1 Million Bridge Fund Will Be Deployed To:

- Stabilize existing infrastructure during the transition period
- Ensure comprehensive case management is available to all overflow clients

How Success is Measured



- **100% Outreach:** Every individual in overflow shelter is contacted and offered a specific pathway forward
- **Meaningful Placements:** Individuals are successfully connected to housing, treatment or family support
- **Accountability:** OHS will provide accountability to Utahns, tracking each dollar spent
- **System Improvement:** New contracts require case management and focus on housing exits and not just bed counts
- **Cost Efficiency:** The system operates more effectively at a lower cost than the previous model
- **Lessons Learned:** OHS will use the information gathered through Project BRIDGE to identify opportunities for future investment & improvement in the system