

# GOAL 1: ADVISE

The Belton Homelessness Committee sits in a unique position where it is a City-sponsored Committee whose members are already working in this space to provide services and support to individuals in a variety of ways. One of the Committee’s identified Strategic Goals is to provide solid, sound advice to those groups that it both serve and those who serve as committee members. This can take the form of supporting/coordinates research projects, developing plans with City departments and/or organizing regional/state/national government resources to support the overall mission.

Strategy	Owner	Completion	Notes/Discussion
1.1 Create a name for the committee that best reflects and advertises its mission.	Committee members		
1.2 Define affordable housing for Belton.	Community Development, Economic Development		Develop a policy that defines and differentiates among sheltered housing, affordable housing and attainable housing based on income and cost of living metrics in Belton. Create a dialog with elected officials to see what is possible or supported
1.3 Identify and develop tools that would incentivize affordable housing construction in Belton.	Economic Development		Using research from 1.2, develop Economic Development tools to incentivize housing at the different levels.
1.4 Identify barriers in City Ordinances or Unified Development Code to better assist organizations that serve the homeless population			What codes create barriers for organizations that wish to provide services and what education is necessary to ensure safety. Invite building officials and Neighborhood Improvement officers to share experiences
1.5 Develop an Extreme Weather Plan that can be easily duplicated and passed to other organizations			

1.6 Humanize homelessness and share awareness			Often residents believe that homelessness is something that happens only to individuals outside the community. It is important that we find ways to share about how homelessness affects those who are already part of our City and that we should all share in helping.
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## GOAL 2: ASSIST

The City has various resources and other outlets, including organizations like the Mid-America Regional Council that can physically assist in supporting programs or initiatives. This Committee, through its Second Strategic Goal, can identify where it believes the City can be most effective in assisting through staff, grant programs or existing City departments/programs.

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2.1 Develop a satellite office for Health Department Resources			There is a need for obtaining documentation and other paperwork that can only be done in Harrisonville. Having closer access would help many who do not have transportation or those organizations assisting an individual.
2.2 Convene and support regular partner meetings to share Homelessness Committee goals and strategies			There is a need assistance in getting specific partners to the table to ensure services are working together and not overlapping or competing for resources.
2.3 Identify and establish ways for City's new Emergency Management Director and others in the region to best connect with existing service providers	Committee Members		The City's new EM Director will play a vital role in help respond to both hot/cold shelter needs but can also work to build relationships and planning for needs across the board. Where will this position be most effective and what priorities should they establish in this area.
2.4 Indoor serving area for Free Hot Soup			Coincide with the Emergency Sheltering Plan/Initiative
2.5 Workforce Development and connecting people with existing jobs available.	Economic Development, West Central TTCCC		There are programs the City can support and grow in Belton that would bring more job training and opportunities to the community. West Central, MCC, BHS etc.
2.6 Develop Standard Operating Procedures for Organizations and City Departments within our service area.			Include a resource sheet from existing services

2.7 Identify locations and support the development of transitional housing			
2.8 Hold landlords and corporate homeowner accountable and ensuring their information is current and obtainable			

## GOAL 3: ENGAGE

One of the core goals for the Homelessness Committee is to build relationships and resources for everyone involved. To accomplish this, there is a large emphasis on engaging both residents and those in the affected communities we are trying to serve. Tackling an issue like homelessness can become overwhelming if we do not place an intentional effort on how and who we want to engage.

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3.1 Develop a Community Perception Survey and mechanism for feedback on programing			
3.2 Identify and standardize ways individuals and organizations can help outside of financial support			
3.4 Collaborate with faith-based organizations and build one-on-one relationships with each			Churches and faith-based organizations are eager to help if they trust the organization or individual who is their primary contact. It is key that this group and the City find ways to build trust and connections with faith-based organizations in this area.
3.5 Identify ways to specifically support and promote programs like the Homeless Hotline / 988			Invite MARC/988 Program Admin to speak with Committee and add support
3.6 Engage developers early to understand the needs and uses for public transportation and other bus shelter options			

## GOAL 4: CAPACITY BUILDING

Ultimately, the goal of this committee should be to support those organization that are already doing the work. In this Strategic Goal, we want to identify strategies that the City could take on that would help support the mission of those organizations represented on the committee and elsewhere.

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4.1 Create parameters and identify metrics for a reimbursement/grant program			The City Council budgeted funds for the Homelessness Committee but left it up to the committee to determine how those funds would be used or disbursed.
4.2 Identify Grant Writing resources that can be shared among various organizations			There are a variety of ways the City can support through the writing of identification of opportunities, writing grants, data collection, etc.
4.3 Conduct an inventory on those resources and contacts for those resources			
4.3.1 Use that inventory to create a Resource Guide that is updated annually			
4.3.2 Develop a system to inventory of current beds and resources in emergency shelter situation			What is the current demand?
4.4 Open access for smaller medical needs	Fire Department / Belton Hospital		Outreach to Care Beyond the Boulevard
4.5 Identify funding for new and expanded case management			