

“Clackamas County has used its share of voter-approved homeless services tax to bolster help for people living unsheltered – and it has paid off in vastly decreased homelessness. Increasing outreach staffing from a single county employee to a team of two dozen nonprofit employees has been a huge factor in the success, the county’s deputy housing director said.”

*Excerpt from a Feb. 23, 2024, OREGONIAN/OregonLive story by Nicole Hayden*

“The number of Clackamas residents without homes decreased 65% since 2019, the year before the Metro supportive housing services tax passed, the county announced this week.”

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## January 2023

**410** people were experiencing homelessness in Clackamas County, as reported by a federally mandated count.

## July-Dec 2023

**128** households in Clackamas County moved into a home with temporary rent support

**223** households received long-term rent assistance

**591** households were saved from evictions

Source: Clackamas County's latest supportive housing services quarterly report.

# THE VALUE OF COLLABORATION

“I don’t think there is a silver bullet for homelessness,” Brown said. “But there is a secret sauce and it is collaboration among community partnerships.”

Statement by Vahid Brown, Deputy Director, Housing & Community Development Division

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# Connecting each person in need

“The county is the backbone of the collaborative program. It tracks each person by name as they first engage with a street outreach worker, then are connected to a housing caseworker, placed in a housing unit with rent assistance and then are handed off to a case manager who helps them maintain long-term success.”

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## **Wilsonville's team includes:**

- Our city's mental health care coordinator
- Parks and Rec and Public Works staff
- City attorney
- Clackamas County Health, Housing & Human Services Division
- Law enforcement
- Clackamas County social services
- Wilsonville Community Sharing
- Heart of the City
- Schools, churches, groups, individuals
- Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue



*The intention of the City of Wilsonville and the City Council is to accommodate overnight camping for survival and to assist in connecting individuals to Clackamas County service providers and local non-profits to provide transition services.*



Resources:

[Video of the portion of the 3-7-2024 meeting of the Clackamas County Coordinating Committee](#) meeting regarding Supportive & Public Housing Update Presenting: Clackamas H3S - Adam Brown, Vahid Brown, Devin Ellin (approx. 45 minutes):

February 23, 2024 article in the Oregonian/OregonLive by Nicole Hayden titled [Clackamas county reduced homelessness by 65% since homeless services tax passed](#)

Clackamas County Press Release dated [2/22/2024 on decrease in homelessness](#)

In response to new Oregon and federal laws that provide compassionate protections for people experiencing homelessness, the [City of Wilsonville adopted Ordinance 879 and Resolution 3058 on May 15, 2023](#).