

# Minnesota Winter Homeless Initiative

a statewide call to action

## FROM MINNEAPOLIS TO MANKATO TO MOORHEAD, TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE SLEEPING OUTSIDE.

**Together we can change that this winter season.**

A record number of Minnesotans are surviving outdoors without shelter this winter. More than 1,600 Minnesotans face the reality of sleeping outdoors tonight. The Walz-Flanagan Administration finds this unacceptable and knows you do too.

The Minnesota Winter Homeless Initiative is a public-private partnership that will create public awareness and significant new investments to bring more Minnesotans inside this winter and beyond.

We are rallying the public, private, and philanthropic sectors and each and every Minnesotan to join the state and local communities in responding collectively and with urgency. We need your participation to succeed.

**We must do better, and with your help we will.**

## HOW TO GET INVOLVED.

**We seek your leadership, creativity, and investment.**

The Minnesota Homeless Fund is nearing the initial goal of raising \$5 million from public and private sources in 60 days. But we can't stop now – we know we could use twice as much to increase shelter space, extend hours, and enhance staffing to bring Minnesotans inside.

- **Individuals** can reach out to local community providers to help them bring people inside through donations and volunteering.
- **Local governments** can prioritize their housing and services for those most in need and look for creative ways to make underutilized spaces available for people to use as shelter this winter.
- **Corporate and philanthropic investors** can contribute to the newly established Minnesota Homeless Fund set up by the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation ([mnhomelessfund.org](http://mnhomelessfund.org)) or contribute directly to providers who do this important work.



## EVERYONE DESERVES A WARM PLACE TO SLEEP

Photo by Becca Faircloth (November 2019)  
People Serving People shelter, Minneapolis

## THE COLD, HARD FACTS.

- The number of **individuals and families** sleeping outside without shelter has **DOUBLED since 2015**.
- **1,653 people** were identified to be sleeping outside across the state on **one night in January 2019**.
- **300** of these people were children and youth.

## CONTACT US

Do you have a project that can bring Minnesotans inside?  
Do you have resources to donate to the initiative?  
Are you looking to get involved with the Minnesota Winter Homeless Initiative?

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