

Built for Zero: Maine

Opportunity for Maine Homeless Response Service Hub Teams

Overview

Community Solutions invites up to **five** Maine Homeless Response Service Hubs to apply to participate in [Built for Zero](#) (BfZ), a rigorous national change initiative to end homelessness. Thanks to support from Maine Housing, the (one time) \$10,000 tuition fee will be waived for these five Service Hub teams.

Who

In addition to intensive support from Community Solutions's BfZ Collaborative team (and a peer network of 89 BfZ communities), BfZ Maine Service Hub teams will be supported in this work by a state-level BfZ team, whose mission is to clear the path to help local teams reach their goals. Community Solutions staff will facilitate this state BfZ team and implement a feedback loop to ensure the local barriers and needs are surfaced and effectively responded to by the state team.

What is Built for Zero?

Built for Zero is a national movement of 89 communities redefining what is possible — and what it takes — to measurably and sustainably end homelessness. As part of Built for Zero, communities have changed how local systems work and the impact they can achieve. By bringing local agencies and partners together around a commitment to driving population-level reductions, Built for Zero communities have demonstrated that they can achieve a bold result together that no one organization can deliver alone. With real-time, individual-level data guiding their efforts, more than half of those cities and counties have driven reductions in the number of people experiencing chronic and veteran homelessness. Fourteen Built for Zero communities have proven they can end homelessness for a population outright. Since 2015, communities in Built for Zero have housed more than 134,844 individuals.

Why join Built for Zero

Built for Zero is a collaborative that leverages a coaching and convening model with a team of experts from Community Solutions, federal agency partners, nationwide experts, and 89 U.S. communities working to end chronic and veteran homelessness (as a proof point on the way to ending all homelessness). Community teams in the Built for Zero collaborative receive intensive coaching and support in the form of in-person (or virtual if necessary)

learning sessions, cohort calls, and customized tools and data dashboards. Each community works toward goals as a member of one of three cohorts:

By-Name List Cohort. Communities in this cohort work with Community Solutions' coaching team to build, improve and confirm a comprehensive, reliable, real-time, by-name list of all single adults experiencing homelessness in your service Hub..

Reduce to Zero Cohort. Test improvement ideas in rapid cycles to drive monthly reductions in homelessness and reach the goal of functional zero

Zero for All Cohort. Focus on sustaining your gains as you expand your focus to new populations

When

STEPS IN THE PROCESS	DATES <i>(subject to change)</i>
Info Session to learn more: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- What is Built for Zero- How does BfZ relate to your Service Hub and Coordinated Entry work- Overview of the BfZ team experience	December 7, 2021 2:30 - 3:30pm RSVP here and we will send you the invite
BfZ Maine Service Hub Application released	January 17, 2022
BfZ Application Due	February 11, 2022
Service Hubs notified of acceptance to BfZ Collaborative	By February 22, 2022
BfZ Onboarding process begins	March - April 2022
Spring Learning Session - BfZ teams officially launch	May 2022 (dates TBD)

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