

strategy 2.1: address crisis as quickly as possible

- 2.1.A **Ensure sufficient shelter capacity**, including the preservation of existing shelter and increasing capacity to meet specific needs by population and region; including non-traditional shelter models that provide pathways to housing and interventions for long-term shelter stayers. Utilize National Alliance to End Homelessness tool to set system targets, which uses local data to make projections for system-level outcome improvements.
- 2.1.B **Increase support and community education for crisis response needs**, including interim survival mechanisms such as encampments, safe parking programs, and daytime/hygiene services that bring people out of the elements and create pathways to housing.
- 2.1.C **Expand capacity to divert people from shelter**, providing housing focused services prior to housing placement, including community-based strategies that provide (safe and appropriate) alternative options to shelter, creating a “what will it take” approach to get people on a pathway into housing.



**2015-2016 action steps**

- Expand shelter, interim survival mechanisms, and shelter diversion. (Leads: City of Seattle, King County, Building Changes, United Way, SKCCH, providers and sub-regional collaborations; 2015-2016)
- Implement McKinney bonus fund program for long-term shelter stayers. (Leads: All Home, City of Seattle; 2015-2016)

strategy 2.2: foster collaboration between first responders, service providers, and local communities to increase housing stability for those experiencing homelessness

- 2.2.A **Solicit information from local governments, including human services staff, law enforcement, and other first responders about existing partnerships with service providers and innovative approaches to assist those in need of housing.** Develop new, and boost existing, partnerships between behavioral health and social service providers, neighborhood associations, and local governments, including law