

CONSTRUCTIVE
CONVERSATIONS

Metro Homelessness Initiative

Mayor Tim Keller hosted the second Constructive Conversations series to discuss the Metro Homelessness Initiative (MHI). These meetings focused on expanding housing and support systems to help individuals transition to stable housing. Community members engaged directly with city leaders, sharing feedback on innovative housing solutions, enhanced support services, and fostering a compassionate approach to homelessness. Attendees emphasized the importance of ongoing collaboration and open dialogue as initiatives progress.



2,492

Housing units have been added, with 1,258 designated as affordable.



46,000

People have benefited from city and partner programs offering housing vouchers and rental assistance.



15+

Programs have been added, including a 24/7 low-barrier shelter, an easy-to-use shelter app, and transportation to shelters.

1,000

People per day will be supported by the Gateway Center, with expanded services launching in 2025.

\$22M

Federal funds allocated to addiction recovery initiatives to address critical needs.





Community Feedback Overview

WHAT WE HEARD

Top Solutions Supported in Housing and Recovery

- Hotel/Motel Conversions:** These conversions are becoming an increasingly popular solution to housing shortages, with mentions across the board. These conversions provide immediate, cost-effective housing options, often faster than new builds. By leveraging existing infrastructure, cities can address the urgent needs, particularly of individuals facing homelessness or requiring temporary housing
- Office Building Conversions:** Repurposing underutilized office spaces into residential units is another strategy that maximizes existing

infrastructure, offers affordable housing and contributes to urban revitalization, all while meeting the growing demand for residential units.

- Micro-Communities:** Micro-communities, like Gateway Recovery, are gaining attention. These communities offer individuals a place to stay for up to 24 months. Providing access to healthcare, social services, and workforce development, all of which contribute to long-term stability and recovery.

OUTREACH AND SERVICE EXPANSION Where Help is Needed Most

- SE Quadrant Top Priority:** Central Avenue has emerged as a key area for outreach and

WHAT SOLUTIONS WOULD YOU SUPPORT AS PATHWAYS TO STABLE HOUSING?

HOTEL/MOTEL CONVERSIONS

OFFICE CONVERSIONS

ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS (CASITAS)

CONGREGATE SHELTERS

MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING

MICRO-COMMUNITY

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new services, aligning with and validating the City's ongoing efforts to address needs.

- SW Quadrant Top Priority:** There is a focus on enhancing outreach, building on the recent addition of Albuquerque Community Safety (ACS) services at the Alvarado Transit Center in the downtown area. This highlights the need for a continued support in these areas.

- Streamlining housing voucher programs to reduce barriers, enhance community partner access, and improve tracking.
- Expanding affordable housing resources to increase supply.
- Providing more Gateway services in 2025, aiming to support 1,000 people per day.
- Allocating \$22 million to addiction recovery initiatives to address critical needs.

How You Can Help

- Advocate with elected officials to prioritize housing and homelessness solutions.
- Stay involved—visit our website for updates.
- Explore volunteer opportunities at cabq.gov/volunteer and make a difference.

NEXT STEPS

What We're Doing

- Utilizing community feedback to strengthen partnerships with state and county leaders, leveraging more resources for housing and homelessness initiatives.

