



Implementation Status Updates

October 23, 2024

Complete indicates that an action item has been fully implemented.

Ongoing indicates that an action item has been completed and is of a continuous nature (typically policy, procedure, or enforcement).

In Progress indicates that an action item is underway.

In Development indicates that pre-work has begun in preparation of initiating an action item.

| Goal 1: Housing Production & Preservation | Status | Update |
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| <p>Tulsa Housing Strategy Begin implementation of priority actions assigned to the City to lead and continue collaboration with partners and stakeholders on actions assigned to the City as a funder, participant and/or advisor.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: Refer to updates contained within this document.</p> <p>July 2024: DCE is currently leading discussions with key stakeholders around implementation, many of which are Path to Home action items.</p> <p>May 2024: The full strategy was released April 15, 2024.</p> |
| <p>Development Review and Approval Process Proactively communicate with the development community about improvements and timelines to make the process more transparent and show that improvements are being made. Inform applicants about best practices to avoid delays, including common issues that arise with specific development types and how they can be successfully resolved.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: Smart Growth America held in-person focus group sessions with developers, professional organizations, community leaders, architects, engineers, elected officials and other key stakeholders.</p> <p>July 2024: The Anne & Henry Zarrow Foundation, in partnership with the city, has selected Smart Growth America to perform a development process and permitting best practices assessment. The project kickoff is scheduled for August, with final deliverables due in November.</p> <p>May 2024: PartnerTulsa convenes a quarterly Developer Roundtable meeting with representatives from various City Departments and the development community.</p> |
| <p>Housing Feasibility Zoning Amendments Amend City zoning regulations to respond to shifts in the housing market and work towards meeting the citywide demand of nearly 13,000 units. Key concepts include converting commercial buildings into housing, allowing more housing types in office and commercial districts and addressing barriers to encourage accessory dwelling units and manufactured housing.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: The proposed amendments were presented at Council UED (10/16) and are scheduled for public hearing and potential vote at City Council meeting (10/30).</p> <p>July 2024: The Tulsa Planning Office is scheduled to present at Council-UED (7/31) the third and final part of the housing series discussions. The proposed amendments will be presented at TMAPC work session (8/7).</p> <p>May 2024: The amendments were initiated by Councilor Bellis in April 2023. DCE representatives have scheduled follow-up discussions in July 2024 with City Council, and a potential adoption September 2024.</p> |

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| <p>Housing Suitability Map Create and regularly update an interactive map that identifies housing-ready sites that have good development potential related to infrastructure, zoning, floodplain, surrounding land uses, and other key elements.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: Smart Growth America is reviewing the map to offer suggestions on final revisions prior to publishing.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: A draft version of the map is complete. DCE is doing a final cleanup of the map before it is published on the City's website.</p> |
| <p>Preapproved Plan Program Publish permit-ready housing construction plans that have been reviewed for conformance with building codes and promote residential design that fits neighborhoods context. This simple, inexpensive-to-implement option reduces the permit process time for selected housing types and can contribute to more affordable housing.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: Flintlock Lab Co. has been awarded the contract for services. Work is anticipated to start in December 2024.</p> <p>July 2024: The budget amendment request for \$250,000 is on 2nd reading at City Council (7/31). DCE is developing the Request for Proposals document scheduled to be published in August.</p> <p>May 2024: DCE presented a funding proposal to the ARPA working group on May 21, 2024 (\$250,000 request). DCE is working with Development Services to answer some questions raised and will participate in the meeting on June 26, 2024.</p> |
| <p>Housing Project Coordinators Fund and hire new positions to serve(s) as a liaison for affordable housing projects and assist developers for the duration of City processes including public incentives, zoning, and permitting.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: The city submitted a PRO Housing grant application to HUD to fund two new positions: a Housing Strategy Coordinator and a Housing Project Coordinator.</p> <p>July 2024: DCE and Tulsa Planning Office have a draft program being vetted by departments involved in the development process – Development Services, Public Works, Water & Sewer, PartnerTulsa, and the Fire Marshals Office.</p> <p>May 2024: A funding source has not been identified to support new positions. DCE is working on interim solutions to accomplish the same objectives (Housing Priority Program).</p> |
| <p>Expand Neighborhood Infill Overlay Expand the Neighborhood Infill Overlay to allow a variety of different residential housing types in a manner that is compatible with the size and residential character of existing neighborhoods. A Zoning Overlay would amend underlying regulations that make it difficult to build housing commonly referred to as “Missing Middle” - duplexes, townhomes, multi-unit houses, quadplexes, and small apartment buildings.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: The city developed a GIS mapping tool to monitor residential development activity within the NIO areas.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: The Overlay was expanded to the Dawson Neighborhood, approved by Council on January 10, 2024. The ordinance was published on February 2, 2024, and became effective date March 3, 2024.</p> |

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| <p>Housing Redevelopment Lien Relief Create a well-defined policy to evaluate the potential release of code enforcement liens upon meeting conditions of a defined redevelopment plan, ensuring long-term affordability, and addressing properties that were previously on the City's nuisance and/or demolition lists.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: DCE has drafted a new policy that is currently being reviewed by community stakeholders for feedback.</p> |
| <p>Save Our Homes Program Foster a partnership with Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) and the Financial Empowerment Center (FEC) to aid low-income households who are in danger of losing their homes. Services include title clearing, payment of delinquent property taxes, and financial counseling.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2023: The contract amendment was approved to extend funding until June 30, 2025.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: The program is being actively promoted by the City and administered by Tulsa Economic Development Corporation. The contract expires August 2024.</p> |
| <p>Vacant Home Redevelopment Program Foster a partnership with Tulsa Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) to offer a loan fund that provides forgivable loans to small redevelopers who purchase and enhance existing properties that will be available to residents who possess housing vouchers. Such properties may be abandoned, lien-levied, or in need of repairs.</p> | In Development | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: No new update.</p> |
| <p>Vacant Lot Acquisition Program Implement a pilot program with PartnerTulsa to identify and acquire vacant lots prime for housing development where new construction is economically viable. The program will initially focus on smaller infill lots with the goal of addressing properties that are identified on the City's nuisance and/or demolition lists.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: The city submitted a PRO Housing grant application to HUD to fund a pilot program aimed to acquire vacant lots for the development of 40 new affordable housing units.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: No new update.</p> |
| <p>Homeowner Emergency Repair Program Increase commitment by 20% from previous year to address backlog of emergency repair applications. The program will provide grant funding for qualified applicants to repair home conditions that threaten the health and/or safety of the occupants.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: PY24 funds have been received and are currently being deployed.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: The resolution was signed by the Mayor on May 15, 2024, approving the Program Year (PY) 2024 Annual Action Plan. The ER program funding increased from \$606,004 to \$729,888. Program funding will begin July 1, 2024.</p> |

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| <p>Low Barrier Shelter Open a Low Barrier Shelter in partnership with City Lights Foundation of Oklahoma to temporarily house 50-75 households at a time. The program is referral-based for unsheltered individuals who are unable to access other available services, specifically due to their mental or physical health limitations and other barriers.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: The Special Exception was approved by the BOA and building permits have also been approved. Facility and site improvements are underway.</p> <p>July 2024: The proposed facility is located at 3910 N Park Rd. DCE and the Council Office held a neighborhood meeting on July 11. There were approximately 60 attendees. DCE is preparing a Special Exception application for the September 10 Board of Adjustment (BOA) meeting.</p> <p>May 2024: DCE is working with City Lights to evaluate a list of 50+ potential sites. Key criteria include a single-story building, lease option, 50-75 individual rooms, single exterior common entrance, outdoor common area, etc.</p> |
| <p>Priority Housing Placement Program Pilot a program with the Tulsa Housing Authority to set aside 50 housing vouchers for chronically homeless individuals. The program will include two full-time staff positions, a reduction in the criminal history “look back” period from 5 to 2 years, and the removal of 34 out of 47 criminal screening categories.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: Vouchers are being requested for qualifying households, as referred by Housing Solutions.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: MOUs have been signed between the Tulsa Housing Authority, the City of Tulsa, and Housing Solutions. The program will begin once other emergency temporary housing and low-barrier shelter initiatives start.</p> |
| <p>Encampment Decommissioning Develop a policy to strategically identify and close encampments through coordinated outreach to connect people with services and housing. Occupants would be given assistance to find housing over a period of time before encampment clean up occurred. Site selection, decommissioning processes, and housing opportunities are coordinated among stakeholders prior to clean up.</p> | In Development | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: DCE is participating in the Housing Solutions - Law Enforcement/Outreach monthly meetings to establish policies and procedures. The Homeless Lead Position will take ownership of this effort.</p> |
| <p>Homeless Program Lead Fund and hire a position to serve as the City’s point of contact and liaison for homelessness services including service provider contractor coordination and efforts requiring collaboration with community partners.</p> | Complete | <p>October 2024: The position has been filled with the new hire beginning November 4, 2024.</p> <p>July 2024: The budget amendment request for \$140,000 is on 2nd reading at City Council (7/31).</p> <p>May 2024: DCE presented a funding proposal to the ARPA working group on May 21, 2024 (\$140,000 request). Finance will process a budget amendment to reallocate funds.</p> |
| <p>TFD Alternative Response Team Institutionalize the pilot co-responder program to assist with the growing number of mental health calls, staffed with an experienced paramedic and licensed mental health clinician.</p> | Complete | <p>July 2024: \$618,000 was approved at Council July 24. Those funds will support 2 positions, program supplies, and a vehicle.</p> <p>May 2024: The ART-2 team, focused on providing services within the Inner Dispersal Loop, is fully funded in the FY24-FY25 budget.</p> |

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| <p>Crisis System Coordination</p> <p>Convene and provide staff to support a multi-sector governing body to oversee the evaluation of the crisis response system to deploy resources and services more effectively in responding to individuals in mental health crisis who may also be experiencing homelessness.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: The city's Chief Mental Health Officer and Healthy Minds continue to co-lead the First Responders Advisory Committee in adapting the mental health crisis response system in Tulsa. Some adaptations will be piloted in Fall 2024.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: The city's Chief Mental Health Officer is leading efforts with Healthy Minds and the First Responders Advisory Committee (FRAC). A presentation at 3H Task Force is scheduled for May 22, 2024.</p> |
| <p>Enhanced Street Outreach Program</p> <p>Grow an enhanced Street Outreach Program that provides resources and direct services to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness across the city of Tulsa's geographic area using a collaborative approach by Housing Solutions and Mental Health Association's outreach programs.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: A contract amendment was approved to extend funding until March 2025.</p> <p>May 2024: Housing Solutions received a City ARPA grant and SAMHSA grant to support outreach programming. Primary partners include Mental Health Association, Grand Mental Health, and Family & Children's Services.</p> |
| <p>Emergency Temporary Housing</p> <p>Create an interconnected system to effectively treat and house the unsheltered population, while reducing the impact on community resources. This program will include new staff to perform outreach, provide case management, and temporarily house participants in hotel/motel rooms with food and transportation services.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: 15 unsheltered individuals have been relocated into motels/hotels and are receiving services on their pathway to permanent housing.</p> <p>July 2024: The Tulsa Day Center has started outreach Downtown with efforts focused on individuals sleeping on sidewalks, under bridges, and other public areas.</p> <p>May 2024: The contract was signed by the Mayor on May 15th, 2024. Tulsa Day Center is actively hiring staff and will begin training with an estimated program launch in June 2024.</p> |
| <p>Tulsa Day Center Animal Kennels</p> <p>Reduce barriers to emergency shelter by funding a facility buildout at the Tulsa Day Center for animals to include kennels, a wash station, and other accommodations.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: Building construction is nearly complete and will be operational by November 2024.</p> <p>July 2024: Construction is underway.</p> <p>May 2024: The building permit was approved. The groundbreaking event is scheduled for May 31, 2024. Estimated completion is October 2024.</p> |

| Goal 3: Leverage & Align Funding | Status | Update |
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| <p>Improve Our Tulsa Adopt a resolution to implement a project plan with recommendations from the City of Tulsa’s Housing, Homelessness, & Mental Health Task Force on funding priorities for housing initiatives.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: The proposed IOT3 resolution is scheduled for presentation to City Council on October 30, 2024.</p> <p>July 2024: Goal to present a proposed IOT3 resolution by Fall 2024.</p> <p>May 2024: In July and August 3H Task Force will engage other cities to learn about the structure of Housing Investment Funds. DCE is working with Council Staff and PartnerTulsa to do background work toward creating a Resolution for consideration by the 3H Task Force.</p> |
| <p>Align HUD Consolidated Plan Establish priority needs and goals for effectively spending federal grant funds in the upcoming 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. This includes community development, housing, and homeless services funding received via Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) programs.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: The Consolidated Plan and PY25 Annual Action Plan include language to align Program goals and funding priorities with the Path to Home action items.</p> <p>July 2024: TDA consulting is under contract to provide consulting services to the city. The project kickoff is scheduled for the week of August 19 – 23.</p> <p>May 2024: A Request for Proposal is out for consulting services to assist in developing the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. Applications are due May 22, 2024.</p> |
| <p>Leverage Medicaid Funding Investigate and engage other levels of government to expand the opportunity to utilize Medicaid to provide services. Medicaid funding could potentially be utilized by current City partners and under the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) model.</p> | In Development | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: No new update.</p> |
| <p>Capture Grant Opportunities Support community coordination to ensure an entity is applying for all available grants and potentially create a set-aside of local match funds for competitive grants.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: The city submitted a PRO Housing grant application to HUD for a total request of \$ 5,758,128.20. If awarded, the grant would fund two new positions and a pilot voluntary acquisition program to support the development of 40 new affordable housing units.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: No new update.</p> |

| Goal 4: Community Standards & Resources | Status | Update |
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| <p>Public Outreach and Education Create a public resource page for businesses and citizens that contains a list of existing City programs, frequently asked questions, and contact information that help mitigate the symptoms of homelessness (Path to Home Initiative).</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: Updates are being posted regularly at: cityoftulsa.org/pathtohome.</p> <p>July 2024: See Path to Home webpage for news, announcements, and other public updates.</p> <p>May 2024: Path to Home was launched April 2024. The website is updated on a weekly basis with new social media posts highlighting city related efforts around housing, homelessness, and mental health.</p> |

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| <p>Clean-up Crew Expansion Temporarily add two additional crews to an existing contract with the Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) to clean up public rights-of-way where litter has been left.</p> | In Progress | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: Grants Administration is still waiting on approval from HUD.</p> <p>May 2024: A budget amendment was approved by the City Council on May 8. The Grants Administration team is drafting the contract. The anticipated start date is August 2024.</p> |
| <p>Waste Disposal Assistance Program Research a program to subsidize disposal fees related to property owner clean-up efforts and other larger public/private coordinated events. This program would help individual and community efforts to address trash and discarded items related to homelessness.</p> | In Development | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: No new update.</p> |
| <p>Trespassing on Private Property Continue to enforce the trespassing ordinance that makes it easier for individuals detained for trespassing to be considered for a diversion or specialty court program, while at the same time strengthening the City's enforcement capabilities as work continues to combat chronic offenders. The new ordinance does not change what is defined as trespassing. The maximum penalty for a first offense remains the same, up to a \$200 fine plus the court costs. The ordinance adds a second offense with a maximum penalty of up to a \$500 fine plus costs and/or up to 10 days in jail. A Municipal Judge must inquire as to whether the individual would like to be considered for diversion or specialty court program prior to accepting a plea.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: The ordinance was approved by City Council November 29, 2023.</p> |
| <p>Public Right-of-Way Obstruction Create an ordinance clarifying that it is illegal to obstruct rights-of-way with objects or persons. The measure will apply to all streets, alleys, crosswalks, sidewalks, driveways or trails, and exceptions will be provided for extenuating circumstances.</p> | Complete | <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: The ordinance was approved by City Council, May 15, 2024.</p> |
| <p>Private Right-of-Way Enforcement Expand partnership with railroads, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority (OTA) to enforce trespassing laws related to camping, sleeping, and littering/dumping on private rights-of-way.</p> | Complete | <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: A signed letter was received from ODOT on November 17, 2023. A signed letter was received from WATCO on August 10, 2023. A signed letter was received from Union Pacific on August 10, 2023. A signed letter was received from BNSF on March 2, 2024.</p> |
| <p>Mayoral Directive on Enforcement Continue to enforce Mayor Bynum's directive to Tulsa Police to enforce all laws equally regardless of perceived housing status.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: A letter from Mayor Bynum was sent to Chief Franklin August 9, 2023. Enforcement is ongoing.</p> |

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| <p>Open Containers in City Parks</p> <p>Continue to enforce new rules approved by the Tulsa Parks and Recreation Board that allow the Parks Director to regulate open containers and/or consumption of alcohol in individual parks. The new rules will initially focus on addressing public safety concerns in downtown parks to prohibit alcoholic beverages except at permitted events.</p> | Ongoing | <p>October 2024: No new update.</p> <p>July 2024: No new update.</p> <p>May 2024: On Sept 12, 2023, the Park & Recreation Board approved a rule authorizing the Director to regulate use of alcohol in parks. The City Council approved amendments to Title 26 Section 102, 103 on January 24, 2024, codifying the new rule. New signs were installed at Chapman Green in December 2023.</p> |