



**CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES FISCAL COMMITTEE
BUDGET FY27 PRESENTATION**

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LEADING STAMFORD'S RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS

- 40+ years serving Stamford and Fairfield County
- Connecting unsheltered individuals and families to shelter, services, and housing
- Trusted partner to the City and community providers



UNSHELTERED HOMELESSNESS IS INCREASING

Stamford's outreach system needs additional capacity to meet growing demand

- ~45% increase statewide in 2025
- Growing encampments and street homelessness
- Increased pressure on:
 - Police & emergency services
 - Downtown & community spaces
 - Hospitals



STREET OUTREACH IS THE FRONTLINE RESPONSE

What We Do

- Engage individuals and families living unsheltered
- Connect to shelter, services, and housing
- Street engagement in encampments, transit areas, parks, and libraries
- Assessments, referrals, and ongoing case management
- Collaborate with Metro-North, Stamford Police, Ers, etc.
- Serve population with complex needs, including high rates of mental illness and substance abuse

Current Gap

- 2 staff + 1 supervisor
- Limited to daytime coverage

Cannot consistently meet demand, especially evenings/weekends

RESULTS

FY25

126 Served

32 Housed

52 Sheltered

FY26 (Q1–Q3)

157 Served

55 Housed

102 Sheltered

Key Takeaway

Demand continues to grow but increasing engagement and housing placements demonstrate that outreach is effective



FUNDING REQUEST: \$100,000

Investment

- +1 Outreach worker
- Expanded evening/weekend coverage
- Increased citywide presence

Impact

- Faster response
- More engagement
- More housing placements



STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN STAMFORD

Outreach is the first step to housing, and housing is the solution.

Ann Street Ribbon Cutting



Stamford opened in May 2025
Single Units: 11

KEY CHANGES AND DEVELOPMENTS

OUR SOLUTION TO **HOMELESSNESS** IS HOUSING

Rotary Commons



Stamford opening in 2027
Family Units: 18
Single Units: 21

Stillwater Avenue



Stamford opening in 2027
Family Units: 15