

# A CLEAR PATH HOME:

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## BUILDING A SYSTEM | ADDRESSING A STATEWIDE ISSUE



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# HOMELESSNESS IS A PUBLIC HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY CRISIS

## PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY IMPACTS TO THE UNHOUSED:

- Increased risk of illness, worsening chronic diseases, premature death
- Mental health challenges that worsen on the streets
- Overdose and medical emergencies
- Crime victimization and violence

## PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMMUNITY IMPACTS:

- Sanitation and environmental hazards
- Public-space access and business concerns
- Increased demand on front line responders



# THE COST OF CRISIS VS. THE VALUE OF PREVENTION

## THE COST OF DOING NOTHING



| INTERVENTION                 | KEY FINDINGS                                                               | SOURCE                 |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Unsheltered Homelessness     | 3.4× higher annual healthcare spending than when sheltered                 | Koh et al., 2022       |
| Permanent Supportive Housing | 38% fewer psychiatric ED visits; 70% lower shelter use                     | Raven et al., 2020     |
| Medical Respite              | 37% fewer hospital admissions; 70% fewer inpatient days; 49% lower charges | Biederman et al., 2019 |
| Housing Following Respite    | 29% fewer hospitalizations and hospital days; 24% fewer ED visits          | Sadowski et al., 2009  |
| Medicaid Housing Partnership | 33% lower total healthcare costs; 50% fewer ED visits                      | Lovelace et al., 2025  |
| Housing First (Albuquerque)  | \$14,700 saved per participant; \$1.78 return per \$1 invested             | UNM, 2016              |

# Three-year state homelessness funding request

Ten prioritized investments across the homelessness continuum • \$150 million over three years

| FUNDING PRIORITY                                                               | YEAR 1                                              | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | 3-YR TOTAL |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Gateway Recovery 2.0                                                           | \$8M                                                | \$3M   | \$2M   | \$13M      |
| Crisis Triage Center Renovation and Operations                                 | \$5M                                                | \$5M   | \$5M   | \$15M      |
| State-Funded Housing Vouchers                                                  | \$5M                                                | \$7M   | \$10M  | \$22M      |
| Eviction Prevention and Flexible Financial Assistance                          | \$2M                                                | \$2M   | \$2M   | \$6M       |
| Young Adult Shelter Operations and Expansion (18–25)                           | \$3M                                                | \$10M  | \$7M   | \$20M      |
| Homeless Outreach, Engagement, and Service Connections                         | \$5M                                                | \$5M   | \$6M   | \$16M      |
| Homelessness Data Integration and Visualization                                | \$1M                                                | \$1M   | \$1M   | \$3M       |
| Family Shelter Operations                                                      | \$4M                                                | \$4M   | \$4M   | \$12M      |
| Gateway Food Services, Security, Facility, and Janitorial Operations           | \$12M                                               | \$8M   | \$8M   | \$28M      |
| Intensive Care and Stabilization Services for Medically Vulnerable Individuals | \$5M                                                | \$5M   | \$5M   | \$15M      |
| THREE-YEAR TOTAL                                                               | YEAR 1 \$50M   YEAR 2 \$50M   YEAR 3 \$50M   \$150M |        |        |            |
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# Affordable housing: City state funding request

Nine City funding priorities to build, preserve and improve affordable homes

| FUNDING PRIORITY                             | YEAR 1                                                      | YEAR 2 | YEAR 3 | 3-YR TOTAL |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|------------|
| Close current development financing gaps     | \$4M                                                        | \$4M   | \$4M   | \$12M      |
| New multifamily tax-credit development       | \$8M                                                        | \$8M   | \$8M   | \$24M      |
| Owner-occupied rehabilitation                | \$5M                                                        | \$5M   | \$5M   | \$15M      |
| Multifamily rehabilitation                   | \$5M                                                        | \$5M   | \$5M   | \$15M      |
| Acquire or preserve at-risk affordable units | \$10M                                                       | \$10M  | \$10M  | \$30M      |
| Energy-efficiency upgrades                   | \$3.5M                                                      | \$3.5M | \$3.5M | \$10.5M    |
| Critical rehab at City-owned developments    | \$5M                                                        | \$5M   | \$5M   | \$15M      |
| Down-payment or mortgage reduction           | \$1M                                                        | \$1M   | \$1M   | \$3M       |
| Commercial-to-residential redevelopment      | \$8M                                                        | \$8M   | \$8M   | \$24M      |
| THREE-YEAR TOTAL                             | YEAR 1 \$49.5M   YEAR 2 \$49.5M   YEAR 3 \$49.5M   \$148.5M |        |        |            |

# STATEWIDE IMPACT & CONTINUUM OF CARE

59% OF THE STATE'S HOMELESS POPULATION IS BEING SUPPORTED BY ALBUQUERQUE (2026 PIT COUNT DATA--3,112 OF 5,285 RESIDENTS WERE IN ABQ)

## 1. OUTREACH

- ALBUQUERQUE COMMUNITY SAFETY
- STREET OUTREACH
- FIRST RESPONDER INTAKE

## 2. SHELTER

- GATEWAY WEST
- OTHER COMMUNITY SHELTER SETTINGS

## 3. SPECIALIZED CARE

- MEDICAL RESPITE
- MEDICAL SOBERING
- RECOVERY HOUSING

## 4. NAVIGATION

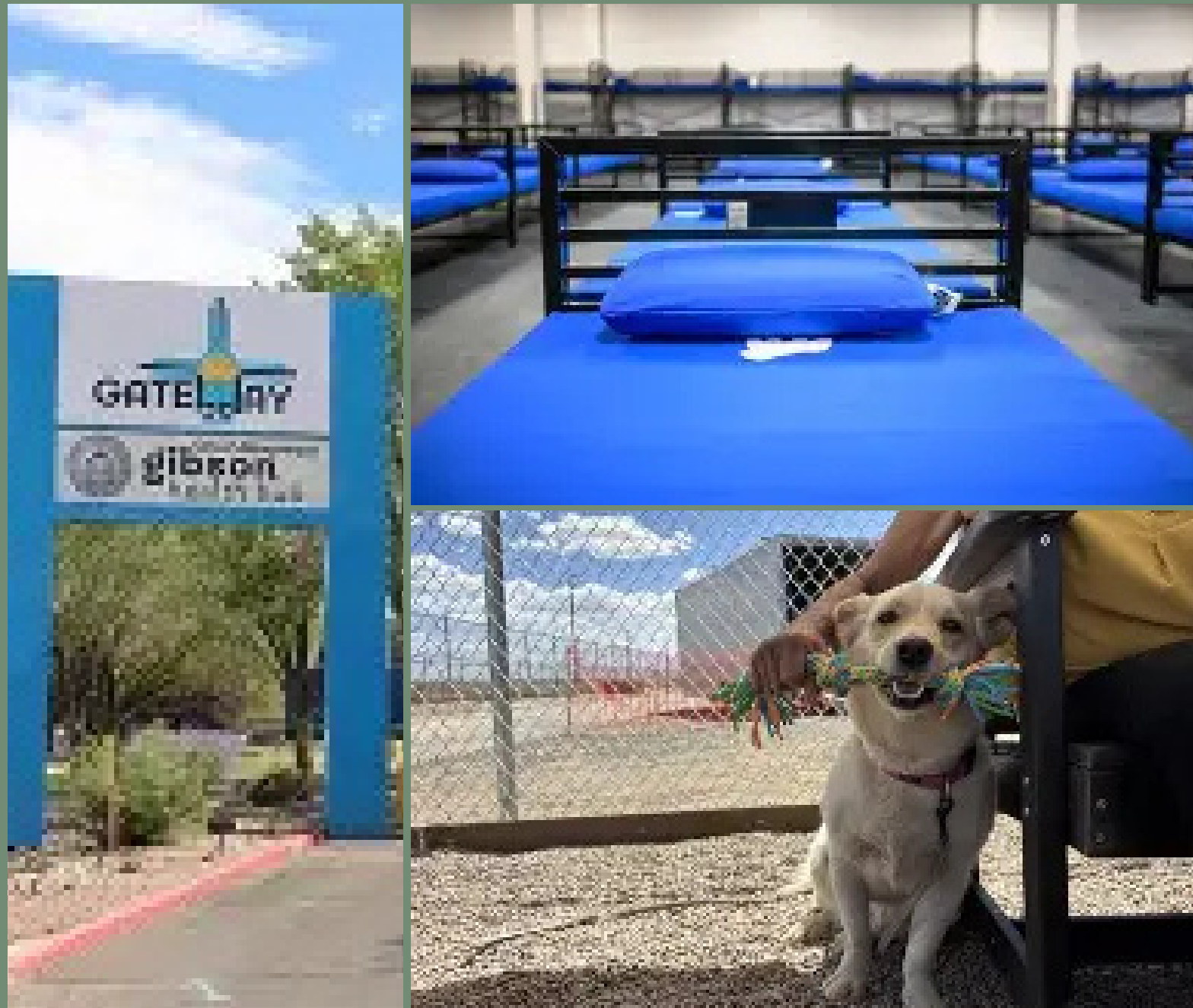
- WOMEN AND MEN
- YOUNG ADULTS
- FAMILIES

## 5. HOUSING

- TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND RAPID REHOUSING
- AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

# WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

## GATEWAY SYSTEM OF CARE



Lives Saved. Lives Restored

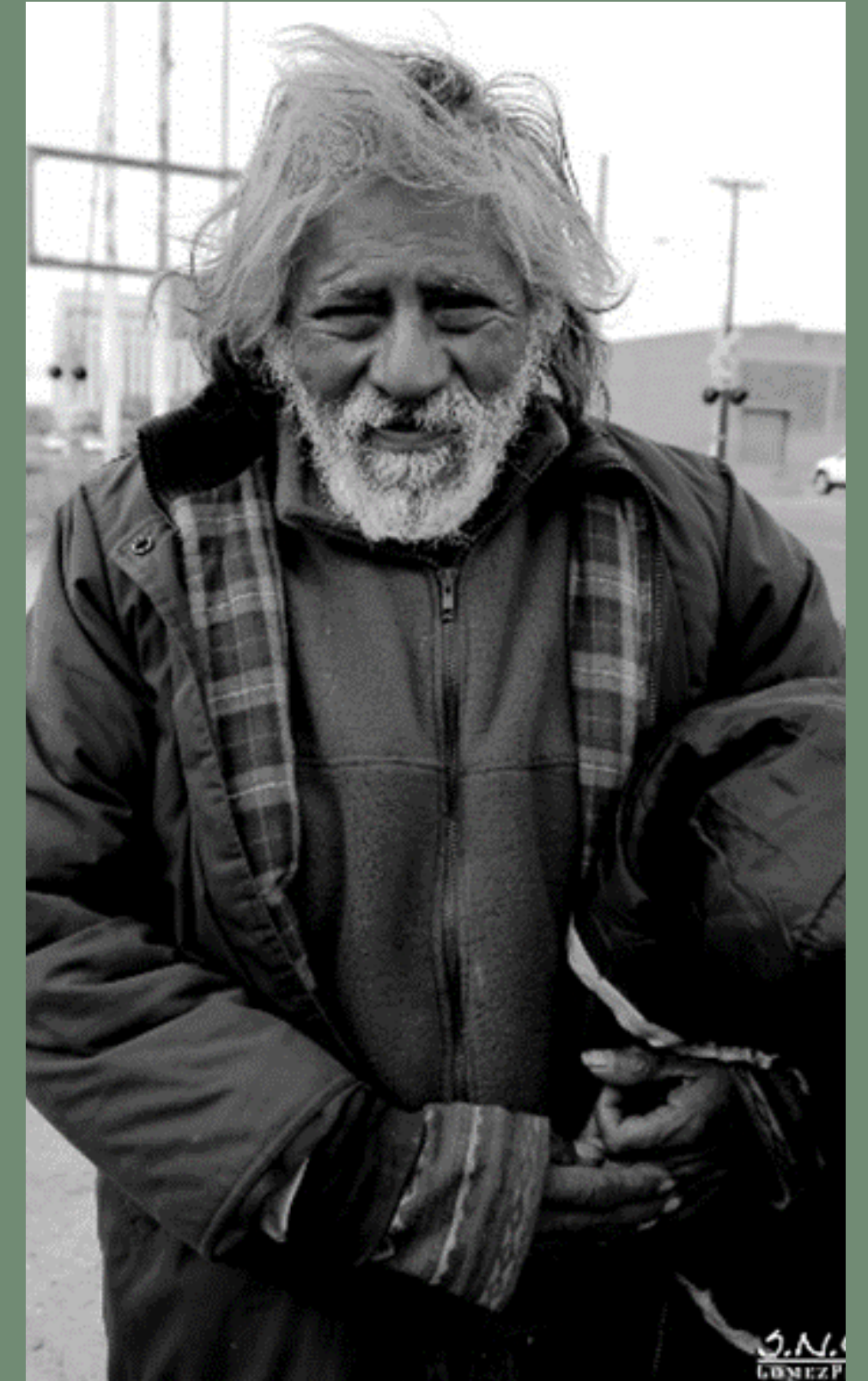
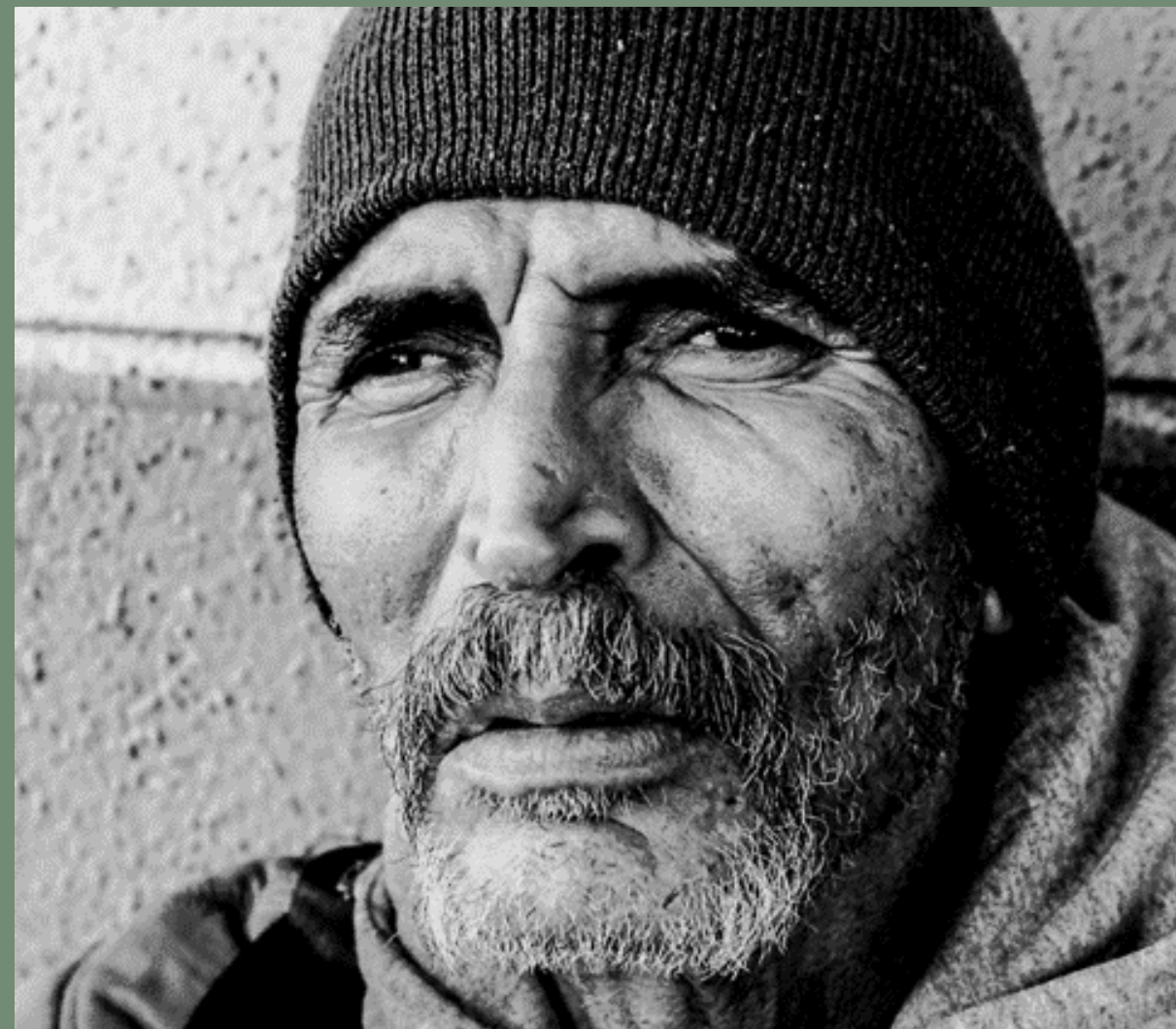
5 Sites: 9 Programs

- 1,200 Emergency and Specialty Beds Built
- 7,080 Individuals served in FY26—a 39% increase from FY25
- 1,500 Residents housed with city funded vouchers
- 1,076 Residents supported with eviction prevention and related services

# The Faces of Homelessness

IN FY 26 THE GATEWAY SYSTEM  
SERVED 7,080 RESIDENTS:

- 1,899 older adults ages 55+
- 958 chronically homeless persons
- 598 family members
- 463 military veterans



# FY27 GATEWAY EXPANSIONS & OPERATING SUPPORT

LEGISLATIVE SUPPORT BEING REQUESTED

GATEWAY YOUNG  
ADULT

CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER

GATEWAY OPERATING SUPPORT  
TO HELP SUSTAIN WHAT HAS BEEN  
BUILT

GATEWAY FAMILY

HOUSING VOUCHERS AND  
EVICTION PREVENTION  
SERVICES

GATEWAY RECOVERY

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING  
IN THE A-WING OF THE  
GATEWAY CENTER



# GATEWAY YOUNG ADULT



## **Phase I: Opened March 30, 2026**

Ages 18-25

41 beds

44 were served April to June 30: YTD 75

Street walk ins accepted

## **A first in Albuquerque**

Unhoused Young Adults and Youth are a growing population in New Mexico—32,000 ages 16-24 are not in school or employment statewide (LFC Hearing Brief, May 20, 2026)

## **Phase II Expansion will add 39 beds**

FY27 Legislative Request will be for both capital and operating

# GATEWAY FAMILY

Opened 2020

70 rooms

598 people served in FY26 (50% children)

90 Day Program

54% Successfully Housed

Case management, housing navigation, and  
employment support

Wait list of over 160 families

FY27 Legislative Request for three years of  
operating support



# GATEWAY RECOVERY

## Phase I: Opened Spring 2025

50 residents in pallet homes

Up to 24 months

79 served through FY26

Onsite treatment

Employment and job training

43% Successful Housing Outcomes

Filling gaps in recovery programs

Phase II will add 15-25 beds

FY27 Legislative Request will be for both  
capital and operating support



## Success Stories:

**Jim** recently obtained employment, bought a car and secured housing. He had struggled with addiction for years and is now on the pathway to stability and living a higher quality of life.

**4 other residents also recently obtained employment.**

# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AT GATEWAY CENTER

100 UNITS IN THE A-WING FOR SENIORS, VETERANS, AND FOR ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.



# TRANSITIONAL HOUSING: A GAP & A GROWING NEED (HOUSING NM/MFA MAY, 2026 REPORT)

## A significant housing gap in New Mexico:

Transitional housing declined in Albuquerque from 600 units in 2011 to 266 in 2025.

## The Model:

- The bridge between shelter and permanent housing
- Support and stabilization services
- 18-24 month-housing

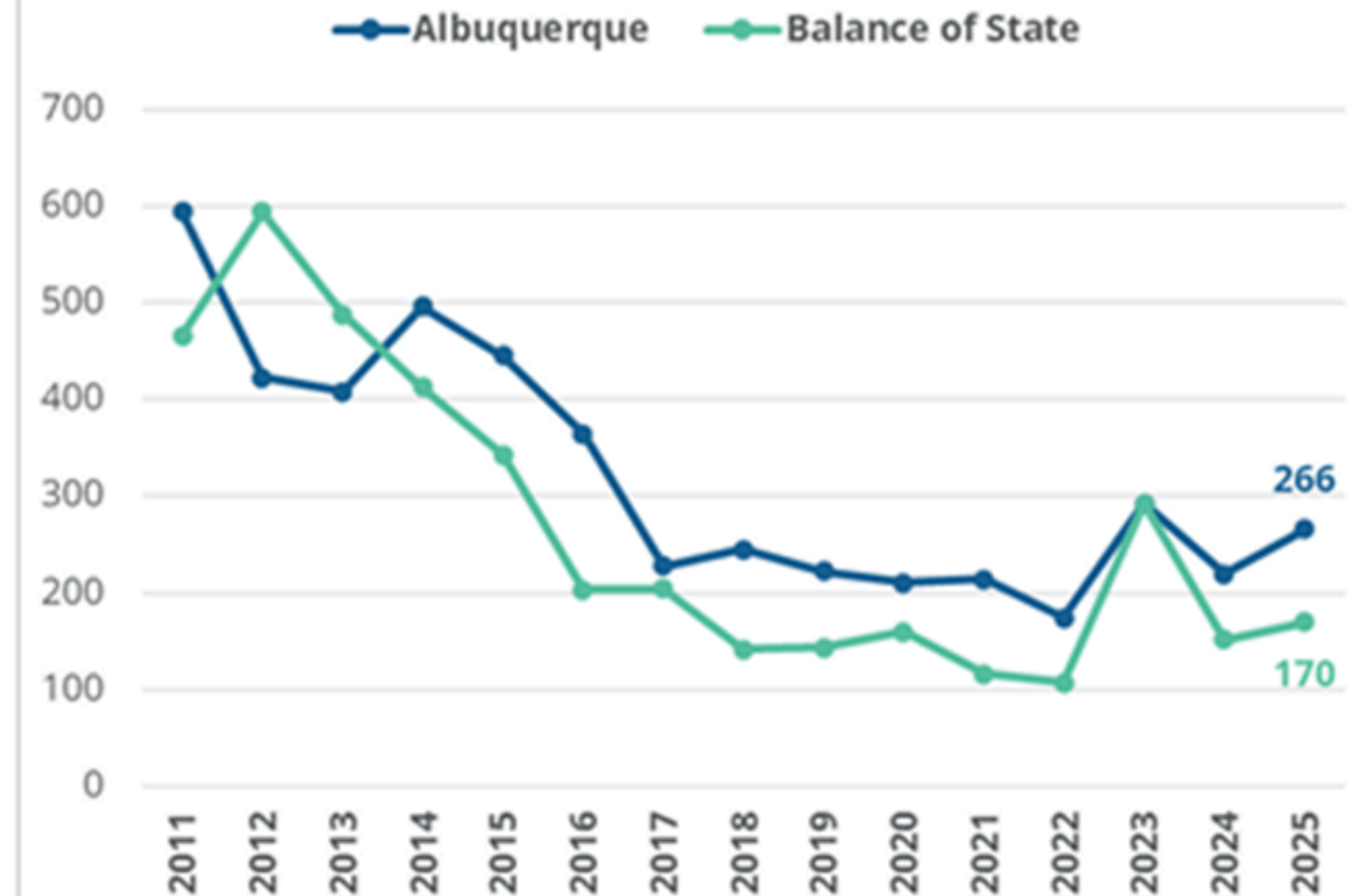
**Figure III-8.**  
People Residing in  
Transitional Housing,  
PIT Counts, 2009–  
2025

**Note:**

2021 and 2022 PIT Counts were affected by pandemic-related complications.

**Source:**

2025 Point-In-Time Count  
[https://www.nmceh.org/\\_files/ugd/2e9419\\_b4f165dd991a4b7aada59938d8488dbe.pdf](https://www.nmceh.org/_files/ugd/2e9419_b4f165dd991a4b7aada59938d8488dbe.pdf)



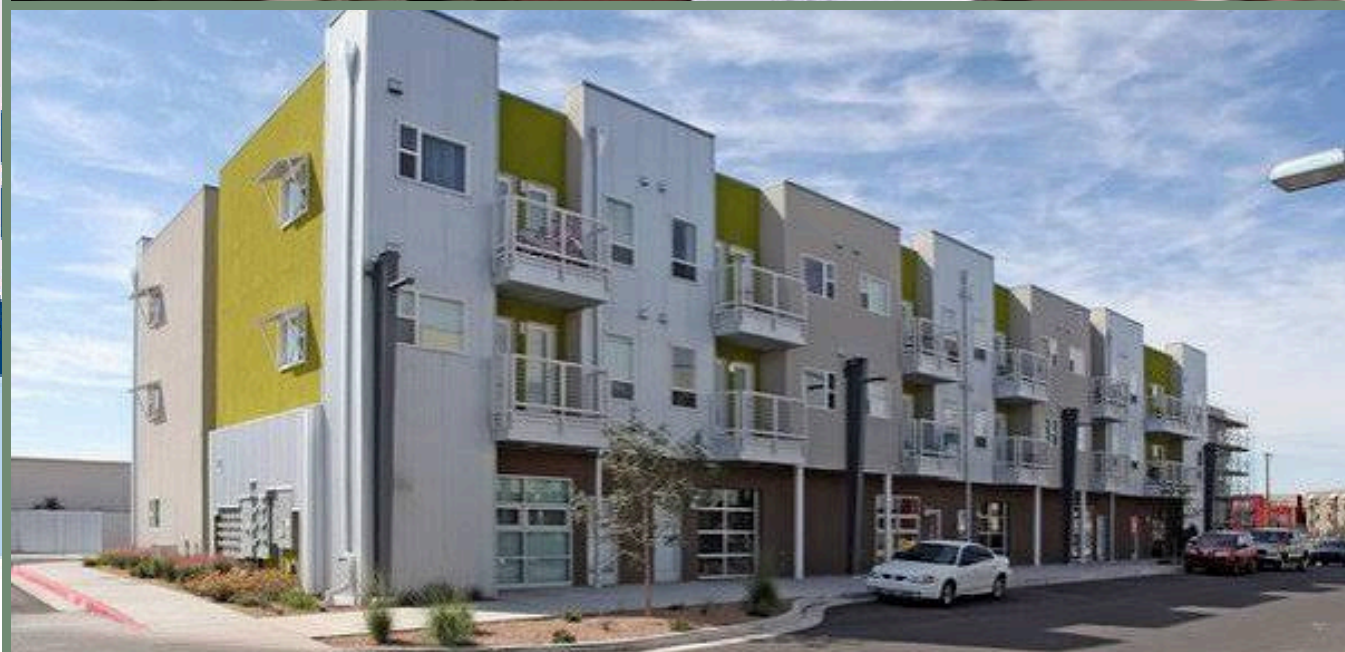
# WHY ALBUQUERQUE NEEDS A TRUE CRISIS TRIAGE CENTER

Leverage Gateway's emerging role as a CCBHC provider:

- Filling a critical service gap: Providing 24/7 assessment and stabilization for individuals who need crisis intervention but not hospitalization.
- Reducing system pressures: Offering an alternative to emergency departments, unnecessary hospitalizations, and law enforcement involvement.
- Advancing state priorities: Supporting an integrated, community-based behavioral health system while reducing avoidable use of costly services.



# HOUSING EVICTION AND PREVENTION



## Vouchers to Expand Housing Assistance:

- Build on Albuquerque's current \$8 million annual investment in vouchers that housed 1,500 people in FY26.
- Request for three-year investment of \$22M in housing vouchers.

## Eviction Prevention & Related Assistance:

- Build on Albuquerque's current \$1.1 million annual investment in eviction prevention and emergency rental assistance that serves nearly 1,100.
- Request for three-year investment of \$6M.

# GATEWAY MULTIYEAR OPERATING SUPPORT

Funding is needed to help sustain a system that serves the entire state

- We are continuing to diversify our revenue base:
- Medicaid
- Healthcare and Hospital Partnerships
- Private Investments
- In-Kind donations
- Three years of support to be requested





# AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEEDS

## PREDICTABLE CAPITAL

### The Need:

- Aging residents are losing their housing
- Over half of renters are housing cost-burdened
- Affordable housing shortages continue to grow, with an existing shortfall of 18,370 units affordable to extremely low-income households and a need to produce 12,150 units of new housing in the coming years
- Rental housing stock is aging, needs repair



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS FOR 2026

## DEVELOPMENT

The City needs to produce 608 affordable units a year for the next 20-years to keep up with demand

- Calle Cuarta
  - 61 units
- Farolito
  - 82 units for seniors
- Route 66 Flats
  - 47 units permanent supportive housing
  - 190 units added in FY 26
- Currently under construction:
  - 4 affordable housing units (396 units with 316 being affordable)

# A PROVEN SUCCESS MODEL FOR THE STATE

## THE GATEWAY MODEL

- **GATEWAY MEDICAL RESPITE:** 38 BEDS + 12 OVERFLOW (OPENED FEBRUARY 2025)
- **GATEWAY MEDICAL SOBERING:** 50 BEDS (OPENED OCTOBER 2025)
- **GATEWAY FIRST RESPONDER RECEIVING AREA:** 25-35 BEDS (OPENED 2024)
- **GATEWAY NAVIGATION SHELTER PROGRAMS:** 483 BEDS



# CLOSING...

- BUILDING AND SUSTAINING THE GATEWAY SYSTEM
- SERVING RESIDENTS STATEWIDE
- PARTNERSHIPS FOR IMPACT...NONPROFITS, HEALTHCARE, BUSINESS
- REPLICATION IN OTHER PARTS OF NEW MEXICO
- ADDRESSING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GAP



# THANK YOU!



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