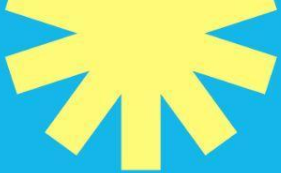
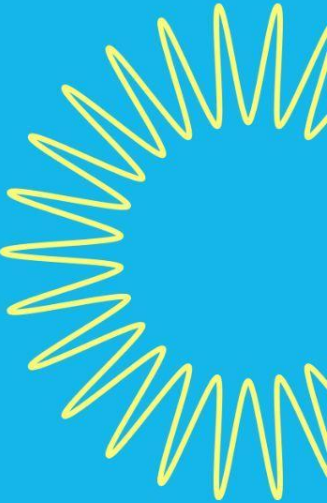


THE BRIGHT SPOT AWARDS

Celebrating Milestones
Across the Network





CELEBRATING YOUR DATA

What your reporting made possible this year

Built For Zero.



**COMMUNITY
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What we're celebrating

1

You showed up

Record reporting, long streaks,
and new communities

2

Your data got sharper

Quality data, system-wide
counts, and unsheltered data

3

Your data shows results

Reductions that held, and how
communities did it



Now more than ever

now about data: different
methods, different motives.

Here's what stays true.



REAL-TIME DATA IS FOR YOU TO

LEARN

See what's working while there's still time to act

COURSE-CORRECT

Spot what isn't working month to month, not year to year

TELL THE STORY

Show your community what progress really looks like

Built for Zero is your steady, reliable home for that data.



You showed up

Reporting is how we see progress, together



Record-breaking reporting

103

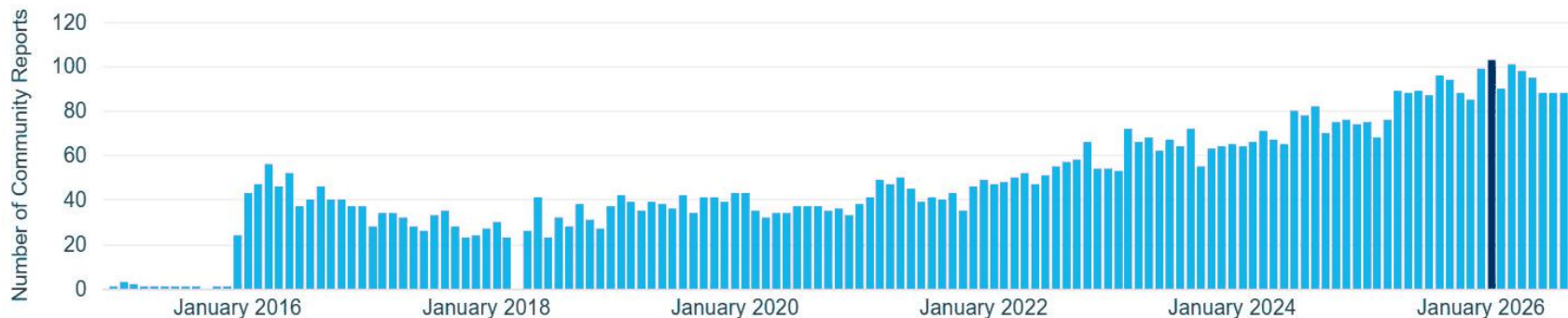
communities submitted a report in February 2026, a new monthly record

121

communities reported counts for April 2026, the most for any month

2x

monthly reporting has more than doubled since 2021



Communities submitting a report each month, 2015 to 2026. February 2026, the record month, is highlighted.

Nearly 12
years of
showing up

141

months of reporting. District of
Columbia and Sacramento
hold the longest reporting
streaks in the network.

141

District of Columbia CoC
Sacramento City & County CoC

140

Bergen County CoC
Jacksonville-Duval, Clay Counties CoC
Lake County/North Chicago
Montgomery County CoC
Phoenix/Mesa/Maricopa County Regional CoC
Suburban Cook Co. CoC
Tucson/Pima County CoC

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Oahu CoC

**MONTHS
REPORTED**

Every month, right on time

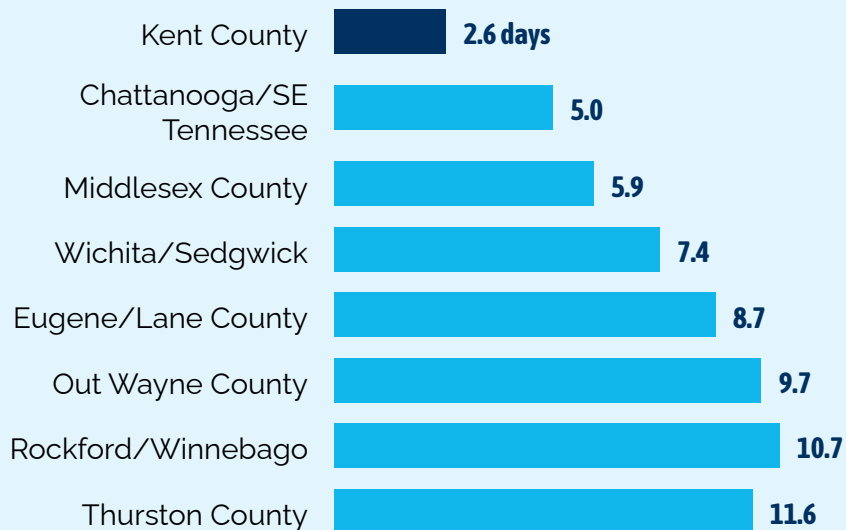
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communities, 12 months, zero gaps. A full year of consistent reporting.

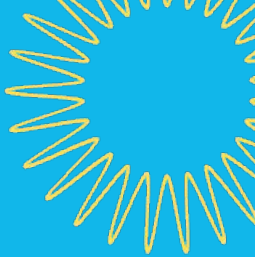
75

communities, 11+ months of reporting, including 25 with a perfect 12-month streak this year.

Fastest of the 25: median days to submit



Kansas showed up together



7 of 9

12 months, 13 days on average

Kansas Balance of State regions delivered a full year of reporting with impressive speed and consistency.

9 of 9

All populations, one system-wide picture

Kansas BoS regions report comprehensive data across their entire homelessness response systems.

2

A spring of quality data milestones

Two Kansas BoS regions achieved All Singles Quality Data, marking a significant milestone in their efforts to accurately track and understand homelessness across their communities.



Welcome to the network



10 communities started reporting between November 2025 and March 2026, including six from Illinois

ILLINOIS (7)

West Central Illinois CoC	Mar 2026
Joliet, Bolingbrook/Will County CoC	Jan 2026
South Central Illinois CoC	Nov 2025
Aurora, Elgin/Kane County CoC	Nov 2025
Southern Illinois CoC	Nov 2025
East St. Louis, Belleville/St. Clair County CoC	Nov 2025
Madison County CoC	Nov 2025

ELSEWHERE (3)

Anne Arundel County CoC	Jan 2026
Topeka/Shawnee County CoC	Dec 2025
Long Beach CoC	Dec 2025



Your data got sharper

Data we can trust, and a fuller picture of
homelessness



A decade of quality data

98

First-time quality data milestones.
Communities achieving quality data in
at least one population for the first
time.

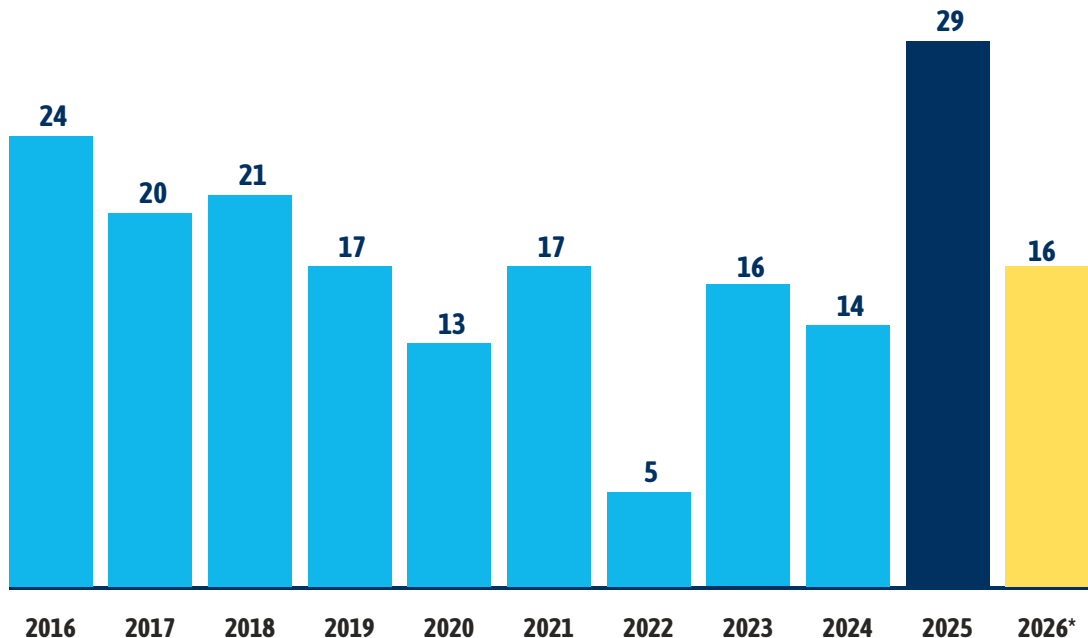
192

A decade of quality data
achievements. Milestones reached
across multiple populations since 2016.

Quality data achievements by year

■ 2025, record year

■ 2026 to date



*2026 through October 13. Each population that reaches quality data counts as one achievement.



The quality data class of 2026



FIRST TIME

Kansas BoS Southeast

Single adults, veterans, chronic

Baltimore County CoC

Single adults, veterans, chronic

Kansas BoS Southwestern

Single adults, veterans, chronic

Clackamas County CoC

Single adults, chronic, veterans

ADDITIONAL POPULATION ACHIEVEMENT

Out Wayne County CoC

Single adults, chronic

Wichita/Sedgwick County CoC

Single adults

Kent County

Youth

16

Quality Data
achievements across
the network so far
this year...and
counting!

Seeing the whole system

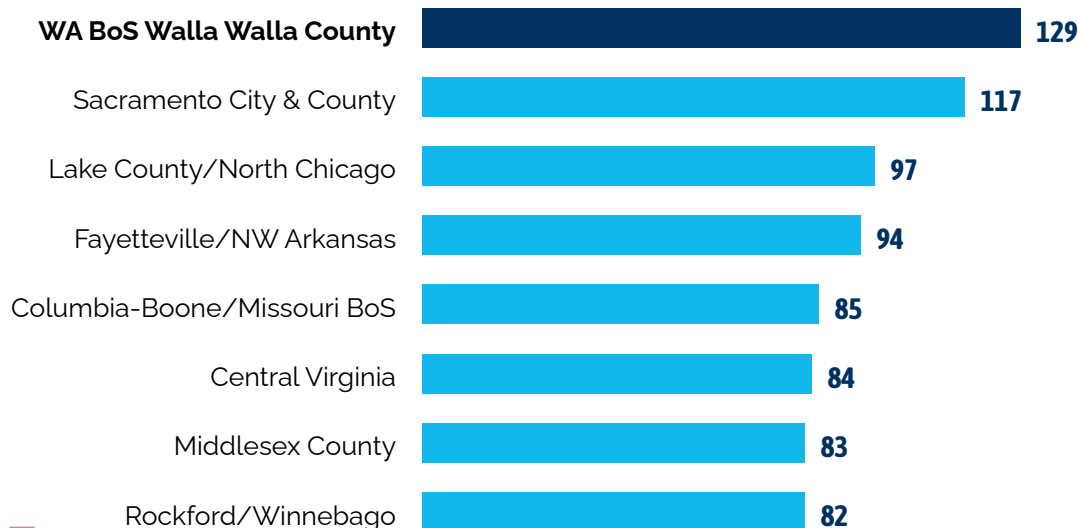
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communities report all populations

21

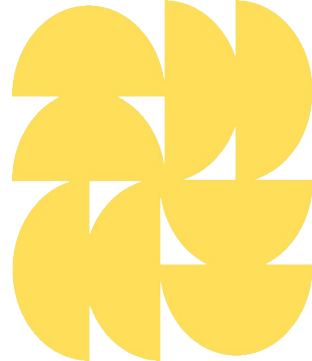
communities have five or more years of system-wide data

Most months of system-wide data



Walla Walla County used the bulk reporting form to backfill its history: 129 months and counting

Statewide and system-wide



Maine

All 9 regional hubs report system-wide data, most for about three years



Maryland

The Balance of State and its three regions report both system-wide and unsheltered data



Colorado Balance of State

Six regions report system-wide data, led by Fremont County at 79 months



Counting people outside

42

**communities are reporting
unsheltered data alongside
their system-wide data**

117 months

Sacramento has reported unsheltered data for nearly 10 years, the longest in the network

8 of 42

unsheltered reporters are in Maryland, including the Balance of State and its three regions

Already showing results

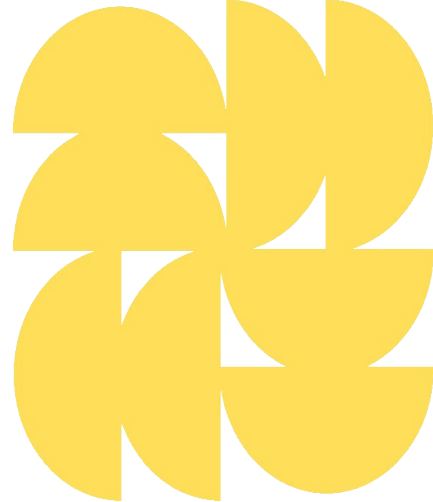
Fremont County, Texas BoS Abilene, and Carroll County all report unsheltered data and logged unsheltered reductions

Your data shows results

Every report helps a community see what's
working



Reductions across the network



64

reductions identified since
September 2025

32

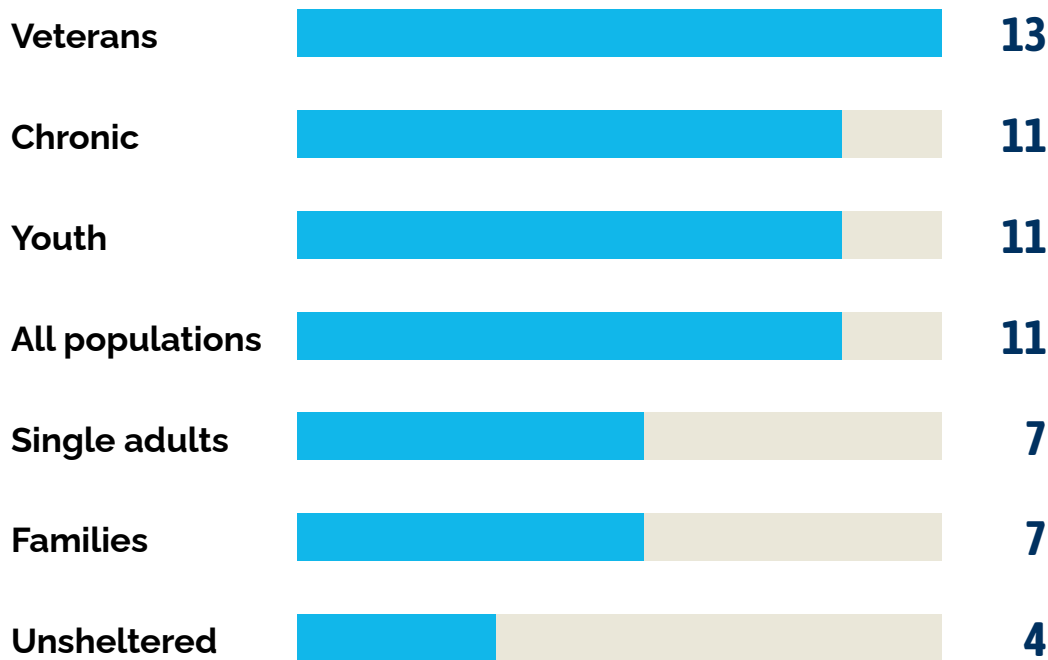
communities with at least
one reduction

19

states where those
communities are working



Every population is moving



Every kind of community is doing it

15

Large Scale Change communities

12

Vanguard communities

5

Network communities

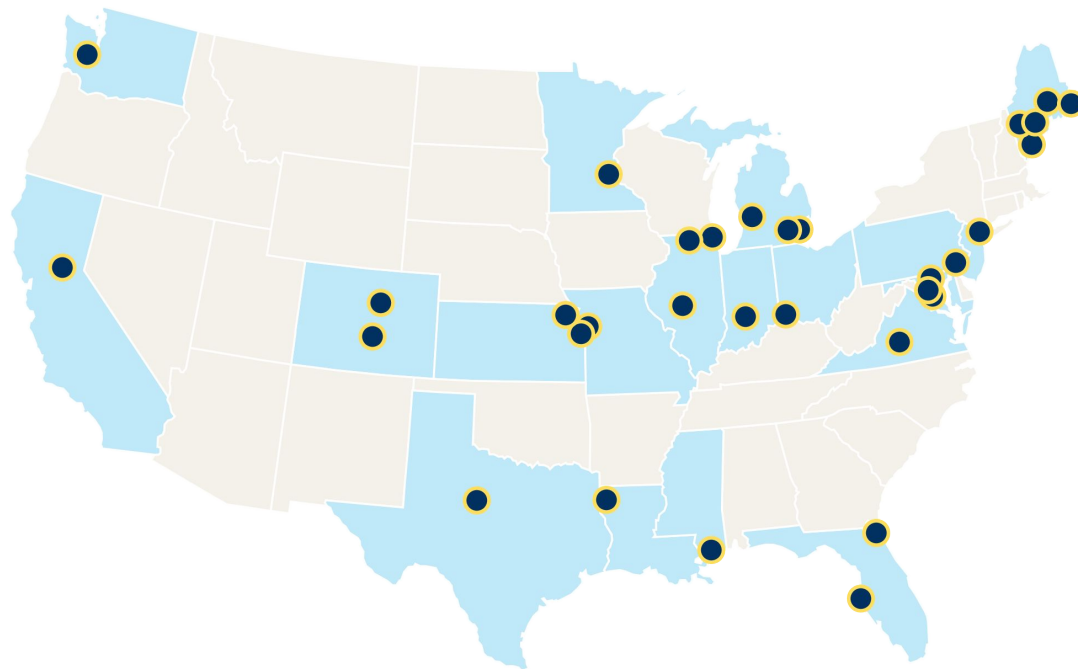
Progress from coast to coast

32

communities with a true reduction
since September 2025

19

states, from Washington to Florida and
California to Maine



Each dot is a community with at least one true reduction since September 2025. Locations are approximate.

The reductions roll call



64 TRUE REDUCTIONS IN 19 STATES

Arlington County VA	1	Gulfport/Gulf Coast MS	1	Maine Hub 5: Western ME	4	Pinellas County FL	2
Bergen County NJ	3	Heartland IL	3	Maine Hub 6: Central ME	2	Placer County CA	1
Carroll County MD	2	Jacksonville-Duval FL	1	Maine Hub 7: Penquis ME	1	Rockford/Winnebagoo IL	4
Central Virginia VA	3	Johnson County KS	3	Maine Hub 8: Downeast ME	1	South Central Indiana IN	1
Chester County PA	1	Kansas BoS Northeast KS	1	Metro Denver CO	1	Texas BoS Abilene TX	3
Cincinnati/Hamilton County OH	1	Kent County MI	1	Montgomery County MD	1	Thurston County WA	1
Colorado BoS Fremont County CO	5	Lake County/North Chicago IL	4	Northwest Louisiana LA	3	Twin Cities MN	1
Greater Kansas City MO	1	Maine Hub 2: Cumberland ME	3	Out Wayne County MI	3	Washtenaw County MI	1

The reductions roll call



Communities with more than one true reduction since September 2025

5

REDUCTIONS

Colorado BoS Fremont County **CO**

All populations, unsheltered x2, families, chronic

4

REDUCTIONS

Lake County/N. Chicago **IL**

Families, single adults, all populations, youth

Maine Hub 5: Western **ME**

Youth, all populations, families, single adults

Rockford/Winnebago **IL**

Youth x2, single adults, all populations

3

REDUCTIONS

Bergen County **NJ**

Chronic, veterans, single adults

Central Virginia **VA**

Youth, families, veterans

Heartland **IL**

Youth, veterans, all populations

Johnson County **KS**

All populations x2, single adults

Maine Hub 2: Cumberland **ME**

Youth, veterans, all populations

Northwest Louisiana **LA**

Chronic x2, youth

Out Wayne County **MI**

Chronic x2, veterans

Texas BoS Abilene **TX**

Youth, unsheltered, veterans

2

REDUCTIONS

Carroll County **MD**

Families, unsheltered

Maine Hub 6: Central **ME**

All populations, single adults

Pinellas County **FL**

Veterans, families



The reductions roll call

Communities with one true reduction, by population



VETERANS

Greater Kansas City	MO
Jacksonville-Duval	FL
Metro Denver	CO
Montgomery County	MD
South Central Indiana	IN
Twin Cities	MN

CHRONIC

Arlington County	VA
Chester County	PA
Cincinnati/Hamilton County	OH
Kent County	MI
Washtenaw County	MI

ALL POPULATIONS

Kansas BoS Northeast	KS
Placer County	CA

YOUTH

Maine Hub 8: Downeast	ME
Thurston County	WA

FAMILIES

Maine Hub 7: Penquis	ME
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SINGLE ADULTS

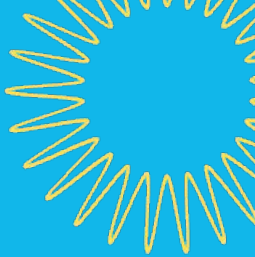
Gulfport/Gulf Coast	MS
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64 true reductions in **32**
communities and **19** states

Not here yet? Your path onto next year's list is coming up.

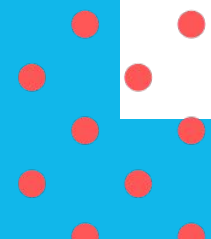
Keep it coming



REPORT

Report every month

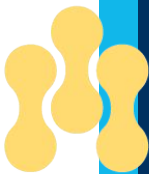
Every on-time report helps the network see progress sooner



SHARE

Tell us the story

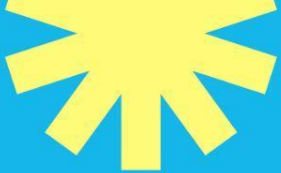
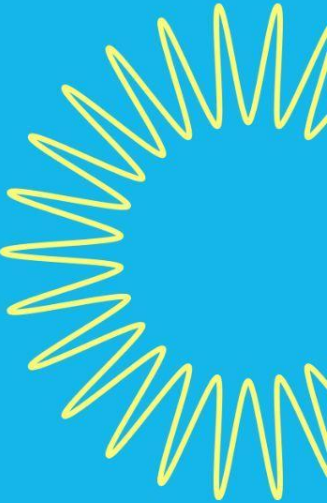
We'll annotate your shifts so wins like these can be celebrated



REACH

Reach for quality data

Quality data strengthens your confidence that reductions are real.



THANK YOU FOR EVERY REPORT

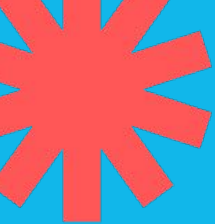
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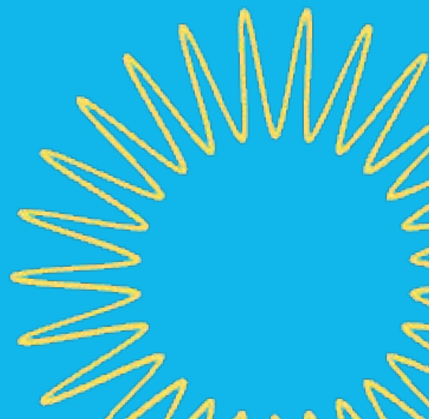


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Honoring excellence

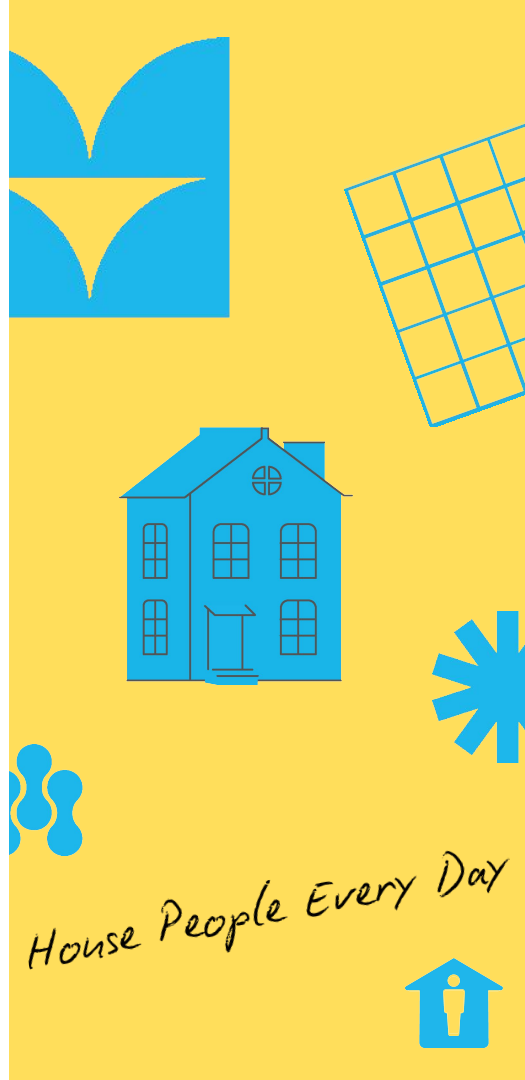
Celebrating the people doing exceptional work
across the country



The “Outreach Icon”

Award:

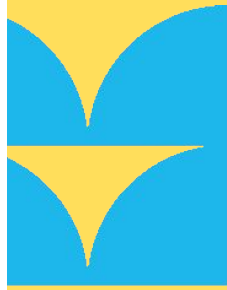
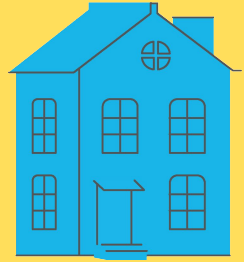
celebrating someone who is doing truly excellent work in the field of direct service outreach or outreach coordination.



The “Metrics Magician” Excellence in Data Award:

celebrating someone who does the crucial work of using data and analysis to improve how their community serves people experiencing homelessness.

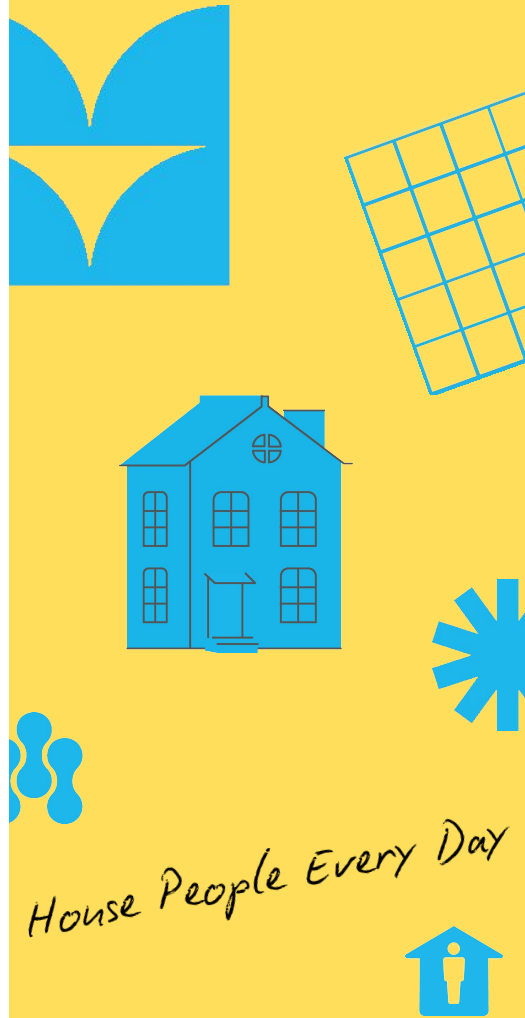
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The “James Beard of Systems Building” Award:

celebrating an outstanding individual or group who does exceptional work in strengthening their local homeless response system.

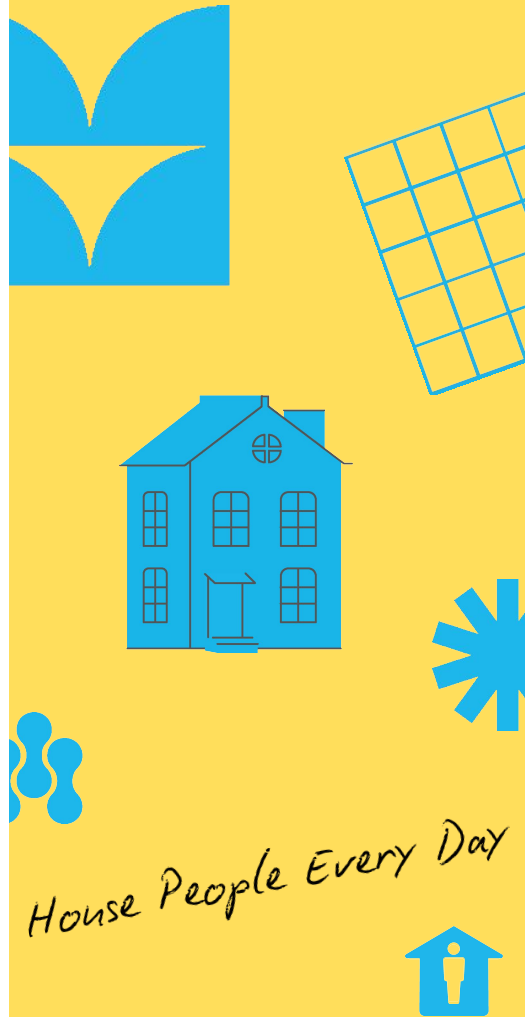
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The “Asynchronous Action Hero” Award:

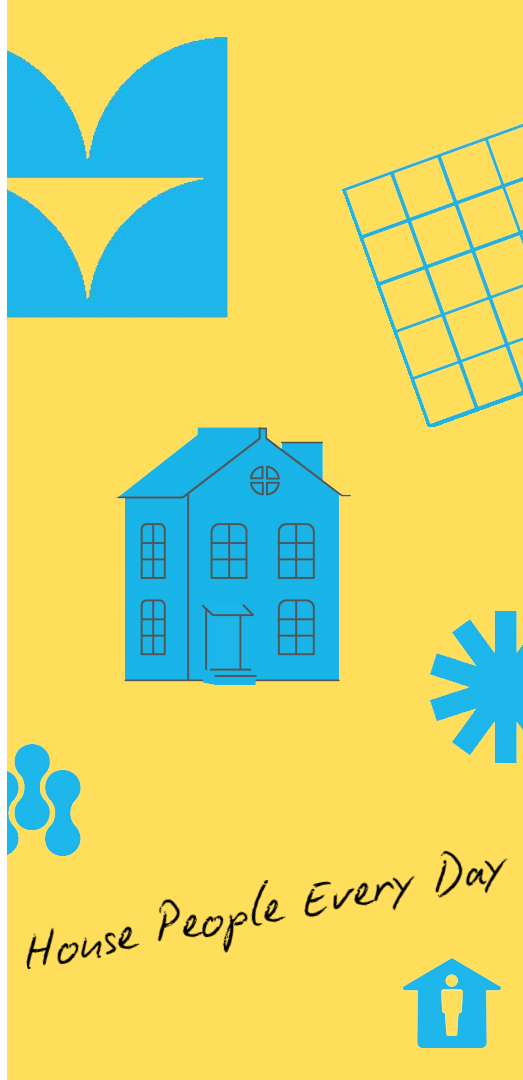
celebrating someone who takes information and runs with it, leads the charge on improving the system, and teaches others what they've learned.

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The “Super Bowl of Storytelling” Award:

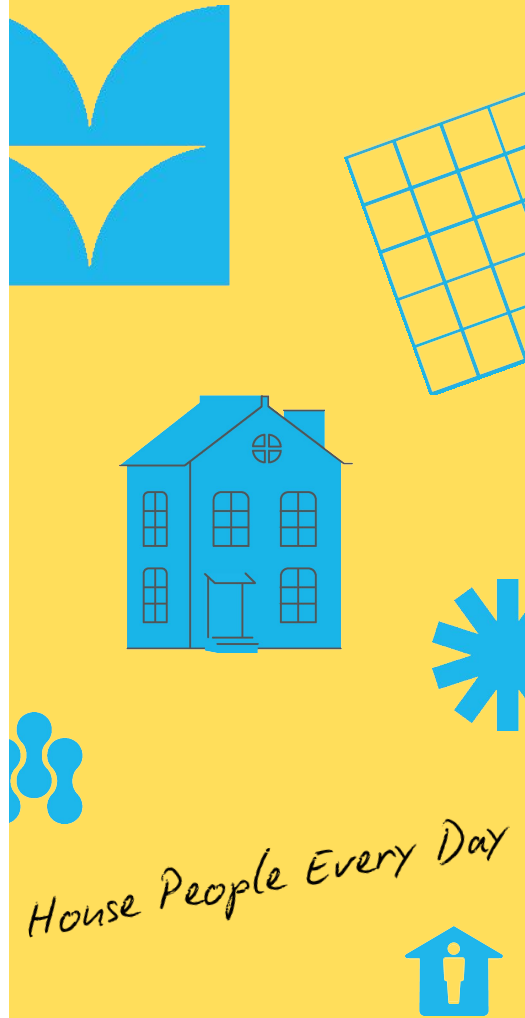
celebrating a leader or place whose storytelling and data sharing deserve their own Super Bowl ad.



The “Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble” Award:

celebrating a community leading
reductions and systems change with a
star-studded cast of multi-sector actors.

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MAKE SOME NOISE

