

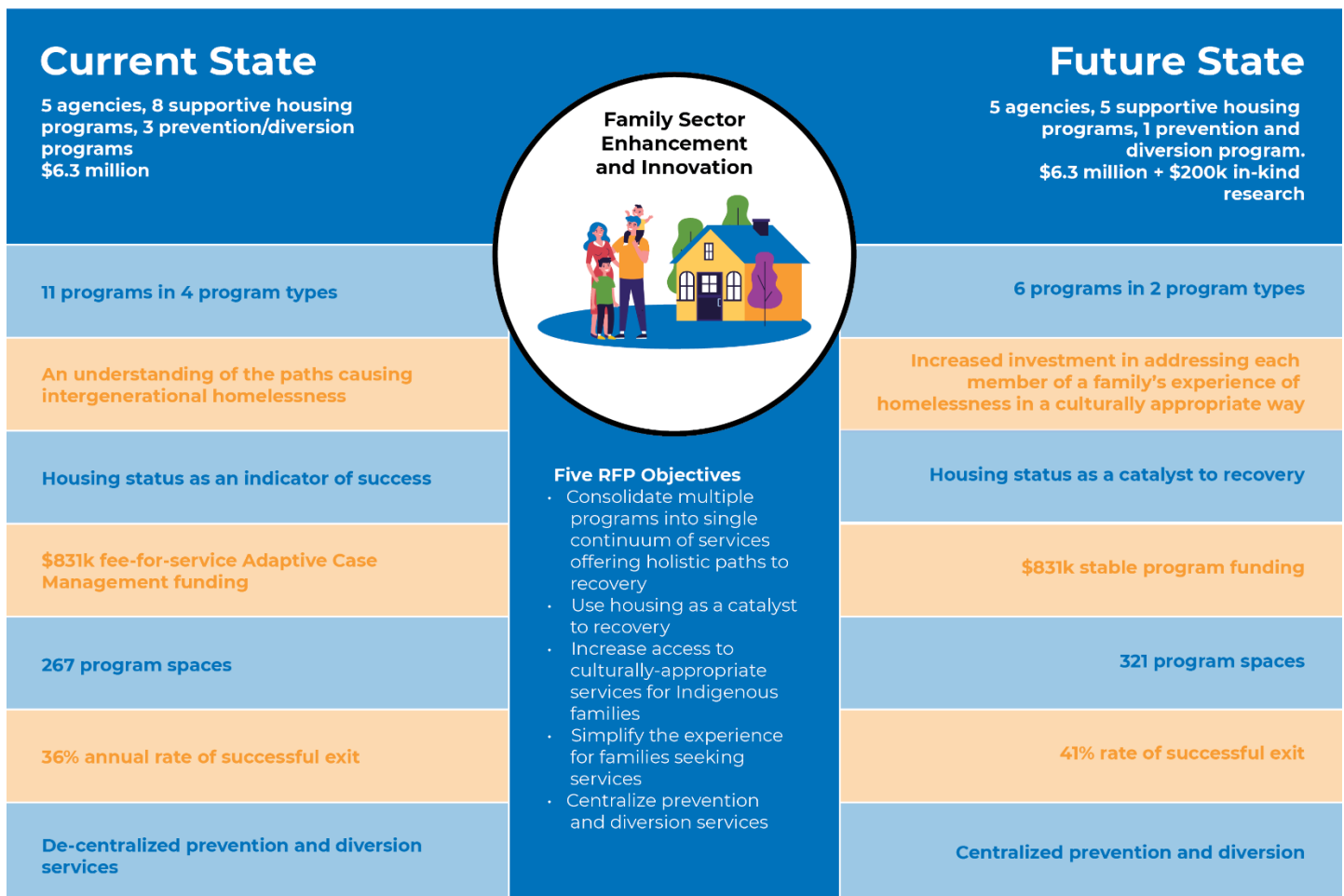
Background

Calgary Homeless Foundation directs funding for innovative and evidence-based solutions for families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. Part of our mandate as a community-based organization with the purpose of guiding the fight against homelessness in Calgary is to continually assess investments in programs and services to maximize impact.

Beginning August 2021, CHF responded to the creativity and expertise of those working in Calgary's Homeless-Serving System of Care, offering programming opportunities to utilize their most up-to-date experience and knowledge in practice through a Family Sector Enhancement and Innovation RFP process.

The objective of this process is to support a full spectrum of innovative approaches aligned with a **recovery-oriented system of care**:

- Consolidate multiple programs into a group of single continuums of services, offering holistic paths to positive outcomes in housing, health, financial stability, and community connection.
- Use housing as a catalyst to recovery, rather than a success measure itself.
- Increase access to culturally appropriate services to Indigenous families
- Simplify the experience for families seeking services
- Centralize prevention and diversion programming to offer consolidated services in one place for participants.



Funding Recipients

The result of the Family Sector Enhancement and Innovation RFP consolidates the currently funded 11 programs into six, increases program spaces by 54 and increases annual rate of successful system exit by 5% using the same amount of funding. The Enhancement also resulted in a \$200k in-kind research donation from the Canadian Observatory on Homelessness.

Agency	Program Name	Program Type	Funding Amount
Children's Cottage Society of Calgary	HomeLinks	Scattered Site with Recovery Supports	\$ 700,000
Closer to Home Community Services	Home Again	Scattered Site with Recovery Supports	\$ 550,000
Trellis Society for Community Impact	Family Homelessness Initiative	Scattered Site with Recovery Supports	\$ 2,000,000
Inn From the Cold Society	Housing with Recovery Supports	Scattered Site with Recovery Supports	\$ 700,000
Discovery House Family Violence Prevention Society	Community Housing	Scattered Site with Recovery Supports	\$ 1,250,000
Trellis Society for Community Impact	Family Homelessness Initiative - Prevention / Diversion	Prevention / Diversion	\$ 700,000