

Housing Is Health Care

DEVELOPING PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES AND REDUCE COSTS

We help Montana communities develop permanent supportive housing for people who are homeless and frequently use emergency services. Supportive housing links housing with on-site services such as tenancy support, employment assistance, and medical and behavioral health care. Permanent supportive housing is a cost-effective way to improve health outcomes and

address issues that may have contributed to homelessness in the first place.

In 2022, **24 people were housed** in supportive housing units in Bozeman and Missoula. An **additional 62 units are under construction** in Bozeman, Missoula, and Great Falls. We have planning grants to support housing needs assessments in five rural areas.

Project Example

Supportive Housing Evaluation

One of our early Housing is Health Care Initiative grantees recently completed an evaluation looking at the impacts of providing housing and supportive services for people who have complex medical and behavioral health conditions.

The evaluation found that **after six months** of being housed, health and corrections partners reported that tenants had:

48%
REDUCTION in
detention center costs
(less days incarcerated)

3.8-fold
REDUCTION in
Emergency Room visits

6.7-fold
REDUCTION in
total health costs

After one year of living in their new homes, tenants reported:

92%
IMPROVED access to
behavioral health services

63%
IMPROVED access to
medical appointments

75%
IMPROVED mental and
physical health



Learn more about the Housing is Health Care Initiative