## State Homeless Coordinating Committee

## Overview

Utah has committed to ending chronic homelessness and reducing overall homelessness by 2014.

Vision: Everyone has access to safe, decent, affordable housing with the needed resources and supports for self-sufficiency and well being.

The Homeless Coordinating Committee, Chaired by the Lt. Governor, whose members are appointed by the governor, directs state and federal funds to homeless and housing service providers throughout the state. Resources include money from the Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund, Critical Needs Housing, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Emergency Shelter Program, and revenues generated by voluntary contributions to the Homeless Trust Fund via state tax returns.

The State Homeless Coordinating Committee provides oversight and approves allocations of funding for providers of homeless services. The committee ensures that services provided to the homeless are utilized in a cost-effective manner and works to facilitate a better understanding of homelessness. Programs are devoted to emergency housing, self-sufficiency, placement in employment or occupational training activities, special services to meet unique needs of the homeless with mental illness and those who are part of families with children. Contracts are awarded to providers based on need, diversity of geographic location, coordination with or enhancement of existing services, and the use of volunteers.

The State Homeless Coordinating Committee in the 2011 General Session H.B. 351 modified the membership of the committee by adding the Lieutenant governor as a member and having the lieutenant governor serve as chair of the committee. The Committee was enacted by Law in 1986.

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