



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2025-08

WHEREAS, homelessness affects individuals, families, and communities throughout North Dakota; and,

WHEREAS, there exists a need for increased and improved collaboration among state agencies and homelessness service providers, which work to prevent homelessness and receive various funding resources to improve access to housing, supportive services, and mainstream resources critical to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

NOW, THEREFORE, Kelly Armstrong, as Governor of North Dakota, by the authority vested in Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution, does hereby order the North Dakota Interagency Council on Homelessness be established. The Council shall have the following structure, function, and duties:

General Provisions

1. The Council consists of the following individuals or their designees:
 - a. The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency Executive Director or their designee;
 - b. The Commissioner of Recovery & Reentry;
 - c. The North Dakota Indian Affairs Commission Executive Director or their designee;
 - d. The North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Director or their designee;
 - e. The North Dakota Department of Commerce Commissioner or their designee;



- f. The North Dakota Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner or their designee;
 - g. Two representatives of political subdivisions, appointed by the Governor; and
 - h. Four At-Large members appointed by the Governor;
- 2. Council members fulfill open terms, serving at the discretion of the Governor.
- 3. The North Dakota Housing Finance Agency Executive Director or their designee shall chair the Council. The Commissioner of Recovery & Reentry shall serve as vice-chair of the Council.
- 4. The Council shall have the following duties:
 - a. Coordinate state policy and working relationships among state agencies and homelessness service providers to identify and define issues of homelessness in North Dakota;
 - b. Determine comprehensive and effective collaborative strategies and best practices for preventing and ending homelessness in North Dakota;
 - c. Review and analyze the availability of resources to address the needs of North Dakotans who are experiencing homelessness;
 - d. Recommend changes necessary to prevent or end homelessness to the appropriate state agencies and organizations regarding the effective distribution of resources and access to available services and programs;
 - e. Educate state agencies, legislators, and the public about the causes of homelessness; and
 - f. Solicit input from the faith community, the advocacy community, the business community, and consumers regarding policy and program development to identify and define issues of homelessness to develop effective collaborative strategies for preventing and ending homelessness in North Dakota.



5. The Council shall report annually to the Governor on progress in preventing and ending homelessness in North Dakota and on recommendations for executive and legislative action.
6. The Council is entitled to the full cooperation of all state departments and agencies. In this regard, state departments and agencies shall furnish information and any additional assistance as may be necessary and available to further the purpose of this Executive Order.
7. The Council also shall consider any other related activities that the Governor may ask the Council to address regarding homelessness.

Executed at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 14th day of November, 2025.

A blue ink signature of Kelly Armstrong, the Governor of North Dakota, is written over a horizontal line.

Kelly Armstrong
Governor

Attest:

A blue ink signature of Michael Howe, the Secretary of State of North Dakota, is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Howe
Secretary of State

