

## *DID YOU KNOW . . .*

. . . that Philadelphia, the nation's fifth largest city, was able to demonstrate decreases in its street homeless population that parallel increases in development of permanent supportive housing units, according to research from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in "Strategies for Reducing Chronic Street Homelessness."

. . . that Philadelphia was one of three cities, along with Columbus and San Diego, that the HUD report found had made good use of cost data, with Philadelphia using data to show the cost of emergency services that could be avoided through placement in permanent supportive housing.

. . . that the HUD report found that Philadelphia had several practices that would be of interest to other jurisdictions, including: a concerted plan to address street homelessness, major investments by mainstream agencies, an engagement coordination strategy, a single point of responsibility for homeless issues combined with extensive coordination mechanisms, and active use of data collection and analysis to shape public policy.

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