

Recommendations to MAG from Arizona State University PAF 400, Senior Capstone Project
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Point-In-Time (PIT) Homeless Street Count

Recommendation One: Universal Methodology

To improve consistency and strengthen the PIT count, the CoC should consider adopting a universal street count methodology for the entire MAG region. (This would be in place of each city and town developing their own methodology.)

- The universal street count methodology should mirror the City of Phoenix methodology.
- Cities can elect to opt-in or opt-out of the universal street count method.
- The CoC should develop a document that describes the agreed-upon methodology in detail. The document should be provided to all of the cities and town within the region.
- The CoC should provide regional training on the universal methodology and encourage all of the participating cities and towns to attend.

Recommendation Two: Sponsorships

To improve engagement of volunteers across the region, the CoC should consider partnering with local businesses to offer incentives to individuals who volunteer to help conduct the count.

- Incentives for volunteers could range from dinner before the count to discounts or gift cards upon completing the count.

Recommendation Three: Career Field Exploration Credits

To ensure the CoC has enough volunteers and manpower to conduct a regional count, the CoC should consider partnering with Arizona State University (ASU) about utilizing students who need Career Field Exploration (CFE) hours to complete their degree.

- Four different bachelor's degrees require CFE hours: Nonprofit Leadership and Management, Parks and Recreation Management, Tourism Development and Management, and Parks and Recreation Management

Recommendation Four: PIT Task Force

To help identify hidden and unknown locations, the CoC should consider developing a PIT Task Force that will meet to research hidden locations and recommend ways to find people who are hard to count.

- Task force comprised of five to ten volunteers who preferably work or specialize in homeless prevention.
- Research hidden places homeless persons may be cohabitating. May include local law enforcement, outreach teams, or homeless persons.