

# Advocating at the Municipal Government Level For Waste Picker Contracts to Provide Tentside Waste Collection to Homeless Communities - USA



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**6,297**  
**unsheltered in Multnomah**  
**County**  
*(2023 Point in Time count)*



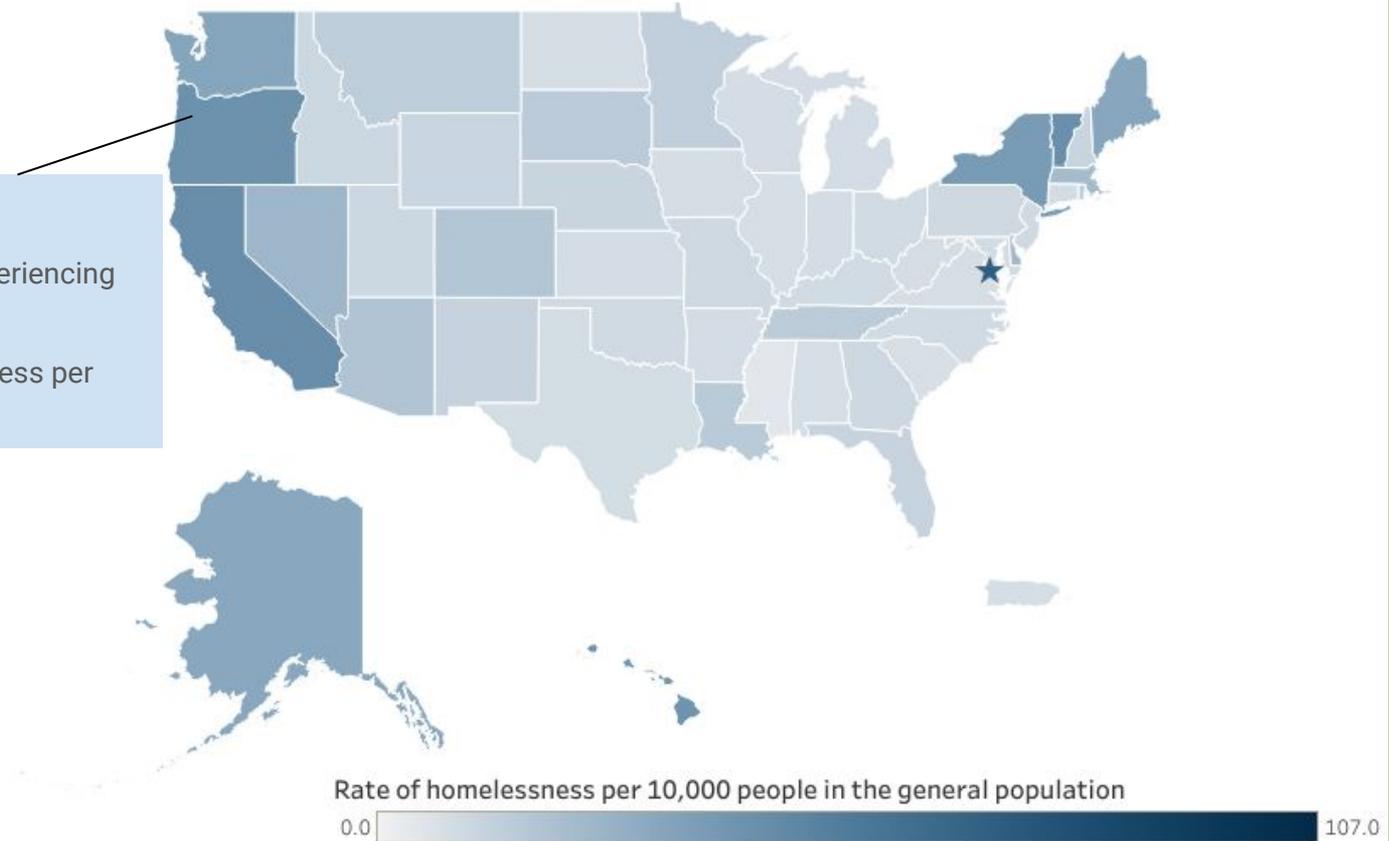
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**17,959** people experiencing homelessness

**42.2** people homeless per 10,000



Source: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2022 Annual Homeless Assessment Report to Congress (AHAR); U.S. Census Bureau, ...

# Beginnings

Program started as 4 street City pilot addressing waste service gaps in strategic City neighborhoods.

**Waste pickers fill an essential waste management service gap that cannot be effectively addressed by any other sector actors**



*Photo: Brodie-Cass Talbot*



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# Alignment of Public Space Management Needs

*Municipalities need more than waste management*

- Agility
- Quality
- Community collaboration
- Movement towards environmental sustainability



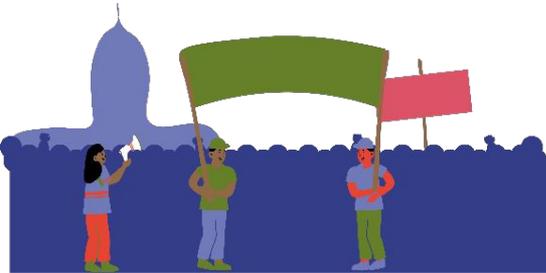
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# ADVOCACY STRATEGIES

- **Aligning Proposals with Municipality Goals and Strategic Plans**
  - **Illustrate how work fills multi-sectoral needs**
    - **Collaborate with environmental, social, and municipal planning to gather support**
- **Include Social Protections in Program Proposals and Contracting**



*Photo: Laura Rude*





GLITTER teams collected over one million pounds of trash, averaging 15,000 to 20,000 pounds of trash each week. This includes collecting over 200 lbs of cigarette butts (almost 30,000 individual cigarettes butts) from the ground.



The City of Portland and Ground Score Association are finalizing a 4.5 million USD contract that will continue GLITTER services throughout the City for 5 more years.



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