

STREET HOMELESSNESS

CONVERTING SHIPPING CONTAINERS INTO TEMPORARY SHELTER



PROBLEM

Despite significant progress in addressing homelessness, hundreds of residents in cities like Atlanta, Georgia, are still living without a safe and dignified home. Traditional shelter solutions can still be costly and take a long time to add new units. The ongoing shortage of affordable housing worsens the struggle to provide shelter for those facing homelessness.



SOLUTION

The Melody Project in Atlanta retrofitted shipping containers into durable housing villages, presenting a faster and more cost-effective housing alternative. **These units provide a starting point for housing that can be customized to meet the unique needs of each city, dramatically reducing construction time and costs.** By leveraging the political will of city leaders, cities can quickly bring these homes to life. Combined with comprehensive essential support services, these container-based communities provide a stable platform for tackling homelessness.

IMPACT

Shipping container retrofits enable cities to rapidly expand their housing stock at a fraction of the time and cost required for traditional construction. Atlanta completed the entire project—from design to resident placement—in just four months. Notably, retrofitting 40 housing units took only 60 days, half the total project time.



+30%

cheaper than compatible builds

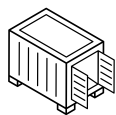
CHALLENGES THIS IDEA CAN HELP YOU NAVIGATE

- City residents facing homelessness
- Longer and more costly construction of traditional shelters
- Gap in housing stock for temporary or permanent supportive housing

ADOPT THIS IDEA: 3 KEY STEPS

Start by

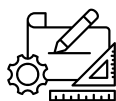
Identifying appropriate sites for housing villages.



Source containers

1

Find and secure funding for your project and source shipping containers that can be retrofitted into housing units.



Build and retrofit

2

Work with local authorities to fast-track the site selection process and partner with experts to work on the retrofits.



Design operations and services

3

Plan for site facilities, including the coordination with local partners and integration of essential support services.

