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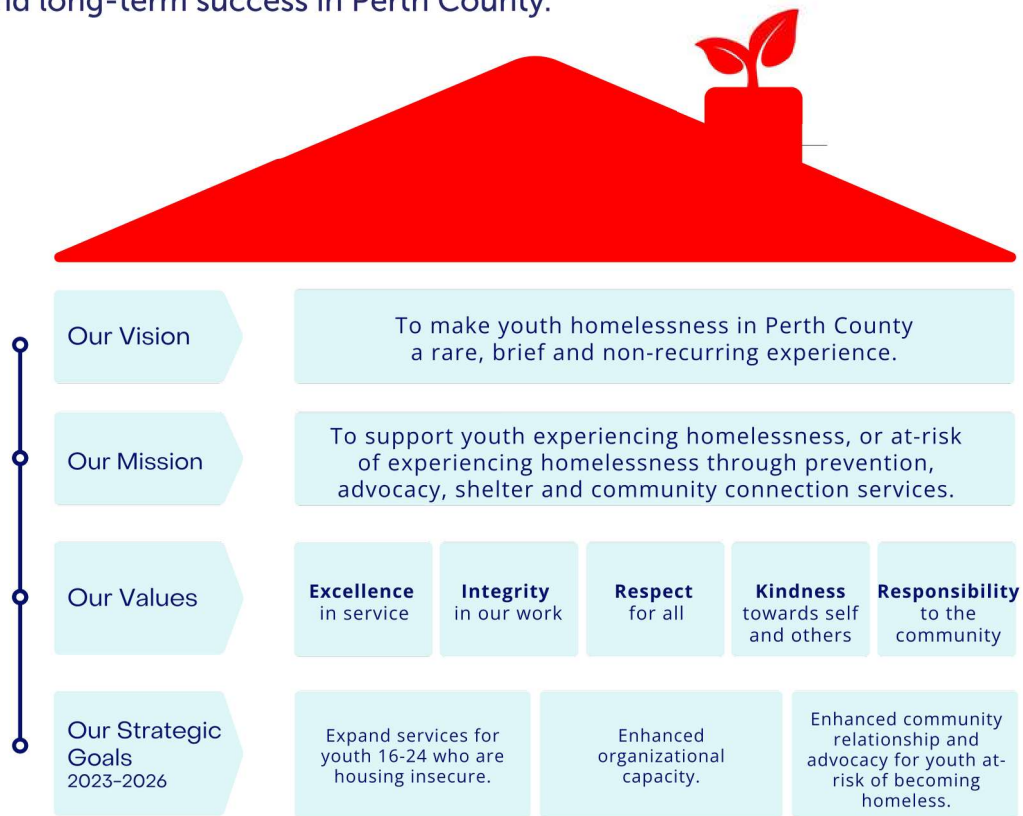
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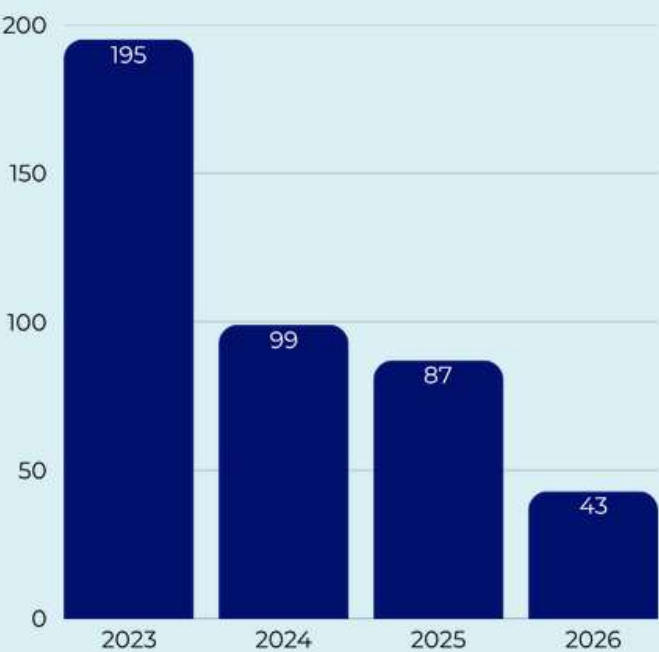


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As Shelterlink concludes its three-year strategic plan, we are proud to have expanded services for youth aged 14–24 experiencing housing insecurity, strengthened our organizational capacity, and deepened community relationships while advancing advocacy for youth at risk of homelessness. Together, these efforts have positioned Shelterlink as a stronger, more responsive organization, better equipped to support youth in achieving stability and long-term success in Perth County.



Since adopting a Housing First for Youth approach in 2023, Shelterlink has made significant progress in supporting young people to move more quickly into stable housing. This shift has reduced the average length of stay in shelter from 195 days to just 43 days, demonstrating the effectiveness of a housing-focused, youth-centered model of care.



113

total youth
served

2095

safe bed
nights



6285

meals served



600

community
hygiene kits
delivered

30

youth diverted
from shelter



483

incoming
support calls



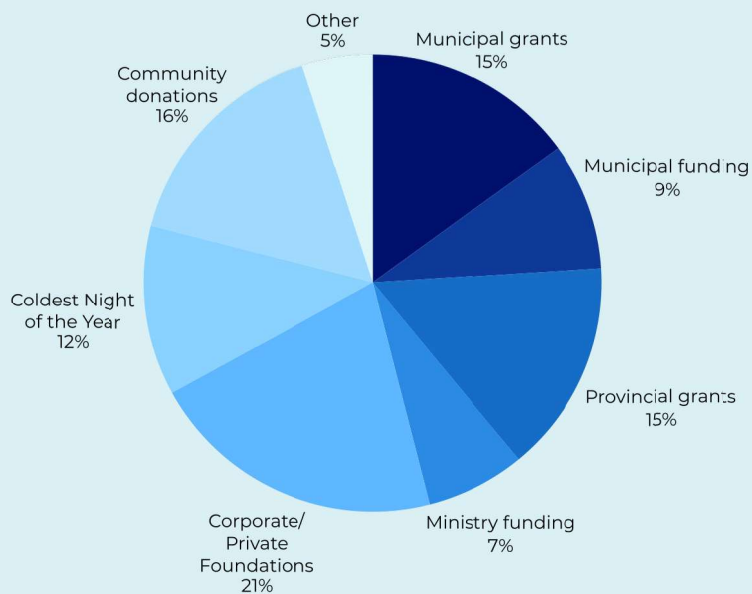
33%

of youth were
under the age
of 18

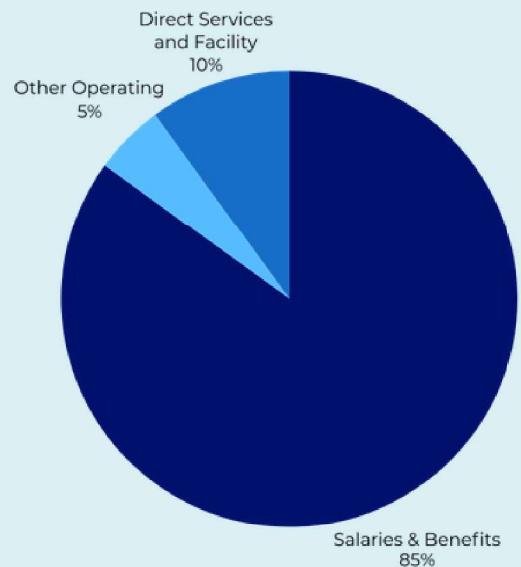
206

youth visits
to 56 group &
peer sessions

REVENUE



EXPENSES



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