



Ending Homelessness in Finland with Housing First

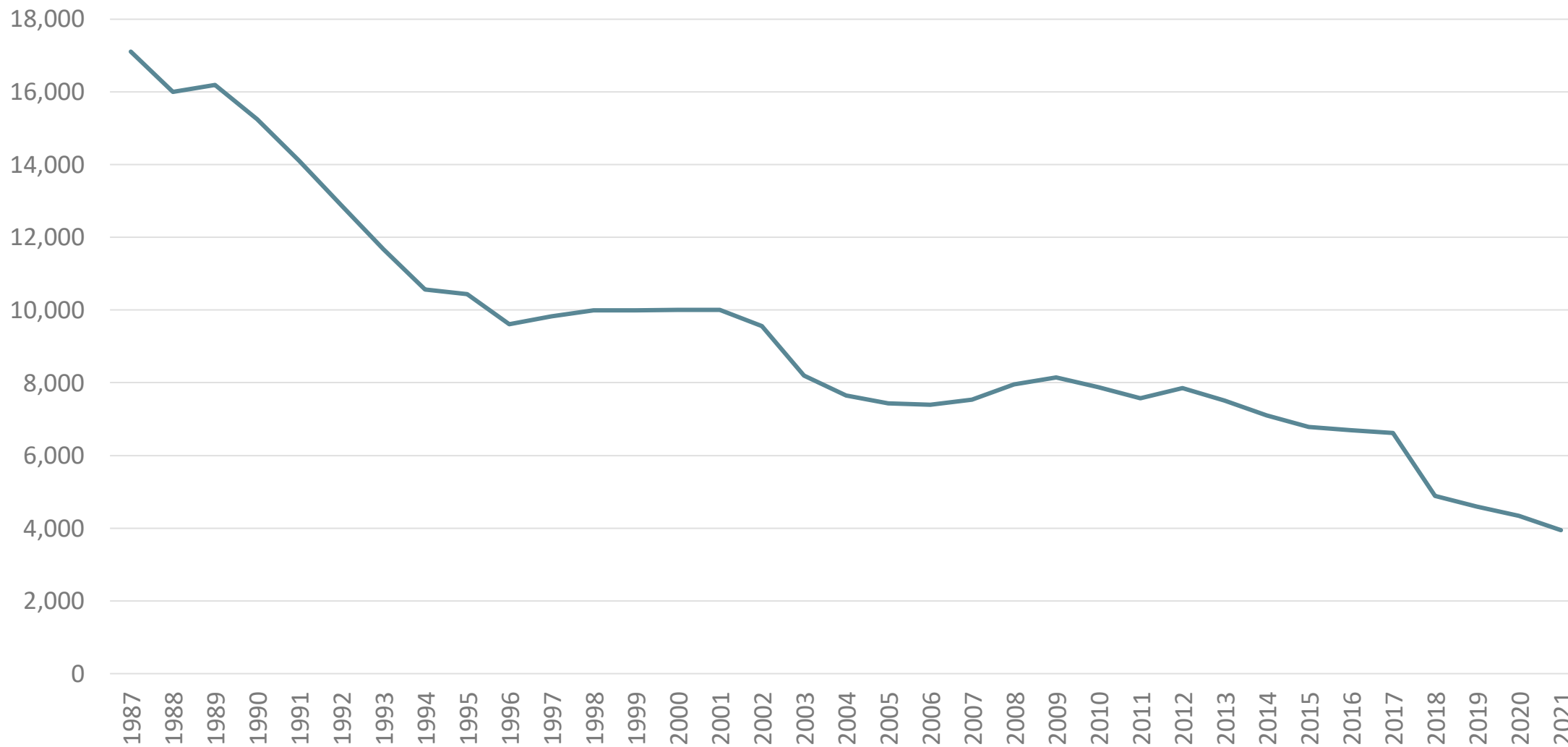
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Homelessness in Finland 1987-2021

(homeless people living alone, families excluded from statistics)



Ending homelessness is beneficial for the society

-\$15,000

SAVINGS PER YEAR PER PERSON

Savings from emergency care, police, justice system.


-34 %

DECREASE IN USE OF PUBLIC SERVICES BY PEOPLE
IN HOUSING FIRST FIRST UNIT.

Housing First also helps everyone reach their potential.

A Systemic Change with National Programs

- Since 2008 four national programs to address homelessness
- Collaboration between State and Cities
- Clear targets in numbers (homes, personnel)
- Local implementation plans including new projects, staff, and funding
- Financing 50/50
- Partners: State agencies, cities, NGOs
- A Steering Group including experts with lived experience

A photograph of a light-colored wooden door. On the left side, there is a silver-colored door handle with a black grip. Below the handle is a silver-colored kick plate. To the right of the handle is a small silver-colored lock. The text "You can't have Housing First without having housing first." is overlaid on the door.

You can't have Housing First
without having housing
first.

Roles of Different Actors

- **National level:**
 - Environmental Dept: coordination, funding
 - Social Welfare Dept: funding for support work
 - Justice Dept: Projects for ex-convicts
 - Centre for Financing NGOs: grants for supportive housing,
- **Local level:**
 - Cities: coordination, new construction and service production
 - NGOs: new construction and service production

Shelter transformation: Why we wanted to get rid of shelters.

- Living in a hostel or a shelter is always a temporary solution
- A person living in a hostel is still homeless
- No privacy and limited professional help
- Hostels sustain a culture of irresponsibility, a “prison-like” subculture
- Renovation of hostels has increased public safety



Sahaajankatu (City of Helsinki)

80 bed places, closed down in 2009.



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Shelter transformation: Carrots & Sticks

Carrots: State grants for renovation 50%
State grants for salary costs of new trained support workers

Stick: Obligation to work according to the Housing First principles, and systematic training for staff.

The Core of Housing First

- The key of Housing First is the psychological/moral aspect:
- the client is no longer a client or patient, but a normal person, with
- control over his or her private apartment, and
- control over the normal, everyday aspects of life
- Housing First is not a static, ideologically fixed concept. It is a way of delivering housing to clients that is normal, kind and common sense

Housing options

HOMES IN SCATTERED
HOUSING



HOMES IN
SUPPORTED
HOUSING UNITS

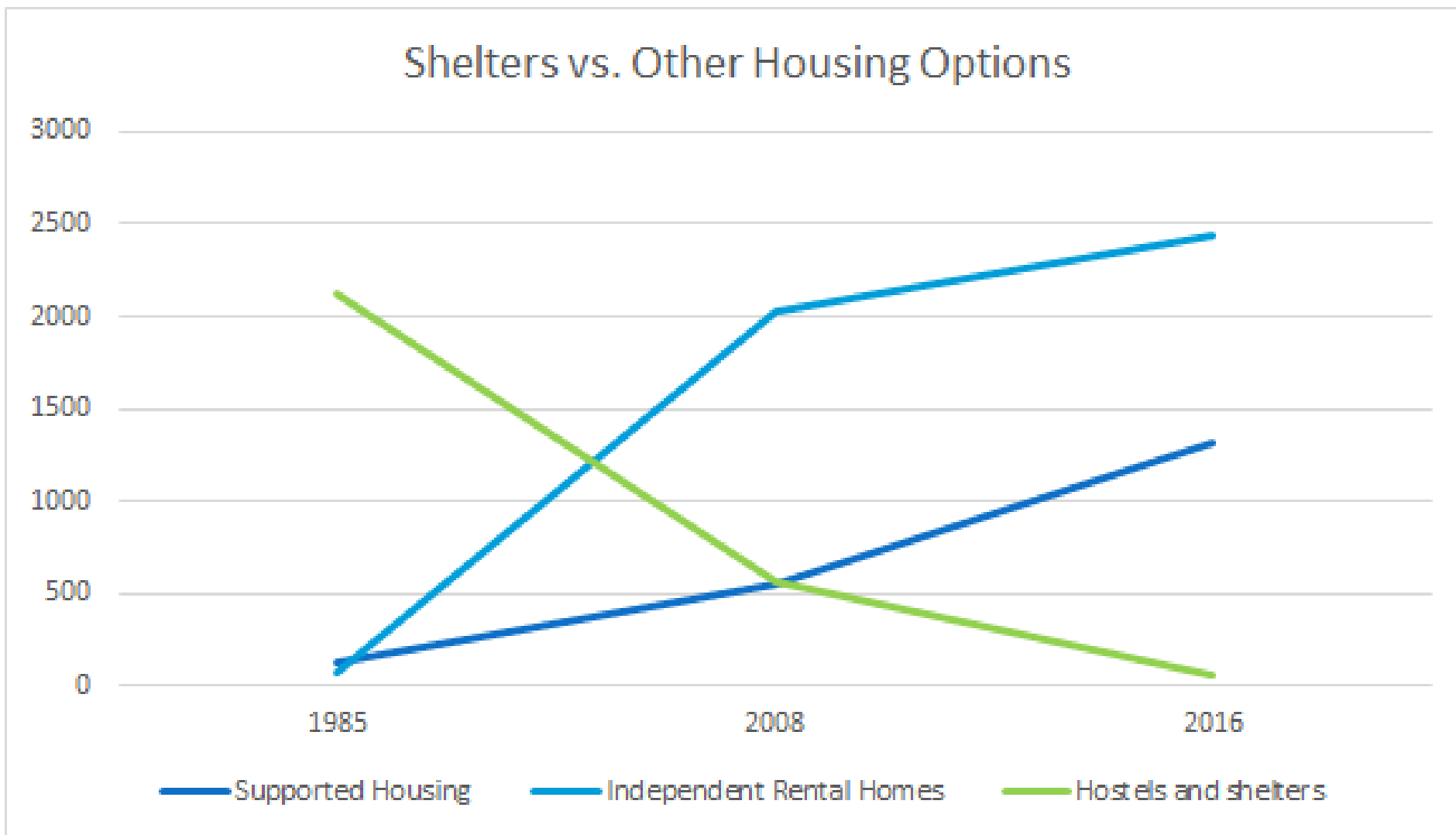
'HYBRID'

VÄINÖLÄ HOUSING UNIT ESPOO



- Completed in 2014
- 33 rental flats
- The Salvation Army as service provider.

From Shelters to Permanent Housing (1985-2016)

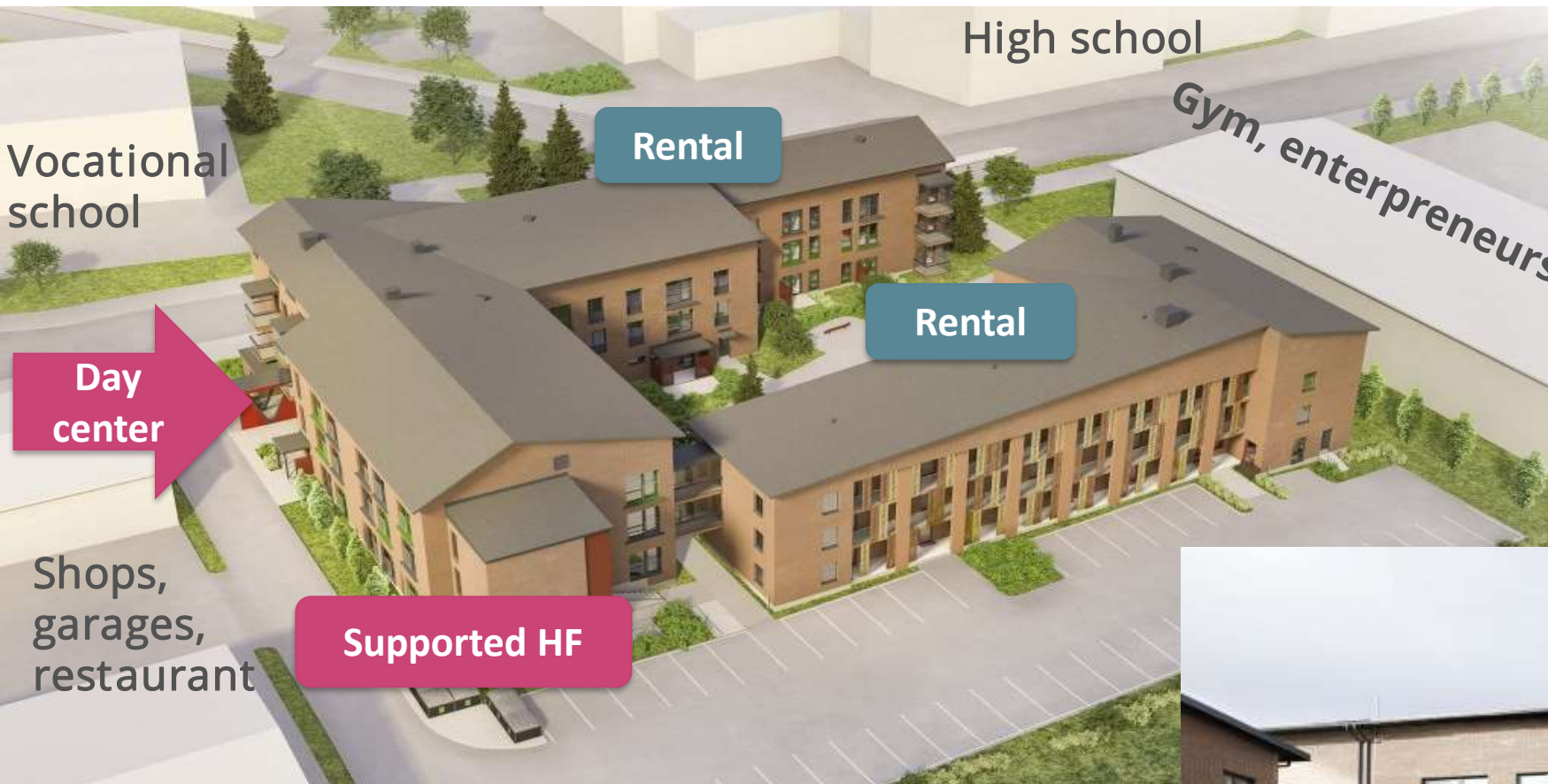


Jallukka

- Social housing by Y-Foundation and Elmu-Foundation
- 74 apartments
- 25 reserved for low income rock musicians and people in the music industry
- Training facilities for musicians
- Sauna, restaurant



HF unit Wäylä + daycenter + scattered housing



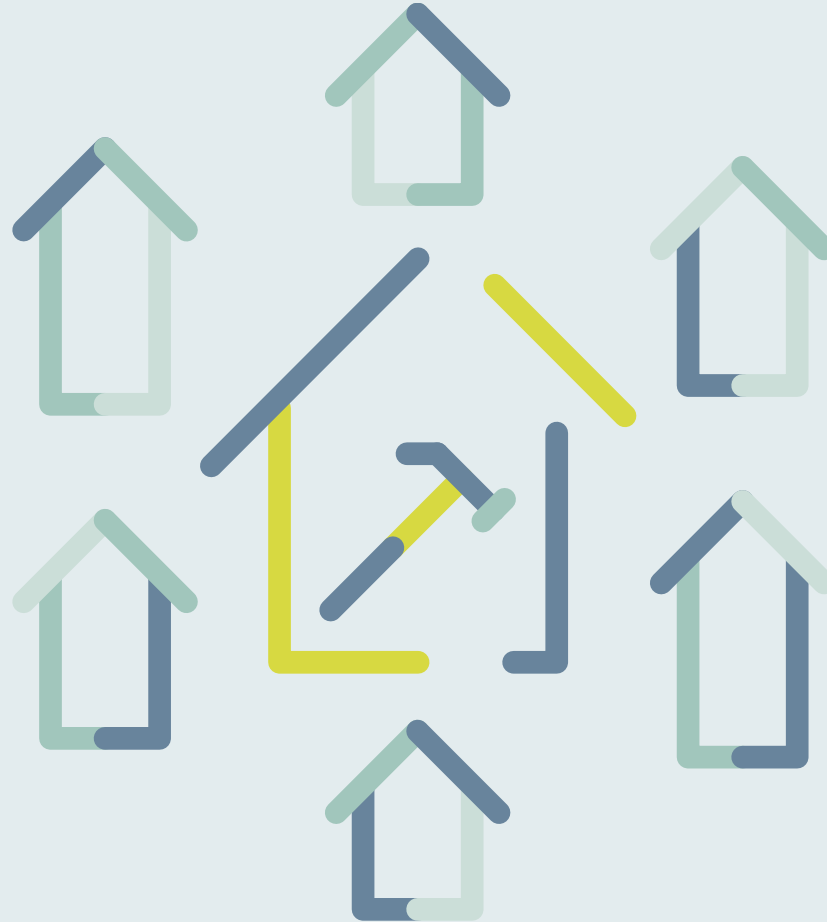
Scattered housing



The Government is committed to ending homelessness

HOMELESSNESS COMPLETELY
ERADICATED
BY 2027

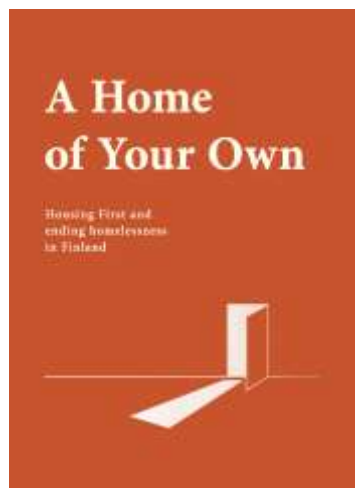
CONTRACTS
BETWEEN THE
GOVERNMENT AND
THE CITIES



INCREASE AFFORDABLE
HOUSING
20 % -> 35 %

HOUSING COUNSELLING
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