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Maine homeless numbers have dropped this past year

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AUGUSTA - The number of homeless people in Maine has dropped during the past year.

That's according to figures released Tuesday by the Maine State Housing Authority.

In 2017, there's been a drop of nearly 10 percent in the number of people across the state who are homeless. At the same time an effort by Camden National Bank to provide funding for shelters across the state is being praised.

It's called the "Hope at Home" campaign and has contributed nearly \$180,000 to shelters statewide.

Community Housing of Maine president Cullen Ryan said "It puts resources into the hands of people who know how to end and prevent homelessness. And give them the tools to do exactly that."

Statistics also show the number of homeless veterans decreased by 14 percent during the past 12 months.

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