

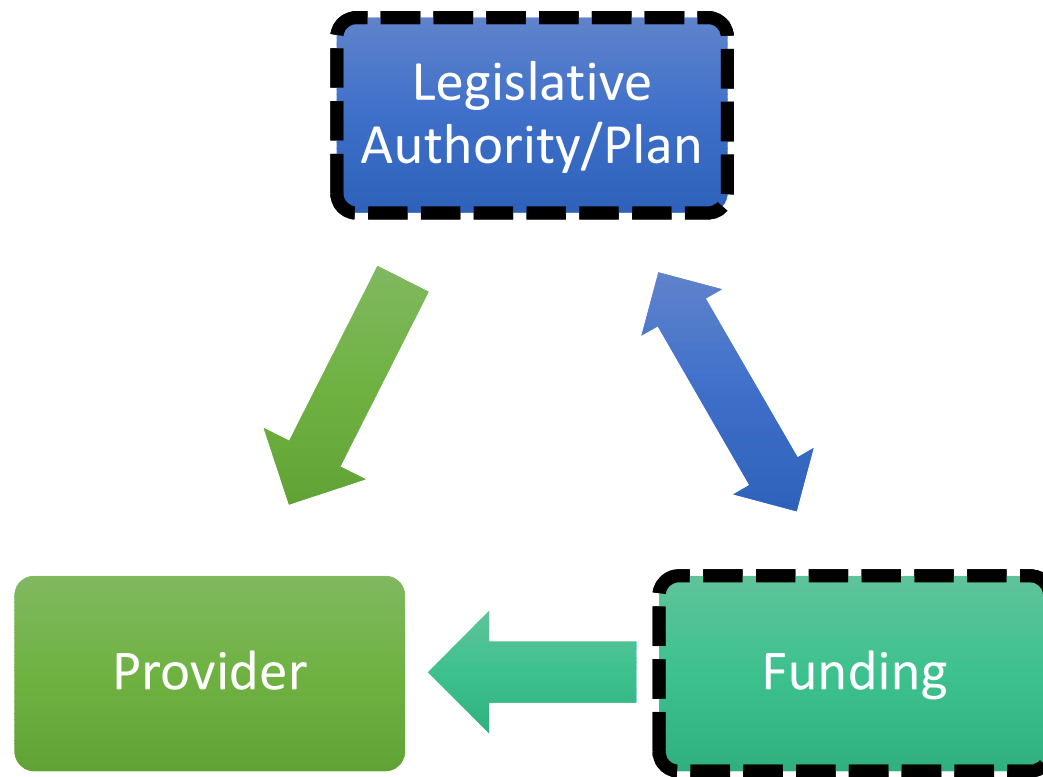
Homeless Housing Funds, Programs, and Process

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What hat are we wearing?

- **RCW [43.185C.050](#)** and **RCW [36.22.179](#)** – Counties are lead entities/accountable for addressing homelessness in their community
 - 5 Year Plan
 - Affordable Housing for All Surcharge (Local and State \$\$)
- What are we measuring? – HOUSING outcomes/program efficiency
 - 5 Year Plans should be aimed at eliminating homelessness
 - Performance measures not inconsistent with Department of Commerce statewide measures
 - Prioritizing services for unsheltered individuals and prioritize highest need
 - High rates of exit to permanent housing
 - Can include additional local measures of performance
 - Decreasing unmet need
 - Decrease length of time homeless
 - Decrease returns to homelessness

Process



What funds do we control?

Emergency Solutions Grant - ~\$1.1 Million

- Must be spent by June 2022
- Outreach, hygiene services, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, emergency shelter
- Allowable expenses and service models: **ESG Guidelines**

Emergency Shelter Fund - \$343,087

- Must be spent by June 2023
- Capital/operating for *new* shelter beds
- Proposal for use must be in coordination with City of Aberdeen
- Allowable expenses and service models: **ESF Guidelines**

Local Homeless Housing Funds -~ \$120,000 annual operation dollars/ ~\$1,500,000 one-time grants

- Ongoing/no timeline
- Funds goals/strategies outlined in 5 Year Plan
- Allowable expenses and service models: **5 Year Plan**

Considering program models and fund sources

Emergency Shelter A

Access to the shelter is not contingent on sobriety or participation in specific services other than case management although access and motivational interviewing is encouraged. Shelter rules can prohibit onsite drug use, verbal/physical assault, etc. and those can be cause for exit.

Emergency Solutions Grant: ✓

Emergency Shelter Fund: ✓

Local Homeless Housing Funds: ✓

Emergency Shelter B

Access to shelter is contingent on sobriety and/or commitment to recovery (i.e. engaging in Tx/UAs). Positive UAs/lack of engagement in treatment can be cause for exit.

Emergency Solutions Grant: ✗

Emergency Shelter Fund: ✗

Local Homeless Housing Funds: ≈

Emergency Shelter C

Seasonal/weather dependent shelter. Access to the shelter is not contingent on sobriety or participation in specific services other than case management although access and motivational interviewing is encouraged. Shelter rules can prohibit onsite drug use, verbal/physical assault, etc. and those can be cause for exit.

Emergency Solutions Grant: ✓

Emergency Shelter Fund: ✗

Local Homeless Housing Funds: ✓

Ideas from October 12th workshop for ESG \$:

- Existing shelter capacity – youth
- Hygiene support
- Extending Cold Weather Shelter past March 31st (if applicable)

Other Emergency Solutions Grant-eligible programs

Street Outreach

Staff time to connect with unsheltered clients.

Pros: Leverages existing services, easy to scale up, many potential providers for outreach, could align with 5 Year Plan (CE)

Cons: Limited housing and other immediate service needs available if client engages (detox, inpatient treatment), need to use HMIS

Hygiene Support

Hygiene services could be portable restrooms, handwashing stations, shower/laundry facilities or cards.

Pros: Provide basic needs for unsheltered population, could be potential avenue for access to services

Cons: Resource oversight/management, inventory of showers/handwashing stations unknown with COVID

Rapid Rehousing

Damage deposits, rental assistance, case management

Pros: Easily scalable/integrated into current system, clear need, best practice and produces positive outcomes

Cons: Few units available, many already on existing wait lists

Prevention

Rental/utility assistance, case management

Pros: Easily scalable/integrated into current system, prevention helps reduce homelessness

Cons: Other prevention/assistance programs currently ongoing, scale of need/gaps unknown

Unfunded programs outlined in 5 Year Plan

Develop Affordable Housing units for extremely low-income to middle-income households

Transitional/Work Release Housing

Expand accessibility of Coordinated Entry throughout the County

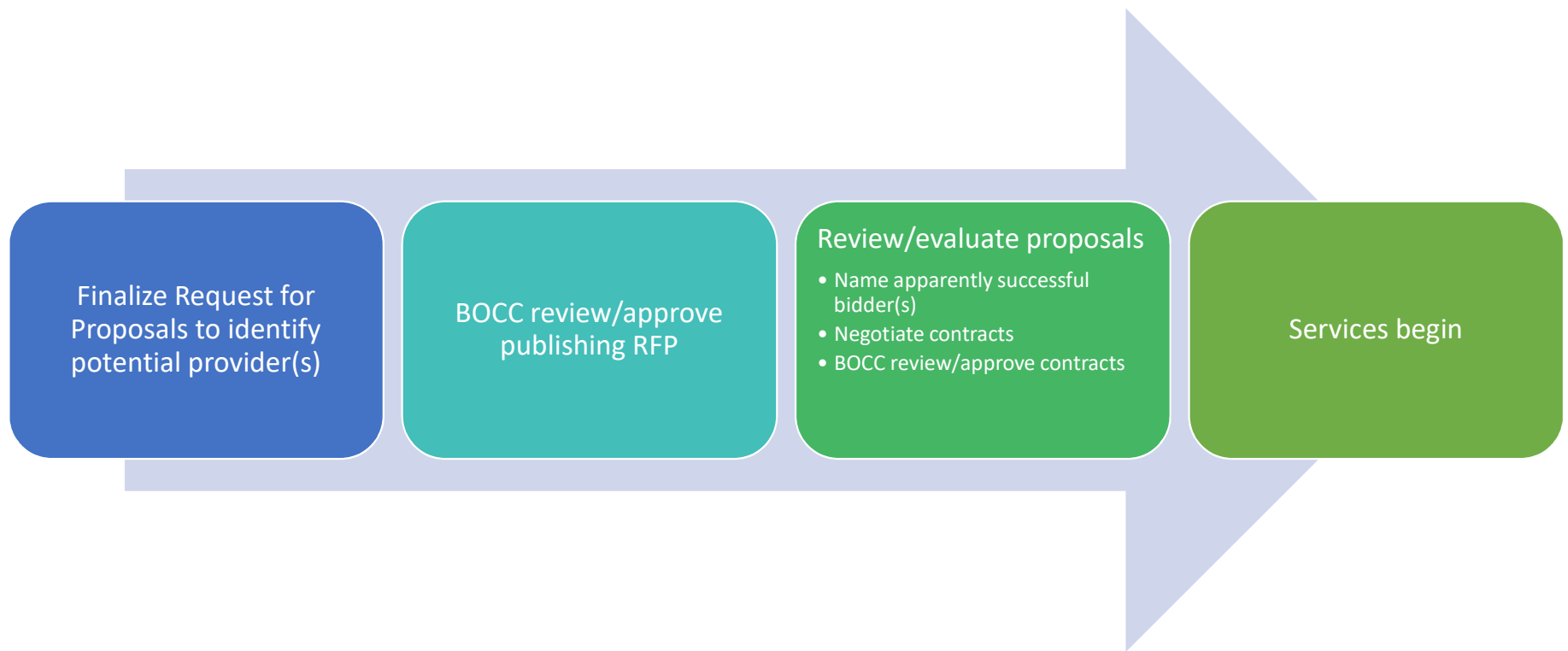
Supports to lower barriers to existing shelters

Robust low barrier shelter

Transitional shelter for clients enrolled waiting for housing unit

Dedicated FTE for SOAR

Next Steps/Process – ESG/Homeless Housing Funds



Next Steps/Process – Emergency Shelter Fund

