



Homeless Housing Discussion

Homelessness: What funding is available to address this issue? June 8, 2021

Goals of workshop:

- Provide information on available funding for homeless housing programs in Grays Harbor County
 - What is the Consolidated Homeless Grant?
 - What are Local Document Recording Fees?
 - Who makes decisions about how funding is used in Grays Harbor County?
- Get BOCC input on values that will guide use of funds going forward



Legislation from 2011 combined all of the state's homeless grant programs into a single grant opportunity, **The Consolidated Homeless Grant**, made available to County governments



Each Biennium, Grays Harbor County receives a CHG allocation from the Department of Commerce, this allocation totaled **\$3.9 Million over the 2021-23 Biennium**



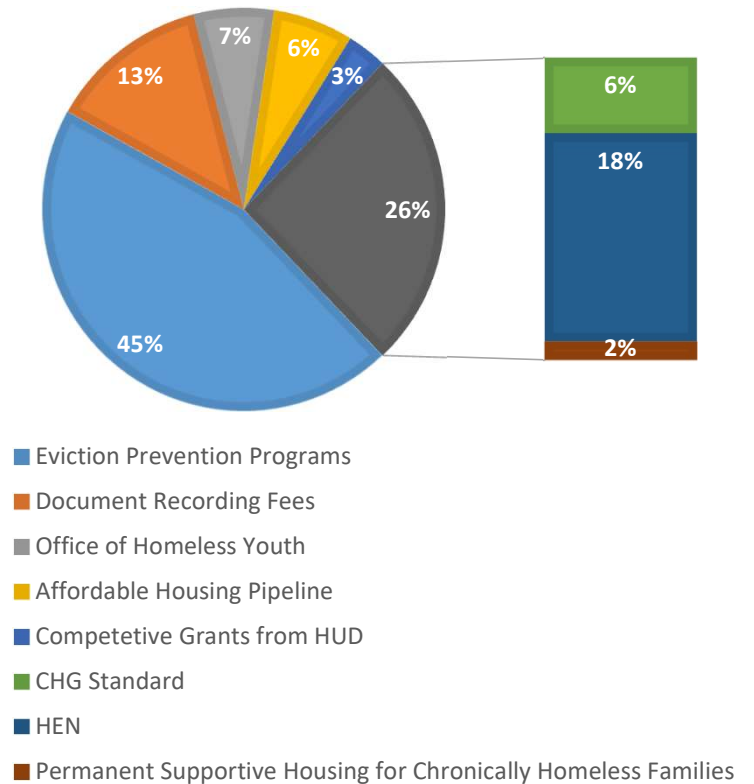
Upon receiving our allocation each biennium, the County then releases an RFP to **renew existing projects** and decide how to **allocate new funding**, if available



Due to historic investments in this program from the Washington State Legislature, we expect to receive **significantly more funding in this biennium.**

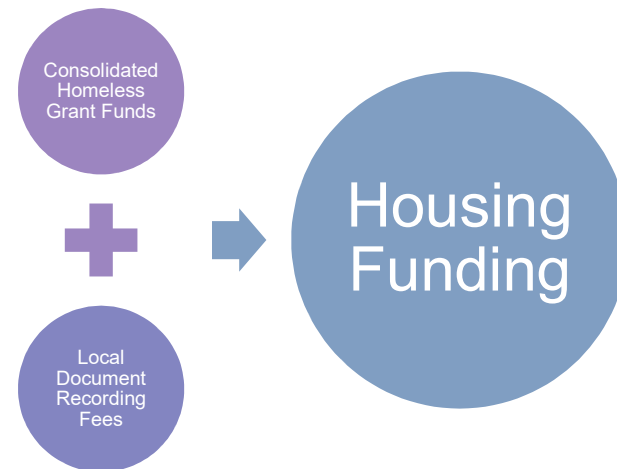
Homeless Housing Funds in Grays Harbor County

Program Type	Funding per Biennium
Eviction Rental Assistance Programs	\$7,000,000
Document Recording Fees	\$2,000,000
Office of Homeless Youth	\$1,000,000
Affordable Housing Pipeline	\$1,000,000
Competitive HUD Grants	\$500,000
Consolidated Homeless Grant	\$4,000,000
CHG Standard	\$1,000,000
Housing and Essential Needs	\$2,750,000
Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Families	\$250,000



What are requirements for funds?

- CHG funding → CHG Guidelines from Department of Commerce
- Local revenue and reserves → implement 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness





State

- Consolidate different sources of funding from state and federal level
- Disperse funding to counties
- Create program guidelines for state funding
- Monitor grantees for compliance with laws and guidelines



County

- Set Values around local funding
- Create local plan to address homelessness
- Identify and disperse funding to local non-profit providers
- Coordinate and monitor local housing crisis response system



Client

- Ask for help
- Set goals and create a housing stability plan
- Engage regularly with care coordination



Efficient



Effective



Sustainable

Values



Fund of Last Resort



Collaborative



Community Driven



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State homelessness responsibilities and funding

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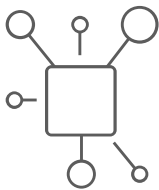




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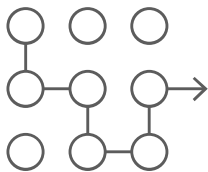
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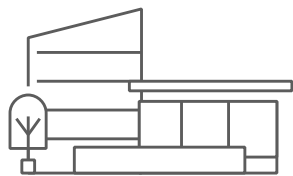
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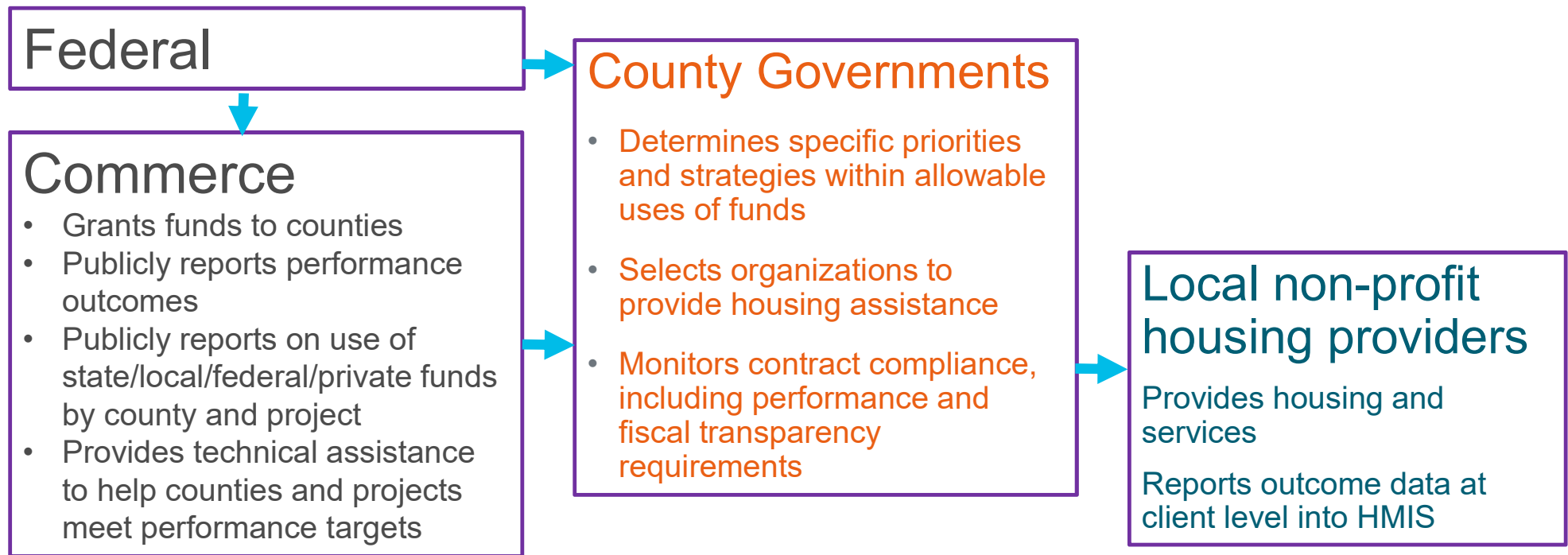
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State Homeless Housing Strategic Plan

- Our Vision – No person left living outside
- Our Mission - Support homeless crisis response systems that efficiently reduce the number of people living outside, and that when scaled appropriately can house all unsheltered people
- Guiding Principles –
 - All people deserve a safe place to live
 - Urgent and bold action is the appropriate response to people living outside
 - Interventions must be data-driven and evidence-based

Flow of federal and state housing funding*



- *Non-capital funding. Some larger cities receive state and federal funding. Exceptions for some funding, and some counties have opted-out of managing state funding



Role of state

Specific state responsibilities:

Publish on website info on use of state and local funds and performance, at county and project levels (RCW 43.185C.045)

Develop state strategic plan to reduce the count of people experiencing homelessness (RCW 43.185C.045)

Grant funds in alignment with state plan (RCW 43.185C.080)

Key tenets of current state plan:

Require progress toward performance measures of effectiveness as condition of receiving state funds

Require systems to use interventions that evidence show are capable of bringing everyone inside if scaled appropriately



Upcoming revisions of state performance measures and State Strategic Plan

New performance measures by December 2021

Likely significant update of State Strategic Plan in 2022

Stakeholders defined in just passed ESSHB HB 1277:

[P]ersons at risk of homelessness due to unpaid rent, representatives of communities of color, homeless service providers, landlord representatives, local governments that administer homelessness assistance, a statewide association representing cities, a statewide association representing counties, a representative of homeless youth and young adults, and affordable housing advocates.



Thank you!

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Current values of local homeless housing dollars –
are any changes needed?

- ▶ **County seeks to support homeless crisis response systems that efficiently reduce the number of people living outside, and that when scaled appropriately can house all unsheltered people**
 - ▶ **State-required performance metrics measure our ability to prioritize unsheltered clients, increase exits to permanent housing, and decrease returns to homelessness**
 - ▶ Investments are sustainable – annual spending \leq annual revenue
 - ▶ Fund of last resort – use all other resources before tapping local funds
 - ▶ Whenever possible leverage existing funding sources to increase likelihood of positive outcome
 - ▶ Investments clearly align with community-driven Plan
 - ▶ Investments are data driven with high return on investment
 - ▶ Look at long-term and big picture impact beyond immediate result – generational and community-wide impact are important factors
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