



Homeless Housing Discussion Workshop 3

How does Grays Harbor County invest to address homelessness now?

June 15, 2021

Goals of workshop:

- ▶ Provide information on:
 - ▶ What could we buy? (What are allowable program types?)
 - ▶ What do we buy now and why?
 - ▶ What are the outcomes?
- ▶ Get BOCC input on values that will guide use of funds going forward



What could we buy?

Temporary Housing

- **Emergency Shelter** – facility-based/indoor space to temporarily provide safety to someone experiencing homelessness (typically 90 days or less)
 - *Drop-in shelter* – clients use as needed/night-by-night
 - *Continuous-stay Shelter* – clients enter shelter and stay until they can reach next step of housing stability
- **Transitional Housing** – facility or master-leased private market unit with supportive services (typically 2 years or less)

Permanent Housing

- **Targeted Prevention** – rental assistance and case management to prevent eviction for clients at highest risk of homelessness (typically 3-6 months)
- **Rapid Re-Housing** – rental assistance and case management to quickly re-house clients who recently became homeless and exit to self-paid housing (typically 6-9 months)
- **Permanent Supportive Housing** – non-time limited rental assistance and intensive case management for chronically homeless, disabled clients (no time limit)

Services Only

- **Street Outreach** – outreach, building trust, and referral to services for literally homeless clients
 - **Case Management** – housing stability planning and connection to support services
 - **Coordinated Entry operations** – assessment and referral to housing services
 - **Landlord liaison services** – point of contact between landlords and service provider to build relationships and maximize benefits to both parties
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Programs/Services funded through County contracts –

State Mandated Activities/Requirements

<i>Blue columns = State Funding Green column = local funding</i>	Housing and Essential Needs	Consolidated Homeless Grant – Standard	Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Families	Local Homeless Housing Funds
Coordinated Entry	✓	✓		
Rental Assistance	✓	✓	✓	
Reporting, billing, contract management	✓	✓		

Community Priorities

<i>Blue columns = State Funding Green column = local funding</i>	Housing and Essential Needs	Consolidated Homeless Grant – Standard	Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Families	Local Homeless Housing Funds
Domestic Violence Shelter and supportive housing				✓
Rental Assistance for priority populations (young adults, families, and therapeutic court clients)				✓
Landlord liaison position	✓	✓		
Family Shelter				✓
Cold Weather Shelter				✓
NEW Youth Transitional Housing				✓

Programs/Services funded through County contracts *on the Continuum of Programs/Services*

Services Only	Emergency Shelter	Transitional Housing	Homelessness Prevention	Rapid Rehousing	Permanent Supportive Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordinated Entry• Landlord Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cold Weather Shelter• Domestic Violence Shelter• 3 units of family shelter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Young Adults Transitional Projects• Domestic Violence supportive housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Essential Needs clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing Essential Needs clients• Rapid Rehousing (general)• Rapid Rehousing for Young Adults• Rapid Rehousing for Families• Rental assistance for Therapeutic Court clients	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Families



Outcomes – How many clients are served?

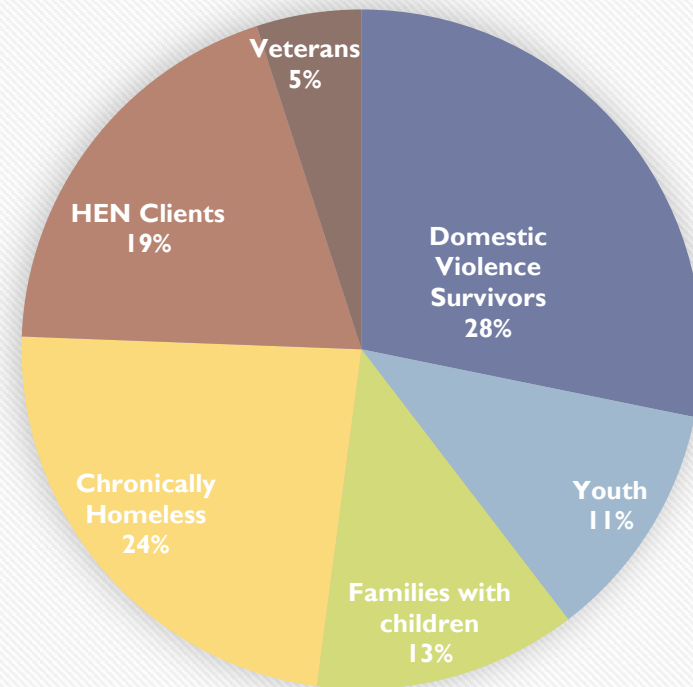
Programs	Unique clients served SFY 2021
Emergency Shelter	Family Shelter– 37 DV Shelter – 61*
Coordinated Entry	1,731
Prevention	HEN - 107
Transitional Housing	DV Next Steps – 7*
Rapid Rehousing	HEN- 169 CHG Standard – 49 Families with Children – 81 Young Adults - 19
Permanent Supportive Housing	Chronically Homeless Families - 13
Cold Weather Shelter (<i>open November 2020 – March 2021</i>)	Aberdeen (CCAP) – 201 Westport (Chaplains) – 82*

* Program only partially funded by CHG/Doc Fees

Who is receiving assistance?

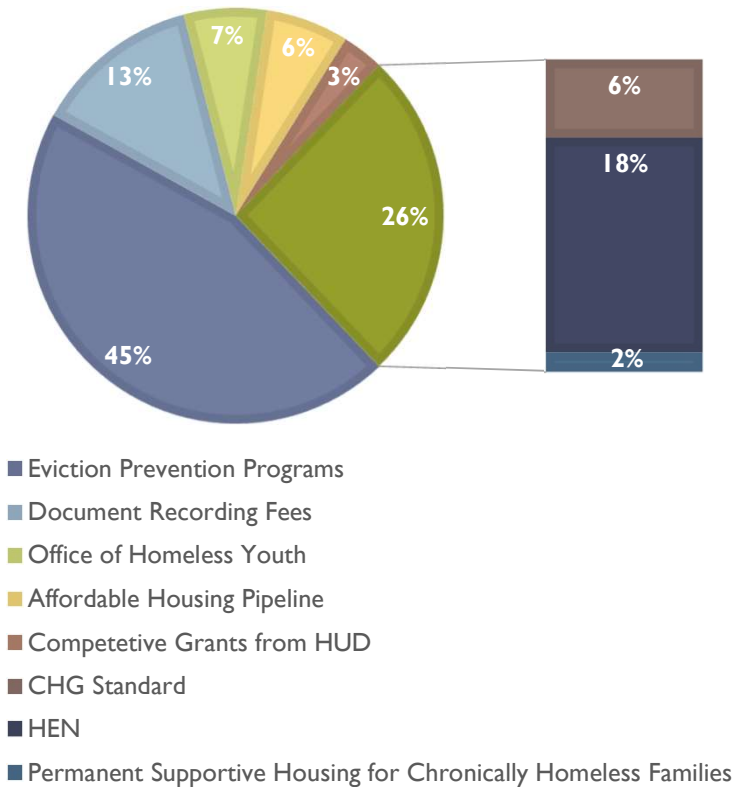
- ▶ Domestic Violence Survivors
- ▶ Youth/Young Adults
- ▶ Families with Children
- ▶ Veterans
- ▶ Chronically Homeless
- ▶ HEN clients – *assessed by DSHS*

Sub Populations



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



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Center of Grays Harbor

Guest speaker/client stories

Priorities/Values for State Dollars – *are any changes needed?*

- ▶ **First payer/State dollars to pay for State requirements**
 - ▶ 36% of non-HEN funding must go to landlords (rent assistance)
 - ▶ Functional and accessible Coordinated Entry system that serves the entire County
 - ▶ HEN dollars must serve clients assessed and deemed eligible by DSHS
 - ▶ Permanent Supportive Housing for Chronically Homeless Families must serve families homeless for a year or more with a documented disability
 - ▶ Adequate administrative/operational support to do reporting, invoicing, and contract compliance
- ▶ **Investments clearly move us towards meeting performance benchmarks**
 - ▶ Prioritize unsheltered individuals for available resources
 - ▶ Increase exits to permanent housing
 - ▶ Decrease returns to homelessness



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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