

# Homeless Housing Program

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County Council Committee of the Whole



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# Homeless Housing Background

- Housing program 2008-2020
- Strategic Plan to End Homelessness (2019)
  - Ending homelessness one household at a time
- Housing program 2020-current
- Local focus

# What's Happening?

## Shelter

- Drop-In vs. Extended Stay
- Specialty Shelters
- Number of Beds

## Stability

- 24/7 Facilities
  - Recovery House
  - Way Station
- Scattered Site Placements
- Rapid Rehousing
- Behavioral Health Support

## Affordability

- Rental Assistance
- Eviction Prevention
- Types of Affordability



Case Management



# WCHD's Role

- Distribute funds responsibly
  - Local, state, federal/COVID funding
- Identify gaps in services and capacity
- Strengthen partnerships with community service organizations
  - Collaboration between partners
  - Coordinated Entry

# Opportunities for Growth & Investment

- Increase capacity and quality of services
  - Outreach
  - Shelter
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
- Scale up affordable housing
  - Current and upcoming projects
- Communication & community engagement