



# Workgroup Strategic Recommendations: Budget Planning FY 2017-18

AHFE Coordinating Board

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# Process

- Five workgroup meetings in October:
  - Review AHFE guiding values and plan
  - Review FY15-16 system performance and FY16-17 expanded strategies
  - Affirm commitment to maintaining current expansion and identify remaining gaps
  - Ground planning in racial equity
  - Generate strategies for additional investment or alignment, then prioritize

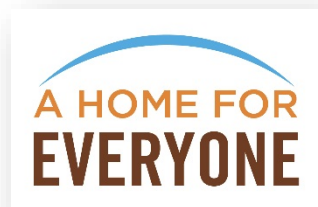
# Themes: Racial Equity

- Assess who's not at the table, reach out to join theirs
- Come with question: What's most needed?
- Build capacity of community resources and organizations serving people of color, then use it
- Allow flexibility in spending
- Focus on prevention, especially for those doubled-up
- Support alternatives to existing models (e.g. shelter) *and* improve cultural responsiveness of existing models



# Recommended Strategies: Cross-Workgroup Themes

- Stay the course with FY16-17 strategies, continue in FY17-18
- Additional permanently affordable housing for vulnerable populations:
  - Capital/construction
  - Permanent rent subsidies (locally-funded and set-aside)
  - Permanent Supportive Housing
- Additional flexible funding (rent assistance, etc.)
- Additional prevention and shelter diversion



# Recommended Strategies: SOS

Rank	Strategy	Priority
1	<b>Investment in affordable housing:</b> Serving all vulnerable populations	High (4.5)
2	<b>Flexible Assistance Funding:</b> Flexible assistance dollars to move people into housing.	High (4.5)
3	<b>Develop methods for rapid placement out of shelter:</b> Serving African-Americans and people of color that fall out of shelter quickly after being placed in shelter	High (4.4)
4	<b>Investment in diversion/prevention programs to meet the needs of double-up/tripled-up families:</b> serving families, particularly in communities of color	High (4.2)
6	<b>Shelter for elderly and disabled adults:</b> Best serving vets and seniors	Medium (3.8)

# Recommended Strategies: Housing

Rank	Strategy	Priority
1	Permanent rent assistance for homeless and at-risk households who have extremely low fixed incomes	High (4.8)
2	Locating/expanding affordable housing overall	High (4.8)
3	Expand rental assistance funding and match funding with client's specific situation	High (4.4)
5	Prevention + Rapid Re-housing placement out of shelter: serving families, particularly in communities of color	High (4.3)
6	Medicaid clients to receive PSH: Leverage pending Medicaid waiver to cover the costs of PSH for Medicaid clients	High (4.2)

# Recommended Strategies: Workforce

Rank	Strategy
1	Increase culturally specific Community Works case managers to 1 FTE.
2	Strengthen collective impact within target populations to strategize around collaboration, data collection, and pair with employment/housing supports to culturally specific providers.
3	Provide rent assistance and employment supports for people of color coming out of incarceration.
4	Invest in additional flexible spending for rent assistance as homelessness prevention for access by employment programs.
5	Increase community outreach in the form of mobile community employment navigators and increase training for community health workers to connect folks to employment programs.
6	Leverage the food stamp and training program for people enrolled in SNAP to regain \$.50 on the dollar of non-federally disbursed SNAP funding.

# Highlighted Strategies: Health

Item	Strategy
<b>B</b>	<b>ACT teams with housing vouchers for chronically homeless individuals</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Investment in mid- to low-level medical support:</b> Community health nurses in day centers, public housing sites, and mobile healthcare teams equipped for outreach and engagement.
<b>D</b>	<b>Investment in recuperative care housing</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Additional coordination with the corrections system:</b> Re-entry housing with peer support services and supported education
<b>O</b>	<b>Additional effort toward retention and eviction prevention.</b>
<b>P</b>	<b>Identification of housing risk factors coupled with mobile retention and prevention specialists with flex dollars (possibly from Medicaid Waiver)</b>
<b>Q</b>	<b>Increased Medicaid fee for service payment</b> for Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) service provision (community mental health agencies staffing to people with mental illness)



# Recommended Strategies: Veterans

Rank	Strategy	Priority
1	Expand landlord recruitment and retention capacity to partner with landlords from communities of color.	High
2	Increase system capacity to provide intensive housing search and retention support services to Veterans with the highest barriers to housing.	High
3	Increase the number of Home Forward vouchers set-aside for Veterans along with funding to provide supportive services.	High
4	Expand the pool of flexible prevention/rent assistance funds for providers who work with underserved Veterans	Medium
5	Expand system capacity to provide ongoing housing retention services.	Medium

# Recommended Strategies: Policy highlights

<b>Workgroup</b>	<b>Policy Recommendation</b>
<b>SOS</b>	<b>Tenant protections to address inflow</b>
<b>SOS</b>	<b>Law enforcement collaboration (safe sleep/prioritize enforcement)</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<b>Eliminate income-to-rent admission criteria barrier in PHB-financed apartment buildings</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>Improve cross-sector data sharing (e.g. work with Health Share and Family Care to identify highest utilizers for targeted housing interventions)</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>State-level clarifications of eligible uses of community benefits dollars and nonprofit hospital cash reserve requirements</b>
<b>Health</b>	<b>Develop state-level Ending Homelessness Council to improve coordination among state agencies (OHA, OHCS, DHS, DOC)</b>

# Next Steps

- Recommend targeted outreach to culturally-specific providers and consumers (review strategies, add others)
- Rank strategies to focus November workgroup meetings