



Department of  
Housing Services

# June Meeting

## Homeless Solutions Advisory Council

June 20, 2024





# → Agenda

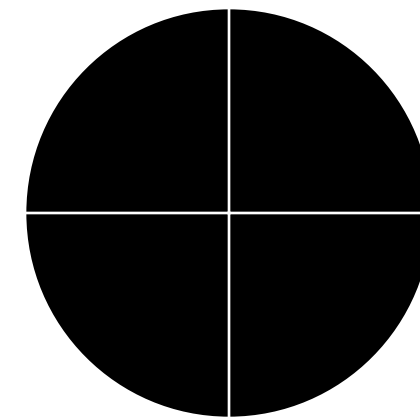


- Introductions
- Public comment
- Subcommittee updates
- Potential SHS Referral Measure
- Listening Session and Housing Forum
- Next steps



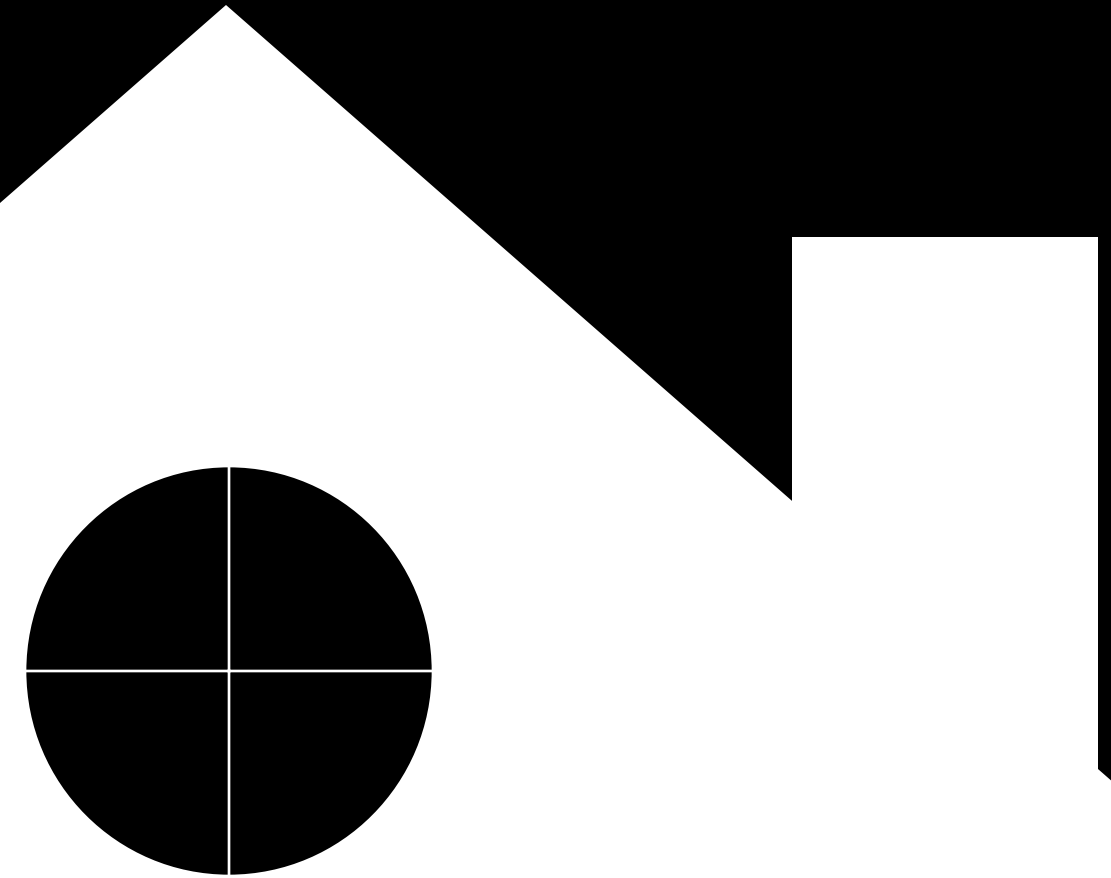
*Recent roundtable conversation on the Project Turnkey Model with Congresswoman Bonamici, Chair Harrington, Washington County staff and providers, and more.*

# Subcommittee Updates



1. Performance Evaluation
2. Equitable Procurement
3. Lived Experience

# Potential SHS Reform Measure



**Jes Larson**, Assistant Director of Homeless Services



# SHS: Goals to end chronic homelessness and no increase to homelessness

**5,000**  
permanent  
supportive  
housing  
placements



Mostly Population A

**10,000**  
households  
served with  
rent assistance  
and services  
to avoid  
homelessness



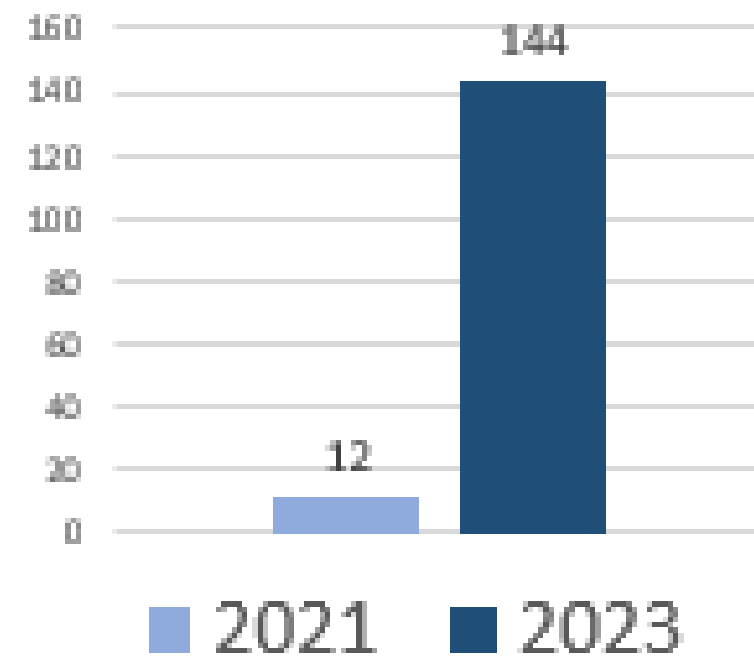
Mostly Population B

# Building a Regional System of Care

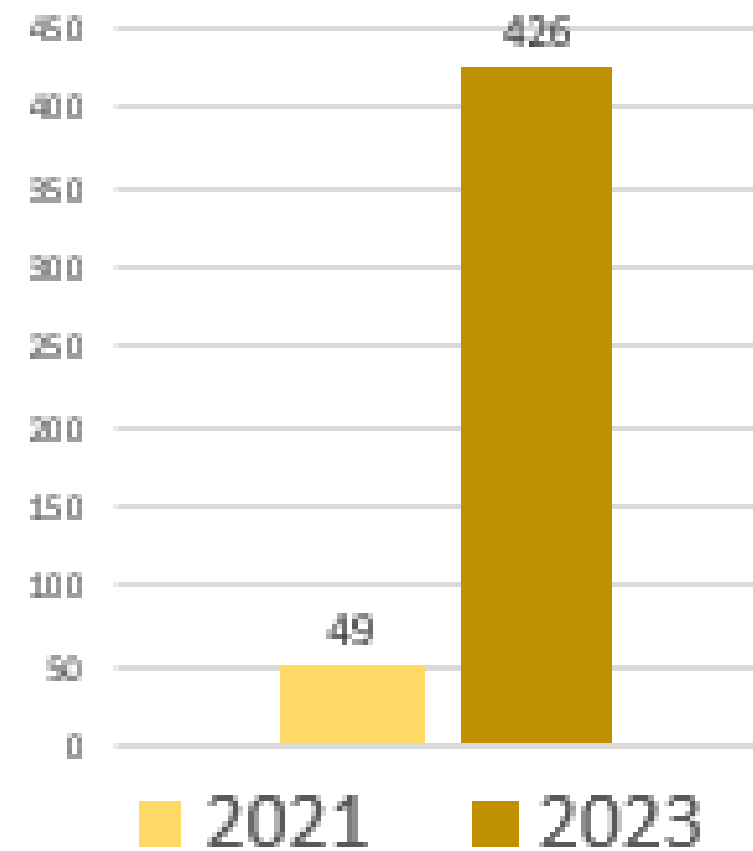


# Building a System: Increased Capacity

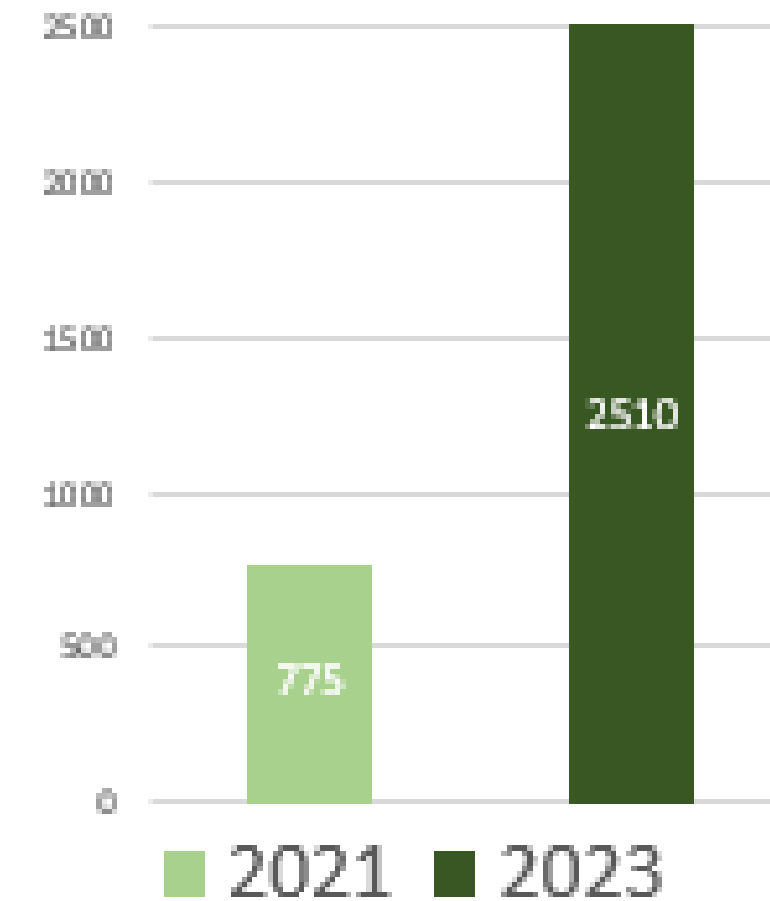
### Case Managers & Outreach Workers



### Shelter Capacity



### Housing Capacity





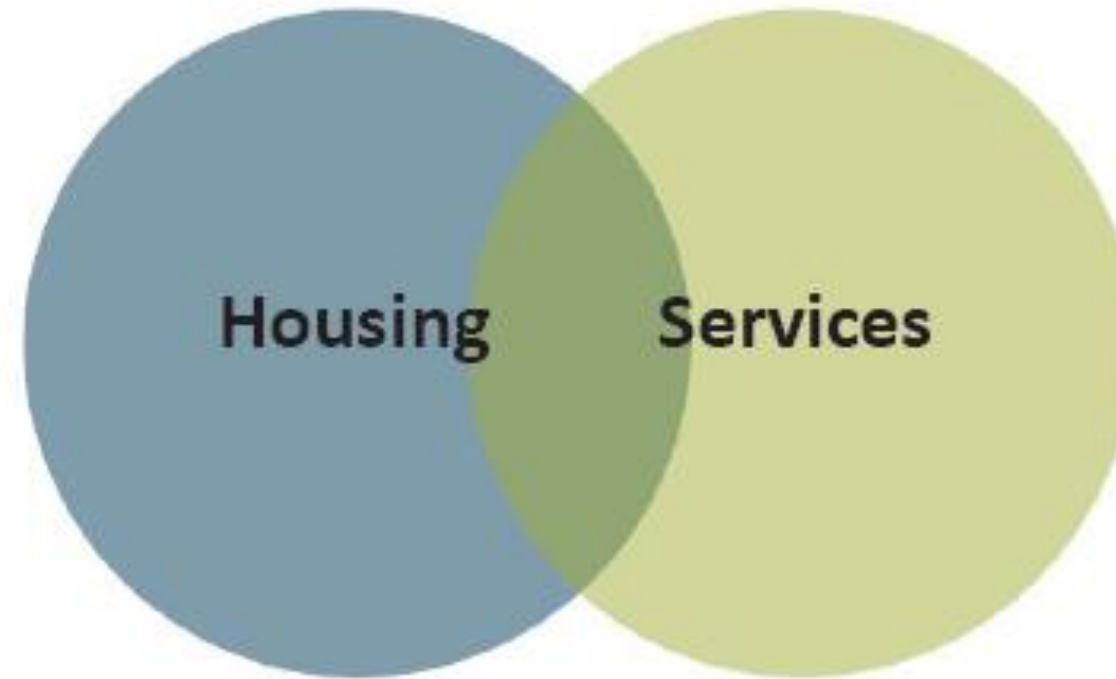
# Rising costs of supportive housing

Actual costs in 2024

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**\$15,000**

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**\$10,000**

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Initial estimate in 2020

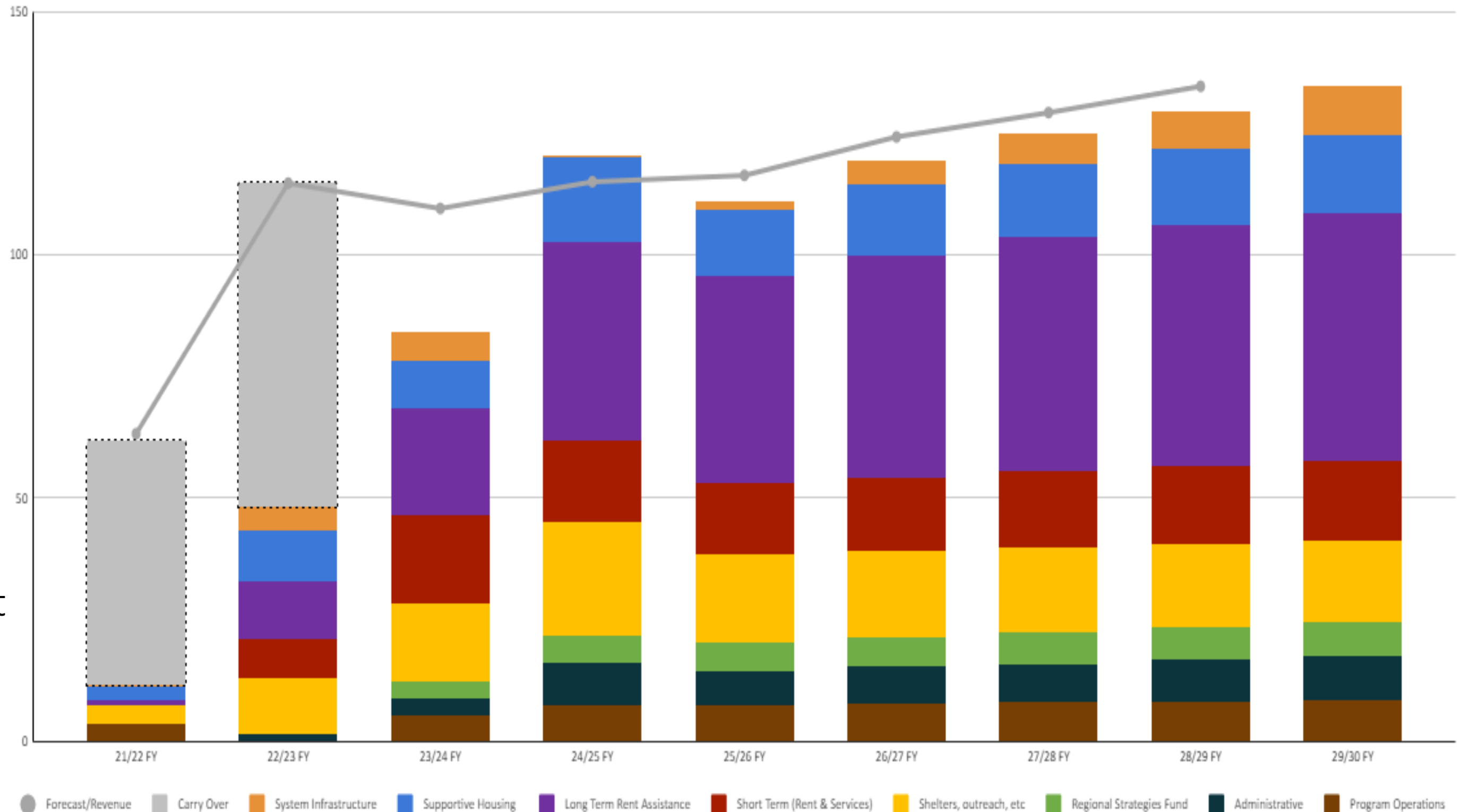
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# Projected expenditures

- **10** outreach teams & **4** access centers
- **400+** permanent shelter beds
- Long-term vouchers (RLRA) to keep **1650** households
- Short-term supports to prevent or end homelessness for up to **1000** people



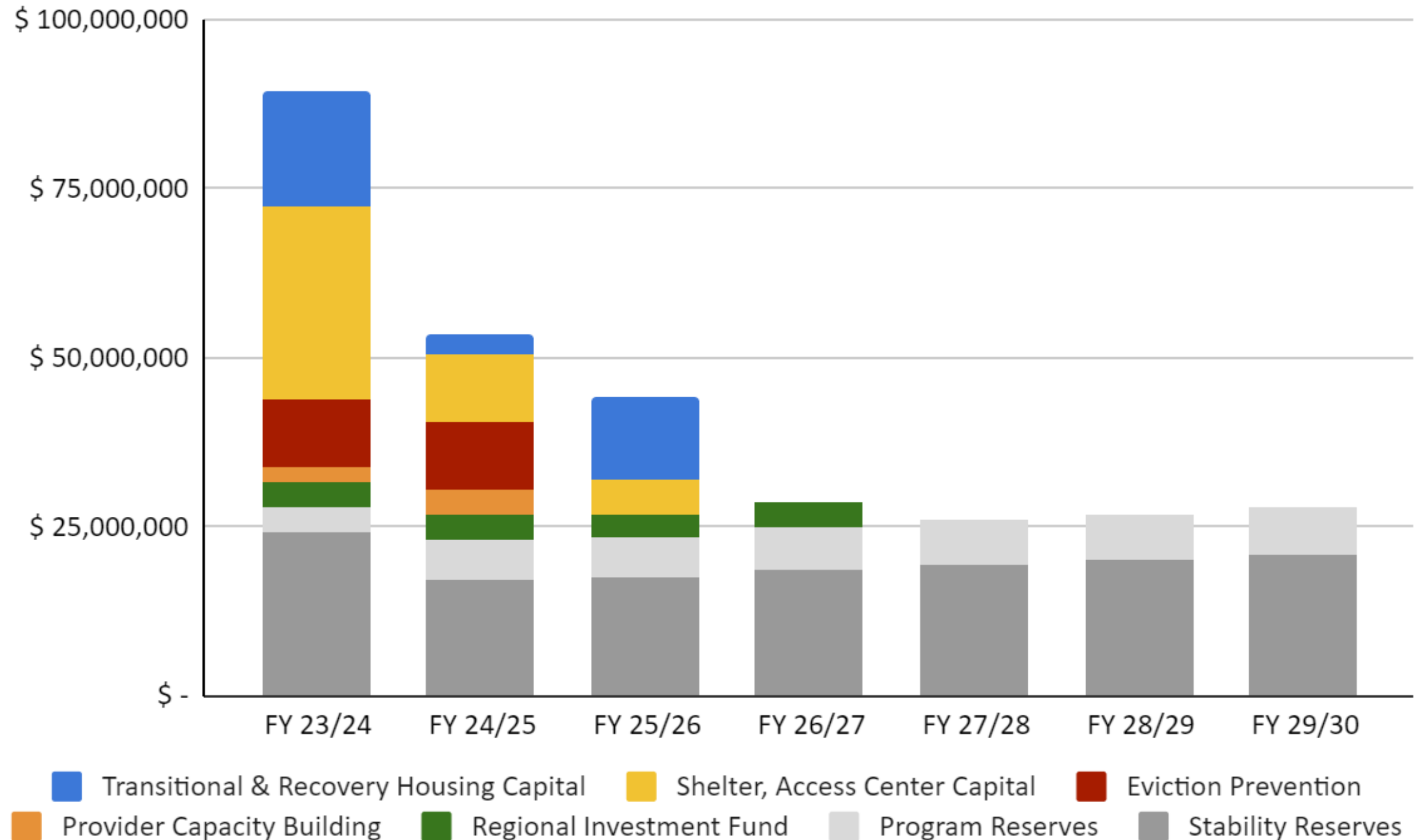
# Carryover commitments

Capital funding for:

- **3** permanent shelters
- **4** access centers
- **100-150** recovery, transitional housing units

One-time funding for:

- Capacity building for **25** organizations
- Eviction prevention funding for 3 years (**1500+** households/year)





# Stakeholder advisory table discussions



## Potential changes discussed:

- Add affordable housing as eligible use
- Dedicate some funds for affordable housing development
- Reduce tax rate and index tax rate
- Change distribution formula to Counties
- Expand Metro's role in oversight
- Extend or eliminate sunset







# Guiding Principles for Washington County



- **Keep focus on SHS goals** to end chronic homeless and ensure no increase in overall homelessness.
- **Continue role of local expertise to invest funds.** Includes local control to streamline accountability.
- **Ensure flexibility to adjust system over time.** Our homeless systems of care is still being built and community needs will evolve as these investments have impact.
- **No change to flow of funds or funding allocation.** Must ensure reliability of payment for service contracts, and ability to continue funding system that has already been built.



# → Timeline Summary



## **To Date:**

January – Metro directed staff to consider new funding for affordable housing

March - May – Stakeholder table process, focus became reallocation of SHS funds

June 11<sup>th</sup> – Metro Council received an [update from staff](#)

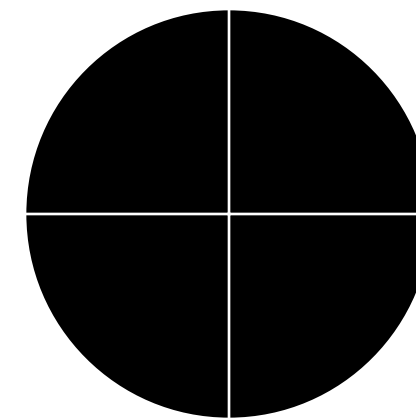
## **Looking ahead:**

July 9<sup>th</sup> – Metro staff will present recommendations to Metro Council

July 25<sup>th</sup> – Potential Metro Council public hearing

August 1<sup>st</sup> – Potential Metro Council vote

# Upcoming Engagement Opportunities





# → Listening Sessions



## TWO OPPORTUNITIES

**Wednesday, Aug 7:** HSSN/Provider Session

Location: on Zoom

Time: 8:30-11:00am

**Monday, Aug 19:** General Public Session

Location: Beaverton public library

Time: 5:00-7:00pm



**Purpose:** Inform public and community partners of County's FY 25-26 Strategic Framework; seek direction and feedback from community; and allow community to learn about the Solutions Council and your sibling body, the Housing Advisory Council\*.

\*Advisory body members expected to attend **both** Sessions in lieu of August Council meeting.



# Housing Forum



- **November 22nd @ Wingspan Event and Conference Center**
  - Time TBD
- **HAC and Solutions Council Participation**
  - Outreach to community
  - Input in planning
  - Opportunity for educating public of your role and committee
  - Table facilitation/support
- **Discussion**
  - Reflect on poll responses

# → What next?



## Next Meeting is July 18<sup>th</sup> :

- Subcommittee updates
- Coordinated Entry Introduction
- Potential tour

## Upcoming listening sessions

- August virtual Housing and Support Services Network listening session for providers
- August in-person listening session for the general public



*Still from KOIN News coverage of Washington County's Housing Career's Program; Eboni Brown, the Executive Director of Greater Good Northwest, May 2024 (KOIN)*