



Department of  
Housing Services

# May Meeting

## Homeless Solutions Advisory Council



| May 15, 2024

# → Agenda

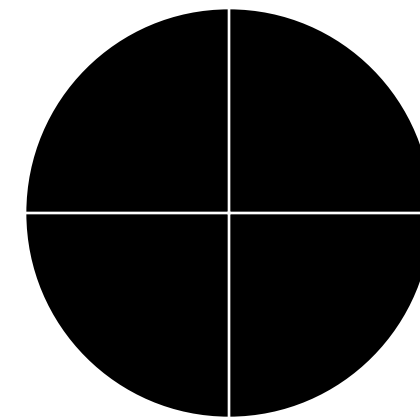


- Introductions
- Public comment
- Subcommittee updates
- Consent agenda
- Under development: supportive housing funding offering
- Emergency Solutions Grant
- Next steps



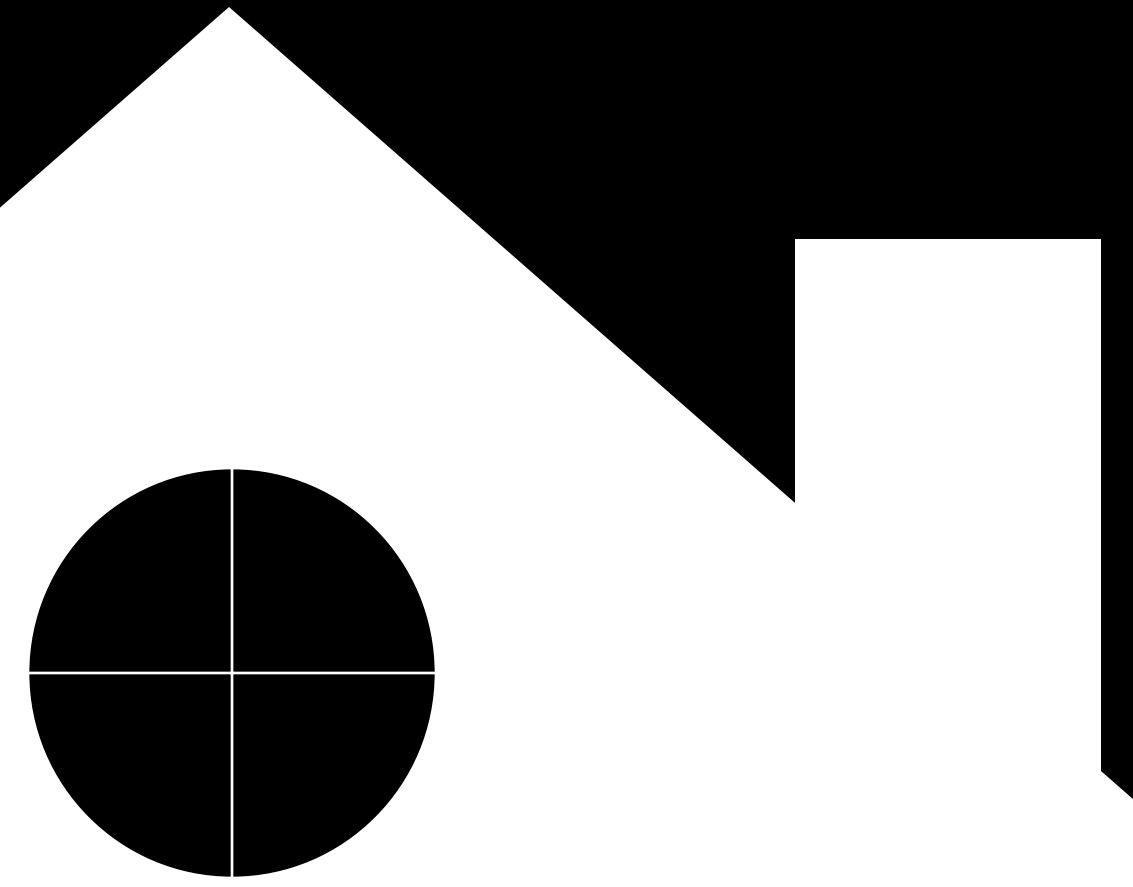
*Celebrating the groundbreaking for Just Compassion's future shelter and access center*

# Consent Agenda



Motion to approve the consent agenda

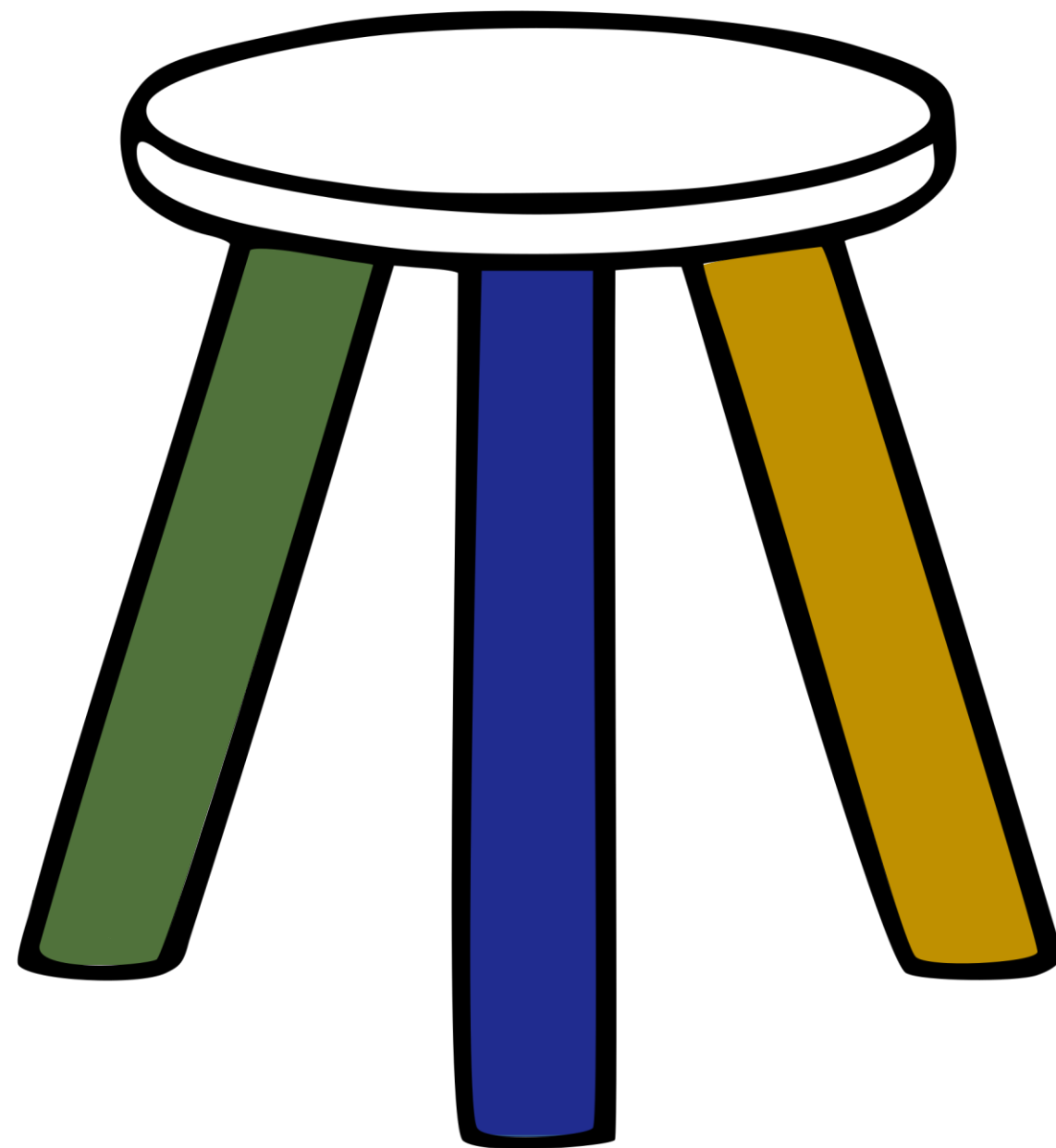
# Supportive Housing Capital Funding Offering



*Discussion of the supportive housing capital funding offering under development.  
**Please declare any conflict of interest before we begin.***



# What is 'Supportive Housing'?



**Building:** a physical site where housing and services are co-located

**Rental Assistance:** ongoing assistance to ensure a household can afford rent/the program

**Supportive Services:** on-site, specialized services to meet the needs of residents, such as addiction recovery programs, transitional age youth programs, behavioral health supportive housing, and more



# What is the funding offering under development?



## Target population\*

People that are:

1. Extremely low-income;
2. Have one or more disabling conditions; &
3. Are experiencing **OR** at imminent risk of experiencing long-term or frequent episodes of literal homelessness

*\*Target population is not intended to limit those eligible*

## Draft concept

- Leverage increase SHS revenue and invest carryover to strategically fill gaps in our system, particularly for people that need support before they can be successful in Permanent Supportive Housing or other permanent housing
- \$30-50 million of capital funding for:
  - Transitional housing
  - Recovery housing
  - *Cannot fund permanent housing per new Metro guidance*
- Commit ongoing operations funding with SHS



# Housing Types to be funded



## **Transitional Housing (TH) – first offering**

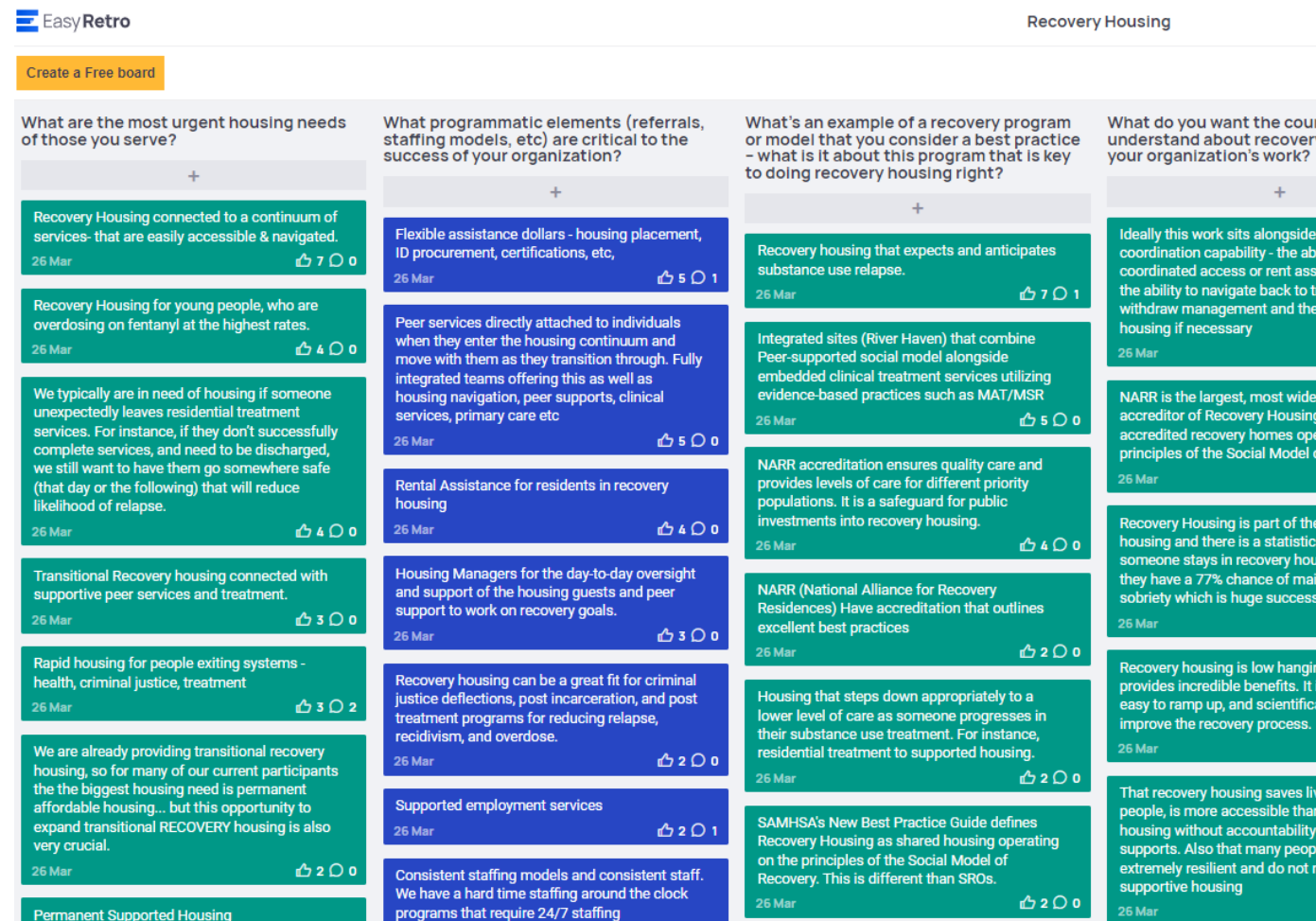
- Transitional Housing provides temporary housing with supportive services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness, staff are specifically interested in:
  - Alcohol and drug free transitional housing
  - Behavioral health aligned transitional housing
- Limited to <2 years (HUD requirement)
- May act as “step down” from recovery housing or intermediate step for those not ready for permanent housing

## **Recovery Housing (RH) – to be developed after first offering**

- Group home for individuals in recovery with on-site peer support and sobriety requirements
- Length varies by program, all <2 years and may <1 year
- *Considering* funding National Alliance for Recovery Residences levels 2 and 3, will require certification from Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon

# → Staff Needs Analysis

Staff engaged with the healthcare system and held an engagement with recovery housing providers, below are some takeaways of our system needs based on this engagement and other research.



EasyRetro Board from March engagement with recovery housing providers – [read more here.](#)

- Washington County lacks transitional housing for people with high needs/high acuity and sober transitional housing
- Oregon Substance Use Disorder Services Inventory and Gap Analysis findings:
  - 78% gap in recovery residences in Washington County
  - Statewide need for 3,859 recovery homes
- Need for more culturally specific recovery housing
  - Long waitlist for Latine families
  - No culturally specific housing for Black community members, folks are going to Multnomah County



# → Where we're still learning?

- Discussions and learnings from advisory bodies
- Determining operational cost needs to inform bed targets (number of beds to fund) in upcoming offering
- Referral considerations for homeless services focused recovery housing
  - Community Connect
  - Recovery housing referral is highly flexible
- Opportunities system integration with healthcare, including Medicaid funding
- Strategies to support positive exits into permanent housing



*Central City Concern's Golden West Transitional Housing in Portland.*



# Discussion



**Staff are developing a proposal at the end of this month for a summer transitional housing offering – what do you want us to keep in mind as we move with urgency to address this need?**

- Some people are not able to be successful in permanent housing, even permanent supportive housing, due to their level of need. How can transitional housing address this?
- How should we consider referral pathways that align with coordinated entry and connect people from institutional settings? Will that need to look different based on the supportive housing type?
- Should homeless services programs include funding for recovery housing models?
- How should we consider the gaps in culturally specific recovery and transitional housing?





# PY 25/26 ESG Allocation Consultation

| May 8, 2024

Community Development

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# ESG Allocation: Stepping back to evaluate best use of ESG funds

- The landscape of the Washington County system is shifting.
- We want to ensure we strengthen the system by addressing gaps.
- We don't have the answers and need your support/feedback.



# ESG Program Eligible Activities

Eligible Activities	Street Outreach	Emergency Shelter	Homeless Prevention	Rapid Rehousing
<b>Program Components</b>	Purpose to reach out to unsheltered homeless people, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing or critical services, and providing urgent, non-facility-based care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement Services</li> <li>Case Management</li> </ul>	Any appropriate facility that has the primary use of providing temporary or transitional shelter for the homeless population in general or for specific populations of the homeless and the use of which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.	Services intended to prevent persons who are housed from becoming homeless by helping them regain stability in their current housing or other permanent housing.	Services intended to transition eligible participants from the streets or shelter as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve housing stability.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Category 1 (literally homeless) Category 4 (fleeing/ attempting to flee DV) and are living on the streets or unwilling or unable to access services in emergency shelter	Category 1 (literally homeless)	Category 2 (Imminent risk of homeless) Category 3 (other federal statutes) Category 4 (fleeing or attempting to feel DV)	Category 1 (literally homeless) Category 4 (fleeing or attempting to feel DV)
<b>Eligible Costs</b>	Engagement Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducting initial assessment of need or eligibility</li> <li>Providing crisis counseling</li> <li>Address urgent physical needs (i.e. meals, blankets, clothes, or toiletries)</li> <li>Connecting folks to services / or referrals</li> <li>Cell phone costs of outreach workers</li> </ul> Case Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment and intake using coordinated entry</li> <li>Conduct initial evaluations including income and eligibility</li> <li>Counseling</li> <li>Securing or coordinating services</li> <li>Obtain federal, state or local benefits for client</li> <li>Referrals</li> <li>Develop housing stabilization plan</li> </ul>	Shelter operations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minor or routine maintenance</li> <li>Rent</li> <li>Security</li> <li>Fuel</li> <li>Equipment</li> <li>Insurance</li> <li>Utilities</li> <li>Food</li> <li>Furnishings</li> <li>Supplies necessary for the operation of the emergency shelter</li> <li>Hotel/motel voucher, only for families and individuals where no emergency shelter is available.</li> </ul>	Short (3 months) or medium (more than 3 months no more than 24) One-time Payment of arrearages Housing relocation and stabilization financial assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental app fee</li> <li>Security deposit</li> <li>Last months rent</li> <li>Moving costs</li> <li>Standard utility deposit</li> <li>Standard utility payments</li> <li>Payment of utility arrearages</li> </ul>	Short (3 months) or medium (more than 3 months no more than 24) Housing relocation and stabilization financial assistance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rental app fee</li> <li>Security deposit</li> <li>Last months rent</li> <li>Moving costs</li> <li>Standard utility deposit</li> <li>Standard utility payments</li> <li>Payment of utility arrearages</li> </ul>



# ESG Program Considerations

- Estimated Allocation based on PY 22/23: \$155,907
- HUD allows for 7.5% of the annual allocation to be retained for program administration costs by the grantee (Washington County Office of Community Development).
- ESG must be matched with equal resources. (Match can be cash or in-kind amount but cannot be counted as satisfying the matching requirement of another federal grant.)
- Combined street outreach and emergency shelter expenditures cannot exceed more than 60% of the fiscal year grant.



# Feedback Needed to Inform the PY 25-26 ESG Allocation Plan

- For the last two years, ESG has been focused on homeless prevention. Is this still the right priority area to focus on?
- Do you see other gaps in our system where ESG could be a better fit?
- In FY22/23, we moved towards a competitive process. Do you have thoughts or concerns about this?
  - Set-aside
  - Multi-year



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# → What next?

## Next Meeting is June 20<sup>th</sup>:

- Subcommittee updates
- Cohort two needs – what voices are not at the table
- *Additional topics may be added pending forthcoming HUD funding offering*



*Rendering of Project Homeless Connect's future Access Center*



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# Emergency Solutions Grant Consultation

FY2025

| May 16, 2024

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# Overview

- Today's consultation
  - Regarding the use of funds for FY25/26, recommendation from the Performance Evaluation Technical Subcommittee
  - Meets Consolidated Plan regulatory requirement



# ESG Allocation Formula

## ESG

- FY25/26: \$144,312 (Estimate)

## Supportive Housing Services Match:

- FY25/26: \$156,014 (Estimate)
  - 1-for-1 match required
  - Supportive Housing Services will be providing the match to the awarded agency
- Total= **\$300,326** (Estimate)

# → Rapid Rehousing

- Services intended to transition eligible participants from the streets or shelter as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve housing stability.
- Homelessness prevention must be provided in accordance with the housing relocation and stabilization services requirements in [§ 576.105](#), the short-term and medium-term rental assistance requirements in [§ 576.106](#), and the written standards and procedures established under [§ 576.400](#).

# → Eligible Participants

- Beneficiaries must meet requirements in 24 CFR 576.103
- Category 1 – Literally homeless
- Category 4 – Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence

# → Rapid Rehousing

- Activity Types:
  - Rental Assistance
    - Short-term rental assistance (3 months)
    - Medium-term rental assistance (no more than 24 months in a 3 year period)
  - Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services
    - Financial Assistance: Rental application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, standard utility deposits, standard utility payments, moving costs, payment of utility arrearages
    - Services Costs: Housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, credit repair

\*Must meet minimum standards for permanent housing found at 24 CFR 576.403c





# Maximum Household Income as of June 1, 2024

PY2024 Washington County Income Limits			
Effective June 1, 2024			
Number of Persons in the Household	Low Income Household	Very Low-Income Household	Extremely Low-Income Household
	80% of Median	50% of Median	30% of Median
1	\$66,100	\$41,300	<b>\$24,800</b>
2	\$75,550	\$47,200	<b>\$28,350</b>
3	\$85,000	\$53,100	<b>\$31,900</b>
4	\$94,400	\$59,000	<b>\$35,400</b>
5	\$102,000	\$63,750	<b>\$38,250</b>
6	\$109,550	\$68,450	<b>\$41,960</b>
7	\$117,100	\$73,200	<b>\$47,340</b>
8	\$124,650	\$77,900	<b>\$52,720</b>

# → Other Requirements

- Agencies must participate in the HSSN Coordinated Entry Process, Community Connect and report to HMIS or comparable database (for victim service providers)
- Must be active member of the CoC
- Must comply with CoC assessment and prioritization requirements
- Must coordinate and integrate, to the extent possible, their ESG-funded assistance with other programs serving homeless and at-risk of homelessness people including referral process



# Process

- Competitive Application Cycle in Fall/Winter 2024
- Agency selected will be awarded ESG funds for FY2025-2029
- Consultations yearly



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