

How is Seattle Responding to Homelessness?



As the City addresses the crisis of homelessness, we are focused on helping people off the streets and into housing.

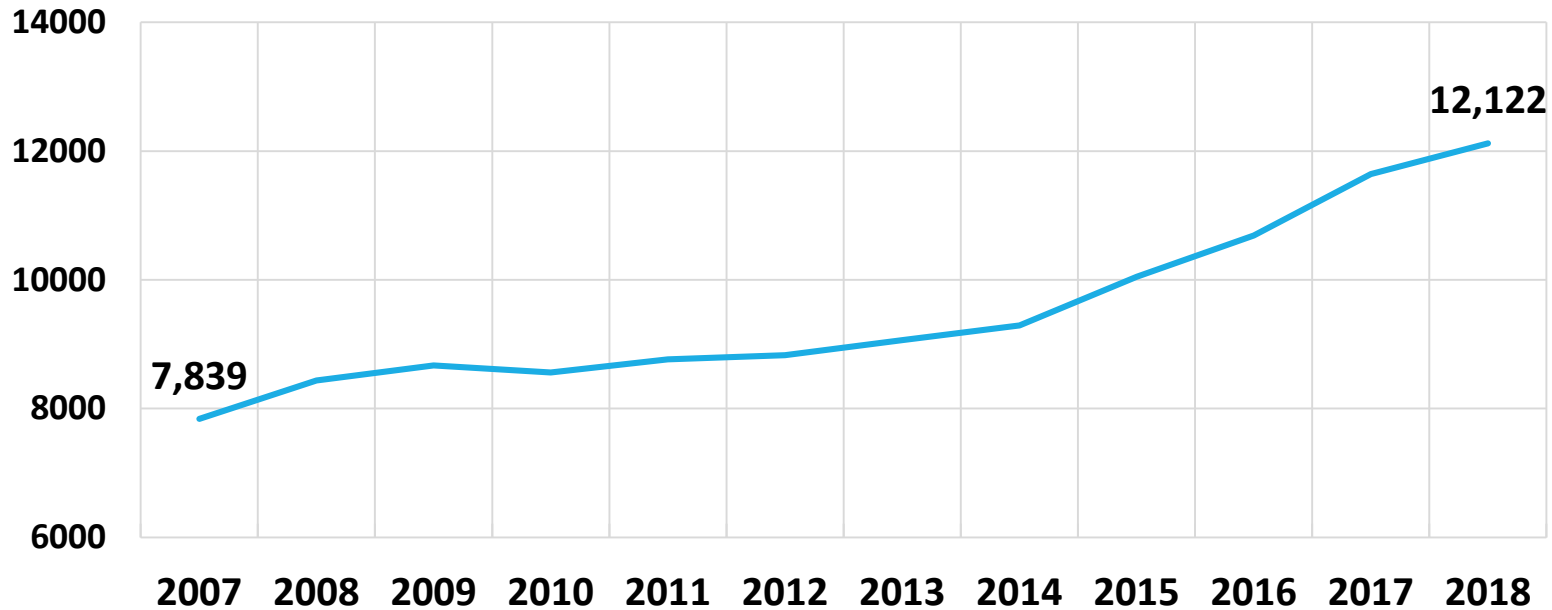


Who is Living Homeless In Seattle?



An Increasing Problem

One Night Count Results - King County (Individuals)



4,488

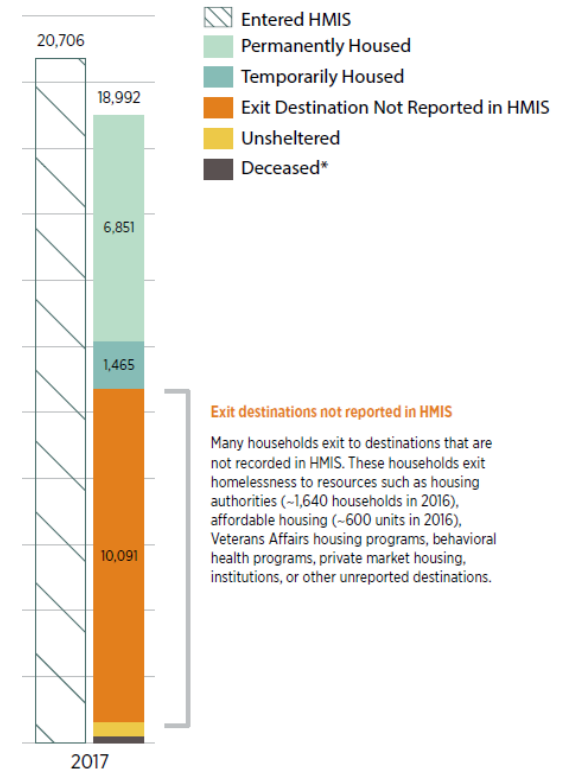
Seattle
Unsheltered



What Is The Data Telling Us?

The ONE night count offers a snapshot of homelessness in King county on **one given night**

Recorded data shows that more than **20,000 households** (~30,000 individuals) experience homelessness **over the course of the year**



Pulled from Homeless Management Information System



Nearly 1/3
of people
living unsheltered
are under age 30



They Came To Seattle For Friends/Family/Jobs



70% of survey respondents came to Seattle to join personal networks or to pursue job opportunities

Only **15%** came to access homeless services



Many Are Long-Time Residents

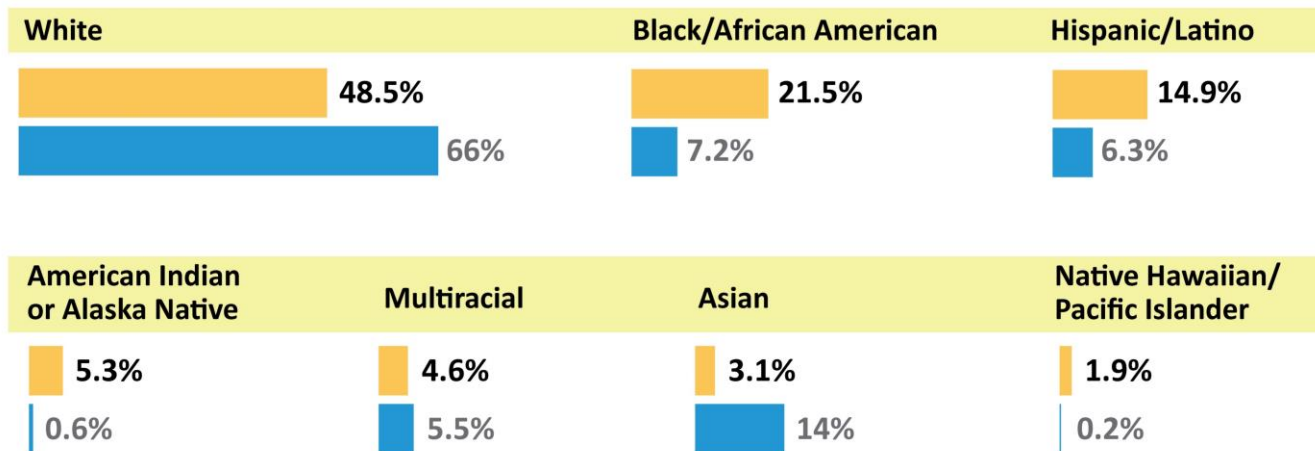
38% have lived here **10 years** or more



Homelessness Disproportionately Affects People Of Color

RACIAL DISPARITIES IN HOMELESSNESS

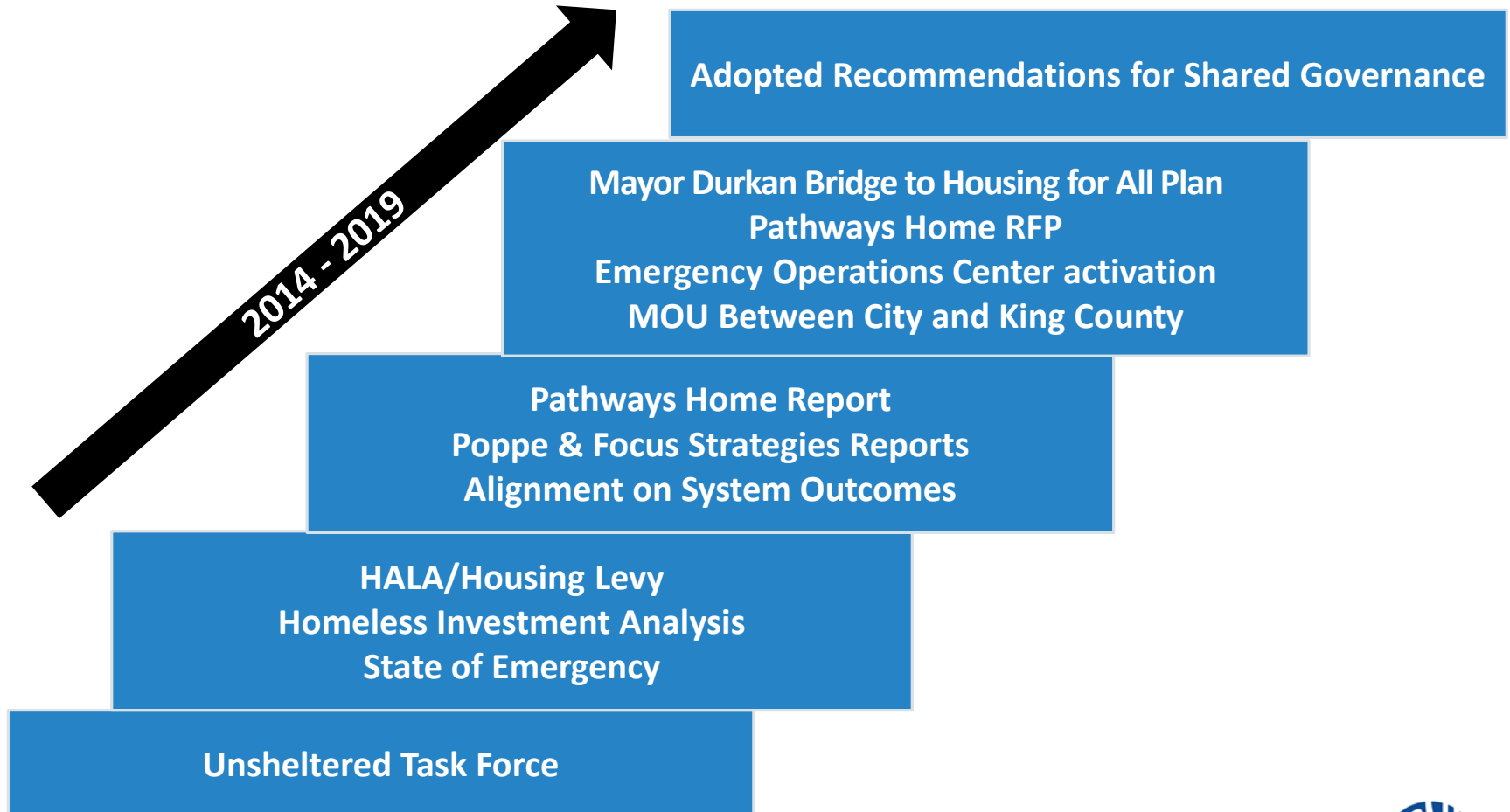
■ Percentage of homeless respondents, 2016 Seattle Housing Needs Assessment Survey
■ Percentage of Seattle's general population, U.S. Census Bureau (2016)



What is the City Doing?



We have looked at Investments, Systems, and Results to Improve the City's Homelessness Response



City's Priority Actions

Commitment to Unsheltered Families

Centralized access to family shelter

Changes to family prioritization

Increase Funding in Diversion to keep them out of shelter system

Connect People with Services

Navigation Team

Sanctioned Encampments (Villages)

Expanded hygiene services

Expanded outreach services

Expand Enhanced Shelter

Net increase of 100 emergency shelter beds in Queen Anne

New 175 enhanced shelters with housing help

Path to 500

Actively Problem Solve the Waitlist

Addressing Long-term Shelter Stayers

Case Conferencing for all populations

Move to a new prioritization process and tool for CEA

Make Housing Available

Housing Resource Center

Expanded investments in RRH

Housing Levy

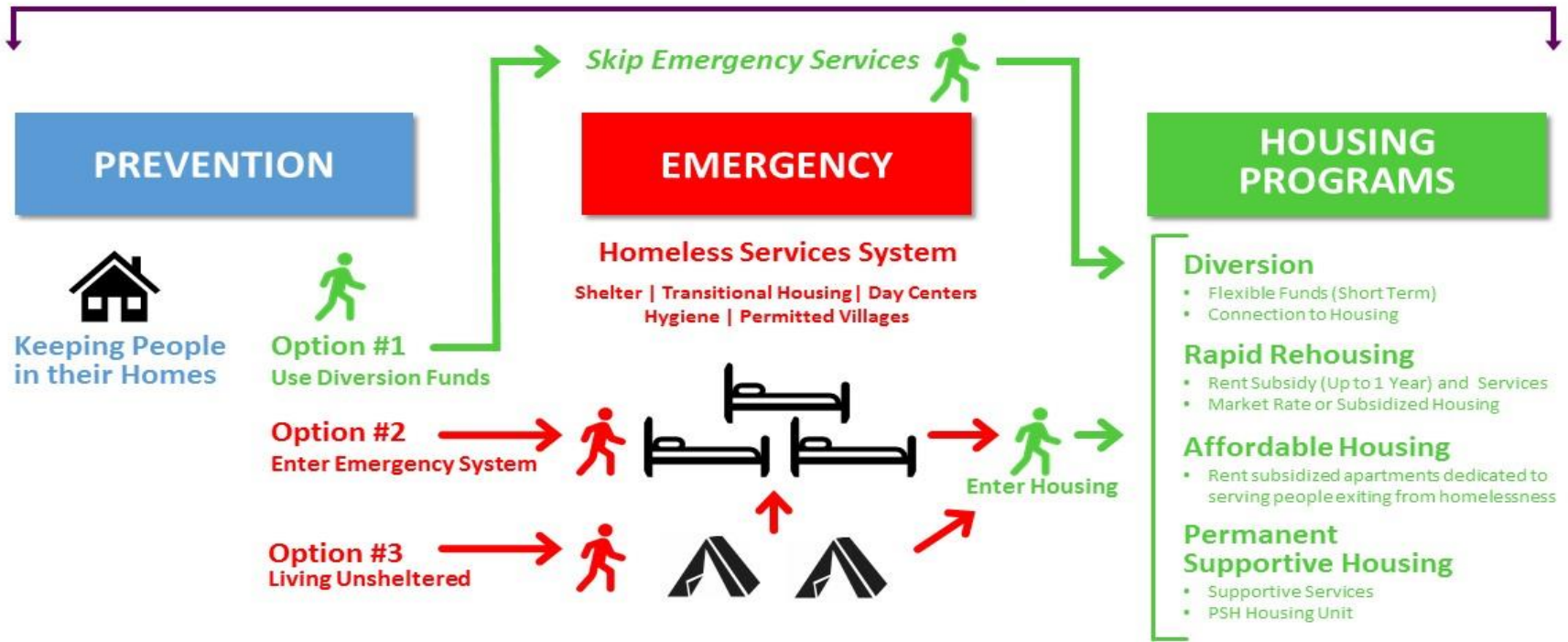
Good Governance

Performance-based contracts

Funder MOU

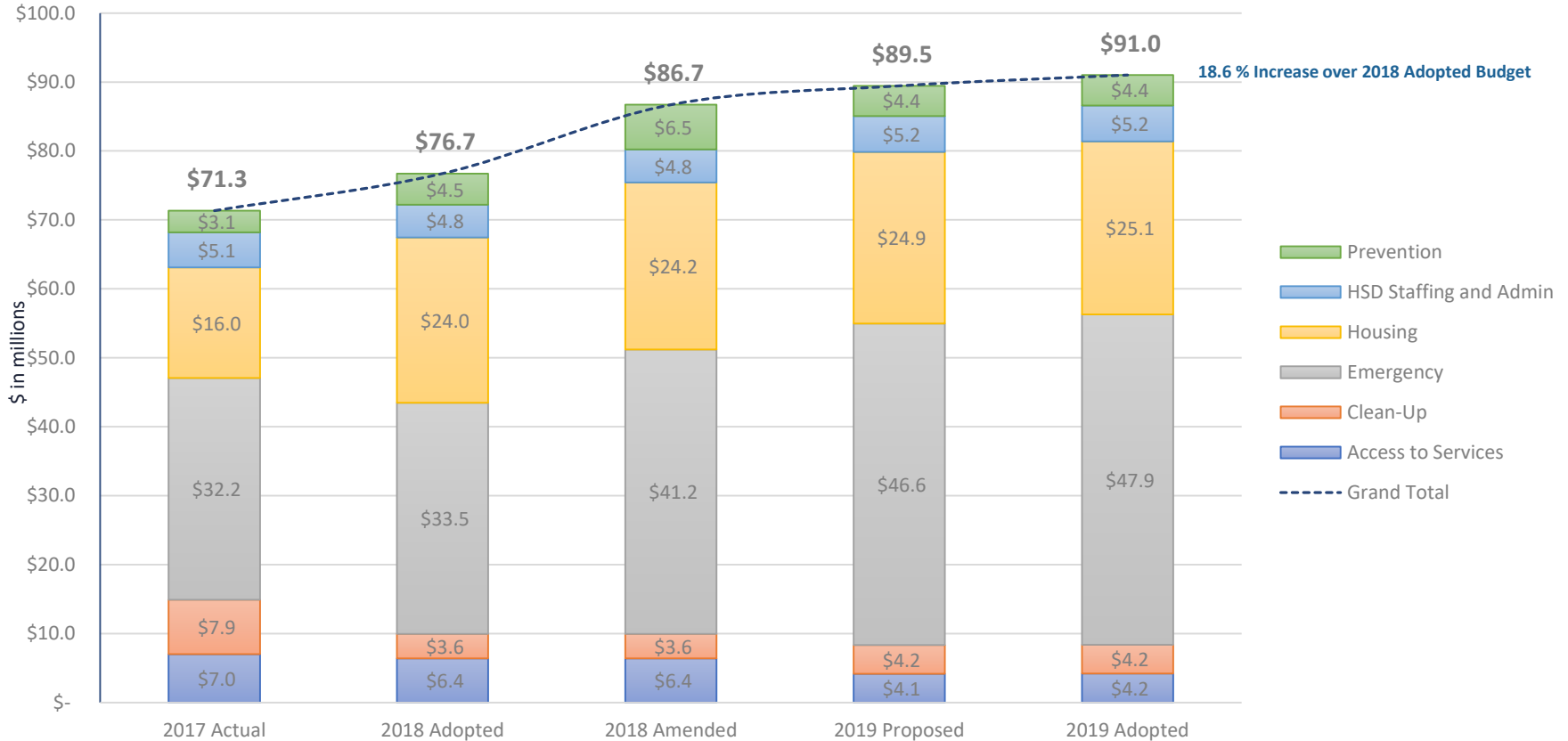
2017 RFP

HSD Outreach and Case Management



Citywide Homelessness Prevention & Response Spending

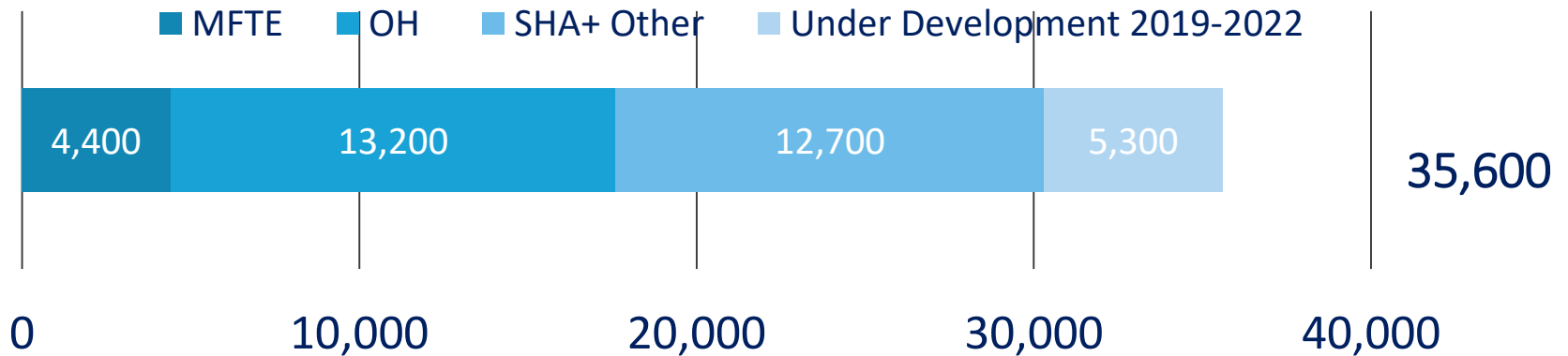
Citywide Homelessness Spending



Note: 2019 Proposed Budget recategorizes \$2.6M in Access to Services, shifting costs to other program areas in HSD

Citywide Investments in Affordable Housing

From 2019 to 2022, 3,600 new City-funded affordable rental housing and home ownership units and over 1,700 new MFTE affordable units will come online.



- **When using leveraged public and private investments, more than \$710 million will be invested in new housing over the last 2 years (2017 and 2018).**



What are the Results?



2018 King County Survey Results Show Improvements in Areas of Focus

Homelessness

Unaccompanied minors

experiencing homelessness was reduced by 22%

Family homelessness decreased by 7%

Veteran homelessness declined by 31%, including a decrease in chronic homelessness among veterans of 23%

Unsheltered homelessness increased by 15%, including a 46% increase in vehicle residency

The highest increases were among single adults and chronic homelessness (which rose by 28%)



2018 KEY TAKEAWAYS

2018 Homeless Investments Results



25,420 households served, an increase of 7% compared to 2017



A total of 7,428 exits - 5,627 exits to permanent housing and 1,801 maintaining housing.



30% (1,321) more exits to permanent housing compared to 2017



Enhanced shelters showed a 78% increase in exits to housing (1,520) over 2017 (854)



87% increase in the number of Native American/Alaska Native households entering housing

2018 RACIAL EQUITY GOALS

Increase in both the number and rate at which Native American/Alaska Native and Black/African American households enter housing

Population	2017 Household Exits to Housing	2018 Household Exits to Housing	2017 Rate of Exit to Housing	2018 Rate of Exit to Housing
American Indian or Alaska Native	230	431	16%	24%
Black or African American	2343	2979	24%	31%

Key Takeaways:

- American Indian/Alaska Native household exits increased by 87% from 2017 to 2018
- Black/African American household exits increased by 27% from 2017 to 2018
- Funded culturally-relevant agencies to support goals



PREVENTION

Year	Investment (annual)	Total Households Served	Total Program Exits	Exits to PH	Rate of Exits to PH
2017	\$3.1M	1243	941	836	89%
2018	\$4.6M*	1302	822	733	89%

Key Takeaways:

- HSD funded new programs this year that are supporting culturally specific services
- Programs are consistently serving people closest to experiencing homelessness

*Does not include \$2M for SHRAP pilot program



DIVERSION

Diversion is successful when one-time funding or services help people bypass shelter and move directly to housing.

Year	Investment (annual)	Total Households Served	Total Program Exits	Exits to PH	Rate of Exits to PH
2017	\$1M	975	1011	683	67%
2018	\$2M	1401	1370	990	72%

Key Takeaways:

- Serving more households and increased rate of exits to permanent housing.
- HSD partnered with King County, All Home and Building Changes to as part of **The Diversion Project**, which is training more than 300 service providers across King County to use diversion. As part of **The Diversion Project, Building Changes** has dedicated \$250,000 and the **Pearl Jam Home Shows** will invest \$750,000 in **The Diversion Project** to be used for the flexible fund.



OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Year	Investment (annual)	Total Households Served	Total Program Exits	Exits to PH	Rate of Exits to PH
2017	\$4.5M	2340	719	215	30%
2018	\$4.6M	3661	1,012	471	47%

The above costs include the Navigation Team outreach contract, but not staffing and operations.



2018 NAVIGATION TEAM RESULTS



9,607

total engagements with individuals by REACH
and Navigation Team officers



1,372

referrals to safe space
1251 (**91%**) shelter
9 (**.7%**) reconnection with family
109 (**8%**) villages
3 (**.3%**) Tent City

*Preliminary 2018 Results

ENHANCED EMERGENCY SHELTER

Shelter is successful when people leave a shelter program and move into permanent housing.

Year	Investment (annual)	Beds	Total Households Served	Total Program Exits	Exits to PH	Rate of Exit to PH
2017	\$11.5M	749	5552	6667	854	13%
2018	\$17.2M	1411	6554	7144	1520	21%

Key Takeaways:

- Enhanced Shelter has a rate of exit to permanent housing that is five times that of basic shelter (4%).



RAPID REHOUSING

Rapid Rehousing is successful when people live in their own housing without ongoing subsidy.

Year	Investment (annual)	Total Households Served	Total Program Exits	Total Exits to PH	Rate of Exits to PH
2017	\$4.2M	934	657	476	72%
2018	\$7.5M	1,179	791	618	78%

Key Takeaways:

- Improved rate of exits to permanent housing
- Increased number of households served and exited to permanent housing



HSD - PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING (PSH)

PSH is successful when people remain housed in a PSH unit or move to other permanent housing.

Year	Investment (annual)	Units	Total Households Served	Total Exits to PH	Total Maintain PSH	Rate of Exits to or maintain PSH
2017	\$9.3M	1107	1402	96	1144	92%
2018	\$12.7M	1922	2056	125	1801	93%

Key Takeaways:

- PSH continues to be an effective program to help chronically homeless people find and maintain housing

Note: OH also funds ~\$1M in operations and maintenance for PSH. Totals above are for HSD-only.

