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# Responding to Unsheltered Homelessness

Proposed Joint-Funded Project | October 8, 2019

# Background



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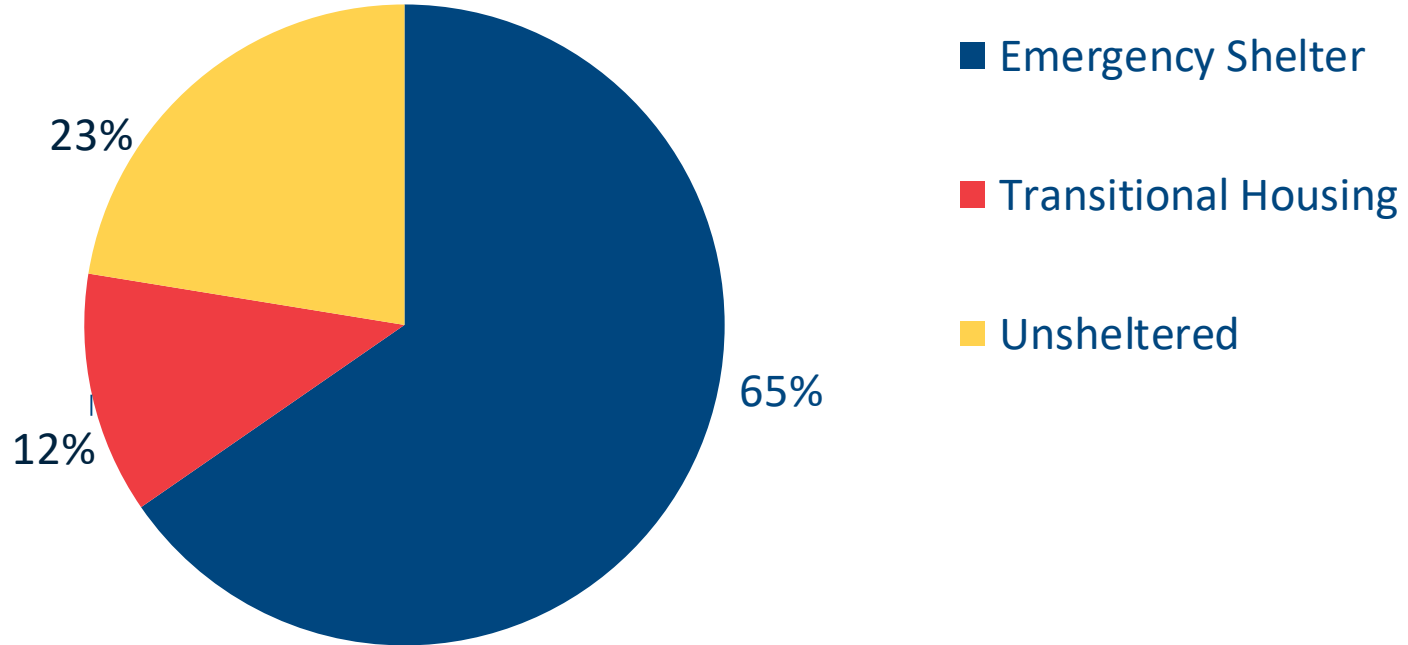
# Unsheltered Homelessness

- Sleeping in a location not meant for human habitation including:
  - Outside
  - Vehicles
  - Sheds and other non-housing structures
- Highest need population
  - Long histories of homelessness
  - High rates of disabilities and high vulnerability scores
  - Substantial barriers to housing



# 2019 Homeless Count by Living Situation

Total Count = 361



# Street Outreach in Durham

- For 10 years Alliance Behavioral Health funded five staff street outreach team through a \$320,000 annual contract with Housing for New Hope
- City and County endorsed policy for encampment response in Spring 2019
- In late June (Four days before contract end) notice was given that the contract would not be renewed and two months of funding would be given for wind down
- HNH stretched two months of funding through the end of 2019 by letting go of all program staff except the program manager



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# Street Outreach as Critical Homeless Services Infrastructure



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# Street Outreach Impact

- Through targeted, high intensity, low barrier outreach and services, build trust with disengaged individuals
- Without high intensity services, individual with long histories of unsheltered homelessness are unlikely to seek services through coordinated entry or shelter
- Over time, evidence-based programs build acceptance of housing and connect directly to services



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# Street Outreach Impact – Highly Vulnerable

Attribute	Singles Shelter	Street Outreach
Chronically Homeless	42%	88%
Mental Health	29%	80%
Substance Abuse	8%	36%
Chronic Disease	9%	29%
Physical Disability	30%	55%
Permanent Housing Exit	24%	43%





# Alleviating Pressure for Both City and County-Funded Programs and Services

- Supports client load and provides flexible intakes for city and county-funded Coordinated Entry
- Helps shelter successfully serve highest vulnerability clients
- Provides support to Emergency Management and DSS during disaster response
- Reduces crisis calls and interventions for Police, Sheriff, Hospitals, Library, and County-funded crisis behavioral health
- Support City and County Managers in responding to citizen and staff encampment concerns (ELA)



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# Proposal



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# Overall Project Proposal

City and County jointly fund a project to lead response to unsheltered homelessness, with an RFP and contract process managed by CDD

Project will align funding levels to meet the original strategic plan before HNH Assertive Engagement Street Outreach team was defunded:

- Fund street outreach to align with estimate of full need (original contract amount plus funding to meet full need)
- Funding for Encampment Lead Agency functions as originally planned



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# Proposal Funding

- City will use \$77,000 federal funds to provide bridge Street Outreach services for the first two months of 2020
- City and County sign an interlocal agreement to jointly fund a project for an “Unsheltered Coordinating Agency”, managed by the City Community Development Department, that will include Street Outreach and Encampment Lead Agency responsibilities
- Contract will go from March 8, 2020 – June 30, 2021 (or June 30, 2022) to get future contracts on a FY schedule and allow both bodies to allocate project funding in the regular budget process



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# Funding Overview

Estimate that about 220 people in Durham may need direct street outreach annually due to sustained unsheltered homelessness

To meet this need, annual cost to the City and the County would be \$215,000 each

City will use all available Dedicated Housing Funds budgeted for homeless system investments not already allocated to other contracts

County had been budgeting \$122,000/yr for Nehemiah Center, but would need to allocate additional funding to match the full assessed project cost



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# Funding Breakdown

Funding Source	FY 2019-2020		FY 2020-2021
	Amount		Amount
ESG (Federal)	\$77,000		
City DHF FY 2019	\$69,000		
County FY 2019	\$69,000		
City DHF FY 2020			\$215,000
County FY 2020			\$215,000
Total	\$215,000		\$430,000



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# Results

**220** people experiencing unsheltered homelessness engaged through street outreach

**132** people enrolled in specialized case management through street outreach

**120** people exited from unsheltered homelessness

**90** people with longterm or chronic unsheltered homelessness exited to permanent housing at a cost of \$6,200 each



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# Questions/Comments?



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