

**Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid
Transition to Housing Act**

and the

Continuum of Care

City of Fort Worth Ad Hoc Taskforce on Homelessness
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HEARTH Act

Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition
to Housing Act

Signed May 2009 and Interim Rule Issued August 2011

Codified into Federal law the **Continuum of Care
planning process as a required and integral local
function** necessary to generate the local strategies for
preventing and ending homelessness

HEARTH Act Performance Indicators

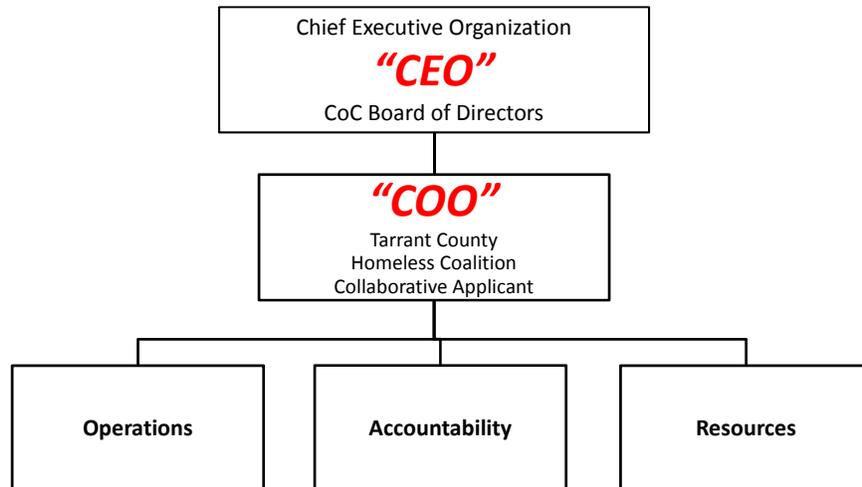
- Reduce the number of people who become homeless (*rare*)
- Reduce length of homelessness (*short-term*)
- Reduce returns to homelessness (*non-recurring*)
- Increase household incomes from employment and access to mainstream benefits

HEARTH Implementation

Responsibilities of the Continuum of Care Board

- Create a distinct Continuum of Care Board of Directors representative of a CoC jurisdiction (*Tarrant and Parker County – Created on August 28, 2013*)
- Designate a CoC Lead Agency to serve as the Collaborative Applicant to operate the Continuum of Care (*Tarrant County Homeless Coalition 2008 to present*)
- Designate an Administrator of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) (*Tarrant County Homeless Coalition 2010 to present*)
- Conduct year-round Continuum of Care planning of homeless and homeless prevention housing and services.

Understanding the CoC Governance



CoC Operations

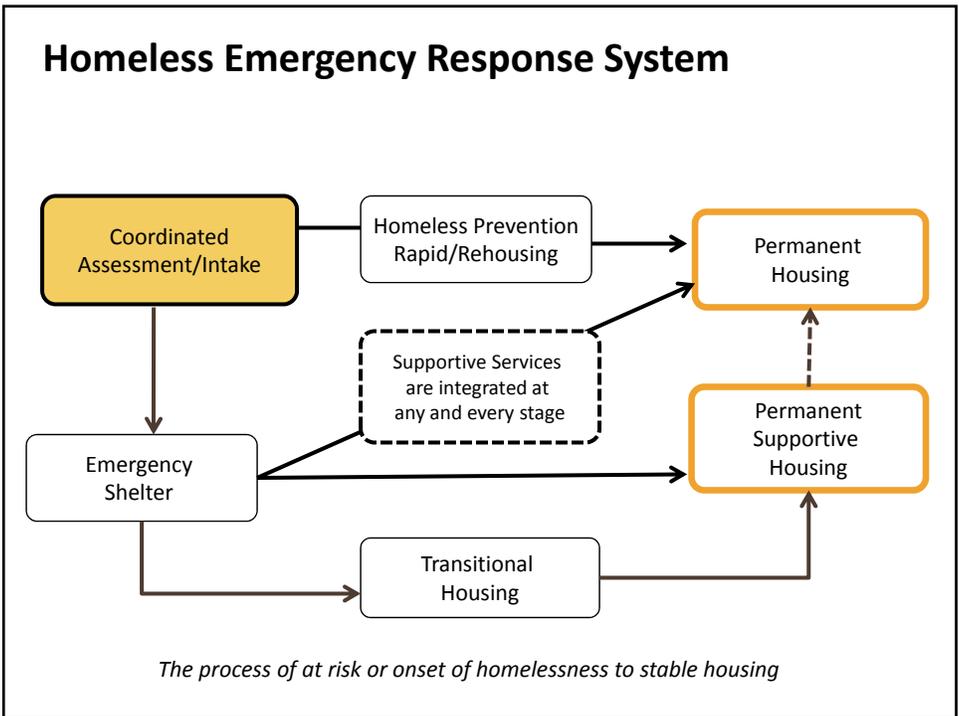
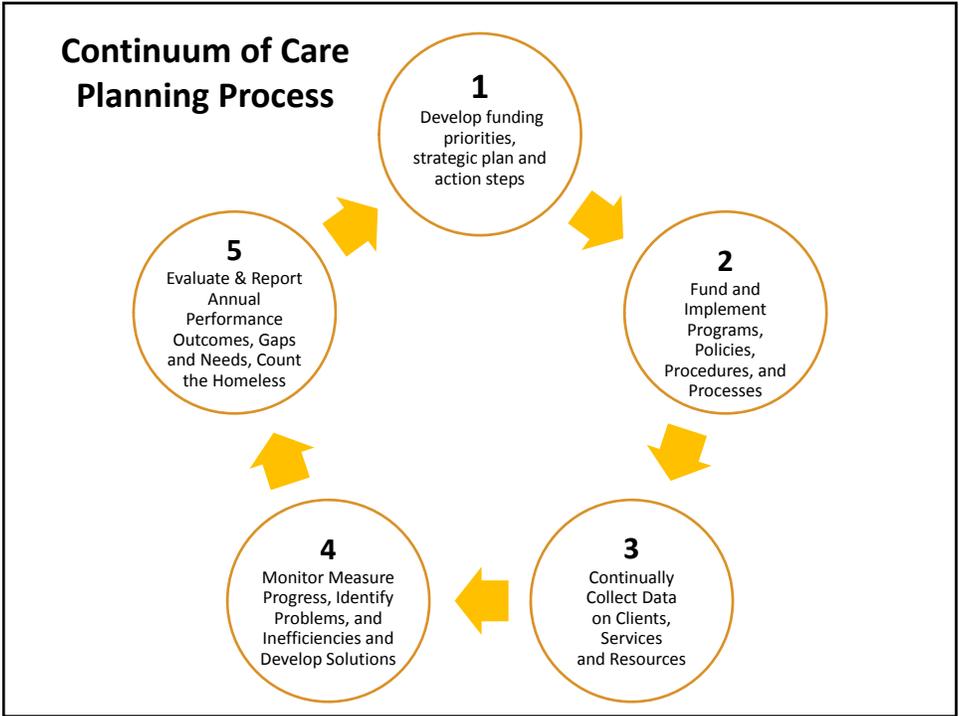
- Facilitate Year-Round Continuum of Care Planning
- Author the Continuum of Care Program Grant
- Manage the Coordinated Assessment System
- Administer the Homeless Management Information System
- Train Agency Staff on Systems, Services, Best Practices in Case Management
- Staff the Continuum of Care Board of Directors

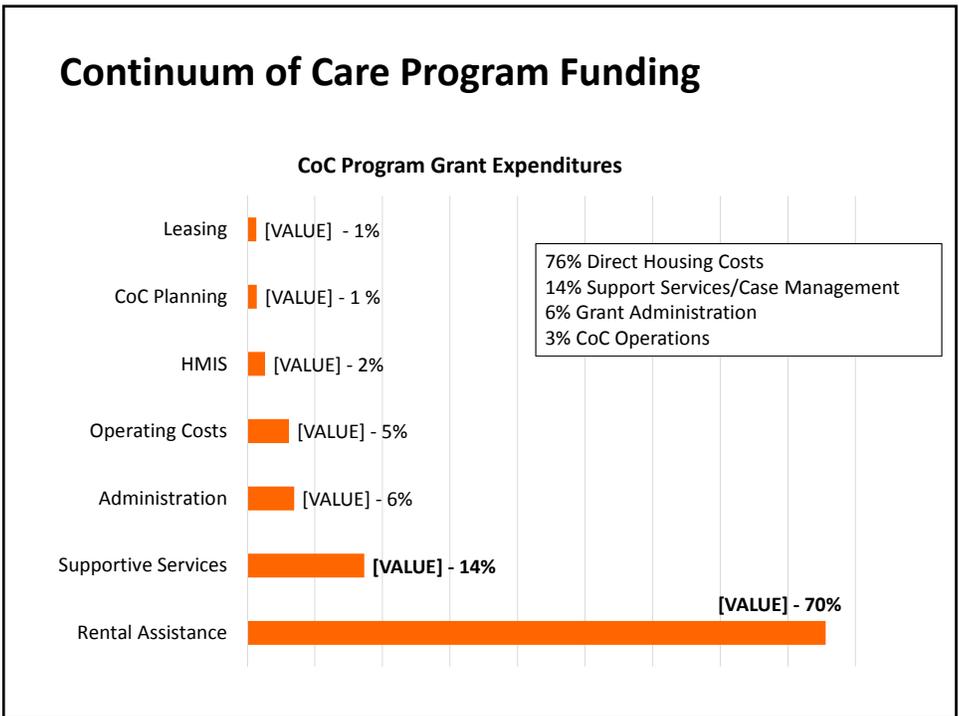
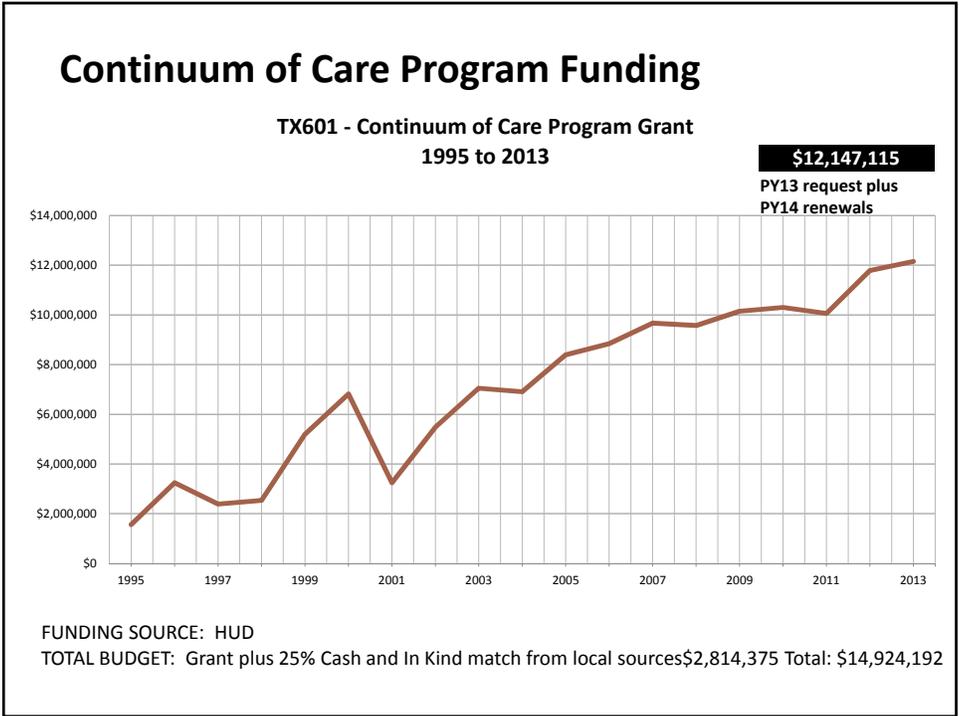
CoC Accountability

- Monitor and Measure performance for All Continuum of Care Program Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs
- Consult with Emergency Solutions Grant Grantees
- Consult and Provide Narratives for Fort Worth, Arlington and Tarrant County Consolidated Plans
- Produce Annual Performance Scorecards for all CoC Program
- Conduct Official Counts of the Homeless, Inventories of Housing and Annual Homeless Assessments Reports

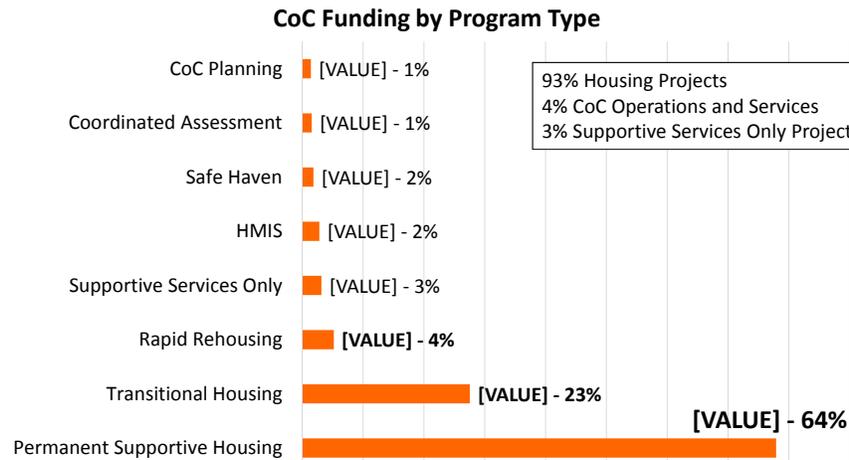
CoC Resources

- Facilitate the Continuum of Care Project Prioritization and Funding Decisions \$12 Million
- *Serve as Recipient of Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs Emergency Solutions Grant for the Continuum of Care \$418K
- Provide Continuum of Care Endorsement of PY 2014 Veterans Affairs Priority 1 Surge Funding Supportive Services for Veteran Families Grants \$3 Million
- Provide Endorsement Documentation of Coordinated Assessment System Participation for Competitive HOPWA \$810k



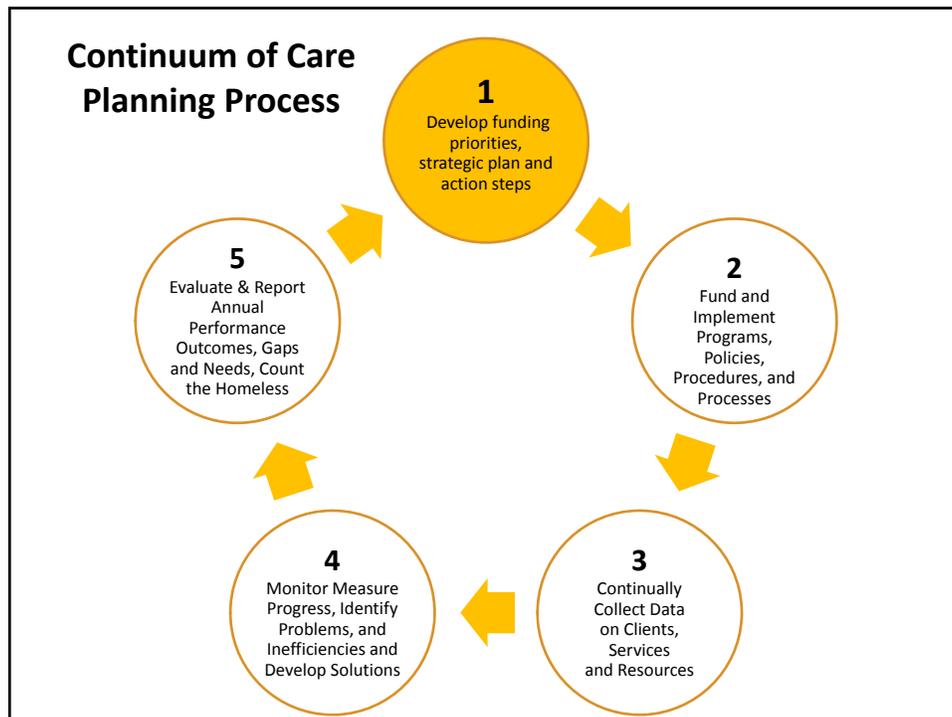


Continuum of Care Program Funding



Other Public Homeless Funding in CoC Operations

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| Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS/HIV (Fort Worth and Tarrant) | \$ 752,046 |
| Veterans Affairs – VASH Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (PY2013) 290 units | 1,533,460 |
| Veterans Affairs SSVF – Catholic Charities (PY2013) | 819,000 |
| Veterans Affairs SSVF Surge Funding Priority 1 (PY2014) – To be announced | 3,000,000 |
| HHS – SAMHSA PATH Team | 257,206 |
| ESG – State of Texas (PY2014), Arlington, Fort Worth, Tarrant County | 1,223,802 |
| FWHA – HCV Homeless Preference (FWISD, WISH, MHMR, SPC Transition) 200 units | 1,286,712 |
| TDHHS – Healthy Community Collaborative (PY 2014 June 2014 – Sept 2015) | 4,300,000 |
| SAMHSA Project LINK (30 units) | 381,572 |
| Directions Home PY 6 | 2,042,687 |
| Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs HHSP (Fort Worth, Arlington) | 777,955 |
| Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds – Public Services for Homeless Services (Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Arlington) | 611,775 |
| HOME Funds (Arlington) 40 TH units | 300,000 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 17,286,215 |



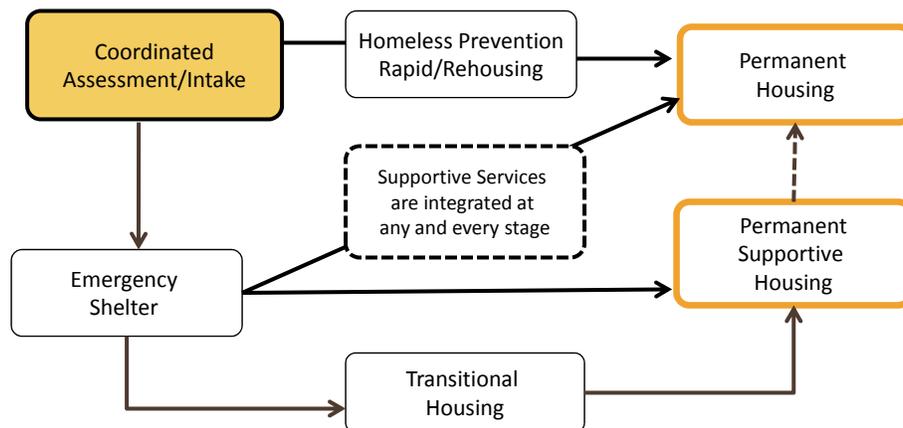
CoC Strategic Plan

- Detailed Performance Metrics included in every CoC Program Grant Application
(Last submission PY 2013 February 3, 2014)
- Derived from annual counts, surveys and HMIS analysis including: Point in Time Counts, Housing Inventories, Needs Assessment Survey, Annual Performance Reports, Annual Homeless Assessment Report
- CoC Planning Committees, Taskforces, Board Meetings, Public Forums and Trainings
(78+ CoC meetings a year)

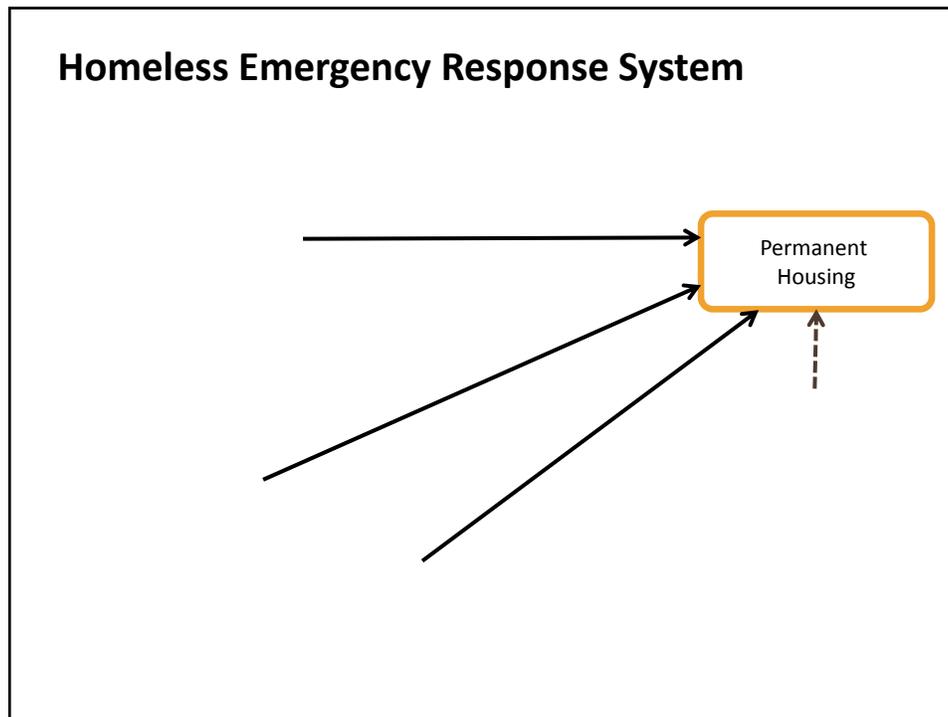
Priority CoC Needs: Housing

- Medical respite beds
- Additional inpatient detox and rehabilitation beds
- Additional affordable group and assisted living housing options
- Additional quality affordable housing options for persons with vouchers (*CoC Obj 1, DH Strategy 1*)
- Additional quality affordable housing options for persons with incomes at or below 30% average median income (*CoC Obj 1, DH Strategy 1*)

Homeless Emergency Response System



The process of at risk or onset of homelessness to stable housing



Strategy 1: Increase the Supply of Permanent Supportive Housing

Develop a citywide Comprehensive Housing Strategy

A Housing Strategy to inform the public, policy makers, and stakeholders about the city's current housing conditions and market trends. It will also develop a practical, viable, and implementable set of data and information that is specific to the needs, concerns and future of housing in the city. And the Strategy will provide the foundation and insight the city needs to develop effective, informed, and focused housing policies, plans, and programs that **will create and maintain a spectrum of housing choice and opportunity for residents of all income status.**