



# GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS

## HOUSING SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

<b>Meeting Details</b>	<b>Date:</b> 20 December 2021	<b>Time:</b> 2 – 3:30 PM	<b>Location:</b> <a href="#">Webex</a>
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### Meeting Notes

#### I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chairs Shellon Fraser (CSH) and Director Drew Hubbard (DHCD) called the meeting to order and introduced the agenda items. For a list of meeting participants, see the section below.

#### II. DISCUSSION

##### A. CONSOLIDATED RFP: PRELIMINARY OUTCOMES & PROCESS UPDATES

Erin Wilson (DHCD) provided a quick update indicating that the first round for priority projects closed on Dec 03 and that DHCD was reviewing the first round of applications.

Director Hubbard (DHCD) encouraged participants to continue fleshing out project ideas and to submit them for the second round of reviews. He emphasized the 1) historic levels of funding available under the Consolidated RFP and 2) likelihood that not every application received under the priority round would meet threshold requirements for funding.

Director Silla (ICH) encouraged participants to provide feedback about whether the Consolidated RFP process works well for generating the types of projects the ICH has identified as critical to homeless services (examples include: PSH, PSH Plus, and Deeply Affordable Housing).

General questions received include:

- Total applications received in this initial round under threshold review (dollar value and volume of units), and
- Applications with units dedicated to homeless services (dollar value and volume of units).

##### B. DHCD PIPELINE REPORT ON PSH PROJECTS

Erin Wilson (DHCD) shared the DHCD Pipeline Report (see attached HNDR). She asked the Committee to confirm:

- Who should receive regular reports to keep track of the pipeline and ensure coordination with CAHP and service providers before project lease-up.
  - Dallas Williams (DHS) indicated that the following members of the DHS teams should receive the report: Anna Fogel, Tawana Holland, and Melanie Newkirk.
- Any corrections/updates to ensure that the report captures the current status of developments, particularly related to the split between units dedicated to families versus singles.

Director Silla (ICH) requested that the Committee review the report and provide feedback to support the development of a summary data dashboard that captures overall trends, including:

- Is the production of PSH increasing annually? By how much? Is this sufficient to meet demands for PSH?
- What are the production trends by Ward?

## C. CREATING DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING (FOR SINGLES NOT MATCHED TO PSH) & ACQUISITION FUNDS

Valerie Piper (Executive Fellow, DHCD and OP) highlighted the District's goal to use one-time ARPA funds for creating deeply affordable housing for singles that are not likely to match to PSH opportunities. The available funding sources are HOME-ARP and Fiscal Recovery Funds. She clarified that HOME ARP funds are currently available under the Consolidated RFP. In contrast, the Fiscal Recovery Funds will be offered under a dedicated RFP, with any remaining HOME-ARP funds in the calendar year 2022. See PPT for details.

Director Silla (ICH) asked about the community's interest in workshopping the target populations and project ideas proposed at the last meeting (including housing for aging clients on a fixed income, workforce housing, shared rooming versus single room occupancy, or one-bedroom units).

Questions/concerns/feedback received include:

- Availability of services for populations that need additional support (e.g., survivors of domestic violence, employment services, etc.).
  - Re need for long-term supports and services: clarification that funding for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) opportunities continues to be available via the Consolidated RFP process. Clients experiencing homelessness can continue accessing these opportunities via the CAHP process to match tenant-based and project-based PSH opportunities.
  - Re leveraging supports and services funded by other systems: confirmation that it makes sense to include supports and services available via other systems to meet the needs of individuals that are not likely to match to PSH as part of workshopping target populations and project ideas.
- Eligible uses of acquisition funds including:
  - Any limitations to purchasing vacant lots versus properties
  - Ability to leverage funding to purchase government-owned surplus properties
- Calling the project Deeply Affordable Housing when the ICH has already defined the term Targeted Affordable Housing for units/housing opportunities that do not come with supports/services

Final notes: Please send HOME-ARP questions to [valerie.piper@dc.gov](mailto:valerie.piper@dc.gov) enter them into the Consolidated RFP platform Q/A function. Answers are provided through the RFP platform. Also, the HOME ARP Allocation Plan hearing will be scheduled for January 27, notices are forthcoming.

## III. UPDATES

### A. DCHA UPDATES

Director of Strategic Planning for DCHA, Hammere Gebreyes, provided a quick update on LRSP Rulemaking. See PPT slide. In response to questions about whether the new rules can go into effect immediately, she indicated some potential constraints, including the applicability of the Sponsor-Based Rules, the 30 day comment period, and the Council approval process. She also announced a new director of Voucher Programs, to be officially introduced at upcoming meetings.

### B. RFA FOR SUPPORTING FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS DEVELOPING AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Director Silla (ICH) announced a recently released RFA for supporting Faith-Based Institutions developing affordable housing. See PPT for details. The Faith-based RFA is available online at <https://dhcd.dc.gov/node/1573121>.

## IV. SUMMARY AND ADJOURNMENT

The January meeting date for Housing Solutions falls on MLK day, so be on the lookout for an updated meeting invite once a new meeting date/time is established.

<b>Next Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> TBD	<b>Time:</b> TBD	<b>Location:</b> <a href="#">Webex</a>
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Participant List	
Paula Thomason (NSV) Shellon Fraser (CSH) Holly Dennison-Chase (Audubon Enterprises) Kecia Tinubu (Woodley House) Drew Hubbard (DHCD) Sheryl Kennerly (Woodley House) Sue Breitkopf (Woodley House) Valerie Piper (DHCD & OP) Danilo Pelletiere (DHCD) J Moran Morton (SOME) Erin Wilson (DCHD) Pierre Berastain (DASH DC) Tracy Cecil (PTEH) Ishan Heru (Community Connections) Chapman Todd (Jaydot) Hammere Gebreyes (DCHA) Ann Chauvin (Woodley House)	Theresa Silla (ICH) Lesley Edmond (DCHD) Sara Cartmill (COH) Dallas Williams (DHS) Bridgette Ashton (DHCD) Reginald Black (PFFC) Nechama Masliansky (SOME) Tsega Bekele (DCHD) Douglas DuShuttle (MED Developers) Alexander Marte (Gilbane Co) Blaise Rastello (Gilbane Co) Richard Livingstone (DCHD) Ty Allen Owens (DHS) 2022****86 7034****52 2408****83