

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA



Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

Housing Solutions Committee Meeting Summary

Date: Monday, April 20, 2020

Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Conference Call

Agenda:

1. D.C. Government Agency Updates
2. Report-out From Work Groups

Meeting Summary:

1. DC Government Agency Updates

DHCD

- Open; entire team teleworking
- Continuing to see advances / closings on development projects
 - Two closings expected in next week
- Financial & budgetary challenges expected; reworking FY20 and FY21 budget
 - Will have better picture once Mayor announces budget May 6
- Clear focus on federal resources; DHCD is the recipient of entitlement fund and home investment partnership and Emergency Solutions Grant
- Anticipating nine million dollars from CDBG
 - Intend to put this money towards small business grants in ward 7 and 8 as well as tenant based rental assistance program to address those without subsidies in affordable housing (especially when eviction moratorium is lifted)
- Trust Fund and RFP; have not made decisions on majority of selections for underwriting; awaiting budget as most (if not all) would be closing in FY21 and need to know allocations before making commitment to underwrite.
- The Preservation Loan Fund is operational; in process of finalizing grant agreements; expecting FY20 money will be maximized
- No additional Home Funding in CARES Act

DHS

- Open; agency at 96% telework
- Big focus is providing support to emergency shelters (ensuring PPE and protocols in place)
- Hand washing stations and port-a-pottys set up throughout District
- Day-service centers closed
- Case management being done remotely

- Launched new scheduling app for ERAP; virtually up and running
- Lease-ups moving through system; have not been making new matches, but looking to change that
- Monitoring federal work closely; \$4.6M distributed through existing formula grants
 - Focused on figuring out best use for this money (preventative services, ERAP)
- Reworking FY20 budget to figure out how they can provide essential services during predicted financial difficulties
- Weekly partner calls are at 3:00 pm; can sign-up for DHS COVID-19 distribution list [here](#)

DCHA (Note – this summary includes some additional information that was not raised on the call)

- DCHA is open on partial telework status. Essential property management functions are ongoing and Housing Choice Voucher Program is also continuing essential operations
- Property Management – Urgent and Emergency work orders are continuing to be addressed. Management and Resident Services staff are reaching out to residents to connect them with available resources.
- DCHA coordinating / collaborating with human service agencies to support the needs of residents.
- HCVP – In effort to continue essential services while maintaining recommended social distancing guidelines, briefings and inspections are now being conducted virtually
- More details on our operating status is available at www.dchousing.org and on Coronavirus.dc.gov

2. Discussion of the Housing Solution Committee (HSC)'s 2020 Work Plan Items

Work Groups to work on Homeward 2.0 Objectives

- Two groups:
 1. Permanent Supportive Housing Work Group (focused on Objectives 9.2.1, 9.2.2, and 10.3.1) – next meeting Thursday, April 23 at 10 am. Will be continuing to build out the work plan as well as District capital needs and an analysis of pipelines. If you would like to be included in this discussion please email Jillian Fox at jfox@csh.org to be added to the invitation.
 2. NIMBY Work Group (Objective 1.3) –next meeting Monday, April 27 at 1 PM. Looking to address NIMBY issues from project development to destruction. If you would like to be included in this discussion please email Chapman Todd at jchapmantodd@gmail.com to be added to the invitation.