

# HOMELESS & HOUSING FACILITIES



# Housing And Community Development

The Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) manages the City's affordable housing programs, including federal entitlement grants from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, state administered grants, City bond funds, TIRZ affordable housing set-aside funds, and other local funds. Combined, these funding sources support affordable housing, economic development, neighborhood improvements, and provide funding to address homelessness and supportive services in special needs housing. However, federal and state funding is insufficient to meet the City's need for special needs housing for the homeless.

The Homeless and Housing Consolidated Bond funds (HHB) that have been approved in the last five bond elections do not carry federal requirements and provide the City with greater flexibility to address the City's needs. In particular, HCDD anticipates using these funds to support affordable housing activities targeted towards Houston's homeless population.

According to the 2012 Point-in-Time Homeless Count, the Houston area has more than 8,000 homeless individuals, families, and children living on the streets, in shelters, or in the Harris Co. jail, on any given night. Of those, over 2,500 are chronically homeless individuals with significant disabilities that are in desperate need of service-connected housing (this includes nearly 600 Veterans).

A detailed analysis determined that producing an additional 2,500 units of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) is all that is necessary to end chronic homelessness in Houston.

Over a decade of research supports PSH's ability to create long-term housing stability for even the most chronically homeless individual. PSH is deeply subsidized affordable housing that is linked to supportive services and is targeted to the most disabled and vulnerable homeless individuals.

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It provides residents with case management, which can include life skills training and linkages to other needed services, such as physical and mental health services, substance abuse treatment and support, and employment services.

In FY13, HCDD participated in a collaborative planning process with community partners, to generate a financial model and PSH Implementation Plan to support this initiative. This plan calls for partners (HCDD, Harris Co. Community Services, Houston Housing Authority, Harris Co. Housing Authority, the Coalition for the Homeless, and others) to dedicate resources over the next three fiscal years and to work cooperatively to vet, fund, and shepherd the PSH projects needed to produce sufficient units to eliminate chronic homelessness. These commitments include resources for capital, operating, and service funding; ensuring that all PSH units are fully subsidized and capable of meeting PSH model standards and the needs of the target population.

Achieving this goal includes a Homeless and Housing Bond fund commitment of \$6.2 million for FY14 and \$6.2 million for FY15. This funding commitment will support needed PSH units.

The PSH Implementation Plan aims to break the cycle of costly institutionalization associated with the plan's targeted homeless populations and embraces the goal of providing housing stability for the homeless, while maintaining viable housing assets for the community. Average cost savings identified in studies from Los Angeles, New York, Portland, and Seattle is approximately \$41,288 per person. Producing 2,500 new supportive housing units could result in over \$70 million dollars in public cost savings, if similar cost savings levels per person are achieved in the City of Houston.

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## Permanent supportive housing

- reduces public safety incidents related to the chronic and veteran homelessness
- improves the adequacy of the City's existing homeless response system infrastructure
- reduces public costs associated with hospitals, emergency rooms, clinics, mental and public health services, and the criminal justice system that are attributed to the chronically homeless
- frees up resources for use in other areas
- returns parks and other public spaces to the uses for which they were intended
- aligns with the efforts of the Sobering Center and the efforts of HPD's Mental Health Unit

The first planned project for FY14 utilizes the remaining HHB allocation from FY13 and a portion of our FY14 allocation and will provide approximately 127 PSH units

Additional funded projects are planned that take into consideration the number of PSH units per the amount of investment, the amount of additional funding leveraged, PSH model standards, integration with existing homeless response system infrastructure, and meeting the needs of an underserved geographic area. This will help to ensure that we are able to maximize our ability achieve our PSH unit goals and meet the needs of the chronically homeless targeted by this effort.

Project Allocation	Previous Appropriations	Fiscal Year Planned Appropriations					2014-2018	Total
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018		
Planning								
Acquisition-Land								
Design	450	50				50	500	
Construction	0	44,315	54,748			99,062	99,062	
Equipment Acquisition								
Salary Recovery		78	27			104	104	
Other								
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>44,442</b>	<b>54,774</b>			<b>99,216</b>	<b>99,666</b>	
<b>Source of Funds</b>								
4501 - Homeless & Housing Consolidated Fund		6,258	6,258			12,515	12,515	
4509 - General Improvement Consol Constr Fd		78	27			104	104	
5000 - Federal Government - Grant Funded	450	10,347	2,000			12,347	12,797	
Other		27,510	46,490			74,000	74,000	
TIRZ		250				250	250	
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>44,442</b>	<b>54,774</b>			<b>99,216</b>	<b>99,666</b>	

**HOMELESS & HOUSING FACILITIES - Summary of Funds  
2014-2018 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (\$ Thousands)**

CIP No.	Project	Fiscal Year Planned Appropriations					2014-2018
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	
<b>P-000010</b>	<b>Deluxe Theater Renovation</b>						
	4509 - General Improvement Consol Constr Fd	53	27				80
	5000 - Federal Government - Grant Funded	2,847					2,847
	TIRZ	250					250
	<b>Project Total</b>	3,150	27				3,177
<b>P-000011</b>	<b>Victory Prep. Academy-Roof &amp; Parking Lot</b>						
	4509 - General Improvement Consol Constr Fd	25					25
	5000 - Federal Government - Grant Funded	500					500
	<b>Project Total</b>	525					525
<b>P-000012</b>	<b>Homelessness PSH Implemenation</b>						
	4501 - Homeless & Housing Consolidated Fund	6,258	6,258				12,515
	5000 - Federal Government - Grant Funded	7,000	2,000				9,000
	Other	27,510	46,490				74,000
	<b>Project Total</b>	40,768	54,748				95,515
	<b>Total Appropriations:</b>	44,442	54,774				99,216