

# HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY AN UPDATE

**Informal Session of the City Council  
4 PM, July 26, 2021**



# HOMELESSNESS ISSUES FACING THE CITY

- **What is the plan to shelter existing households and individuals currently staying in Pandemic Shelter hotel rooms as Homeward has announced it will no longer be the provider of such emergency shelter effective July 31, 2021?**
- **Does the City have a plan for locating an emergency inclement weather facility before October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year?**
- **What is the City doing to address the growing number of chronically homeless individuals camping out in various locations within the City?**
- **What are the features and services that should be included in an inclement weather facility?**



# HOMELESSNESS ISSUES

**What is the plan to shelter existing households and individuals currently staying in Pandemic Shelter hotel rooms as Homeward has announced it will no longer be the provider of such emergency shelter effective July 31, 2021?**

- Homeward/GRCoC has received funding from Virginia's CDBG-CV program to continue providing non-congregate shelter through March 2022.
- **CCC and RUMI have both received awards of \$1,325,000** each to provide non-congregate shelter in hotel rooms to individuals and families that are eligible as defined below:
  - **individuals that are 62 years or older, or**
  - **families with children 12 years or younger, and/or**
  - **Individuals that have chronic or underlining health needs**
- Both providers will begin administering these funds from **August 1, 2021 through March 2022** with the caveat that RUMI must undergo an organizational assessment.
- Should RUMI not pass the organizational assessment, then CCC will be awarded RUMI's \$1,325,000.



# HOMELESSNESS ISSUES

**Does the City have a plan for opening an emergency inclement weather facility before October 1<sup>st</sup> ?**

Yes, as required by Resolution 2020-64 the Administration will provide Council with a report on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> indicating where an inclement weather facility may be located. The Administration is currently considering 4 options:

- Provide CDBG-CV funding to Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) to expand their facility on Oliver Hill Way located in the 7<sup>th</sup> Council District to accommodate approximately 75 spaces for congregate inclement weather sheltering. **This is our preferred option.**
- Provide CDBG-CV funding to a GRCoC provider to lease the old Budget Inn on Brooks Road located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council District, now owned by VUU, and use it as 45 non-congregate inclement weather sheltering for one to two years while a permanent inclement weather facility can be developed.
- Provide CDBG-CV funding to a GRCoC provider to lease vacant space in Circle Shopping Center on Hull Street located in the 8<sup>th</sup> Council District, renovate and create shelter space for single adult men and women.
- Determine what the costs would be to make roof, HVAC and plumbing repairs to the Arthur Ashe Jr. Center located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Council District, and if feasible, contract with a GRCoC provider to operate the center as a temporary inclement weather facility.



# HOMELESSNESS ISSUES

## What is the City doing to address the growing number of chronically homeless individuals camping out in various locations within the City's Downtown?

- Dianne Wilmore, the City's homelessness liaison, our HOST RPD officers, along with the GRCoC's outreach providers, Daily Planet, RBHA, CCC, RDSS, St. Joseph's Villa and McGuire VA Homeless communicate weekly with persons unsheltered in the city offering shelter and services to those who will except help.
- Our police officers will be posting no trespassing signs in public spaces where camping is illegal, like the coliseum and the Arthur Ashe Jr. Center.
- Our DPW staff have started to clean and sanitize areas where individuals are illegally camping to address the hazardous health conditions that are occurring due to food waste and human waste accumulating.
- Our biggest need is additional mental & behavioral health case management workers to offer services to the many campers who need these types of services. The City also has several homeless individuals with physical disabilities and we need permanent supportive housing units to support these persons.



# HOMELESSNESS ISSUES

## What features and services should a year-round Emergency Housing Center have?

### Suggested Features

- Be centrally located, easily accessible to public transit and pedestrian-friendly
- Be zoned by right for emergency shelter use
- Be near existing government, non-profit and retail services
- Provide emergency shelter accommodations to accommodate 75-100 adult single men and women
- Provide cots or air mattresses with blankets with distance separation of at least 6 feet
- Provide restrooms with showers, towels and soap
- Provide a kitchen, laundry facility to wash and dry cloths and small storage lockers

### Suggested Services

- Meals
- Clothing
- Financial assistance
- On-site housing crisis case managers
- On-site mental health case managers
- On-site medical clinic
- On-site housing navigator
- GRCoC member as the operator



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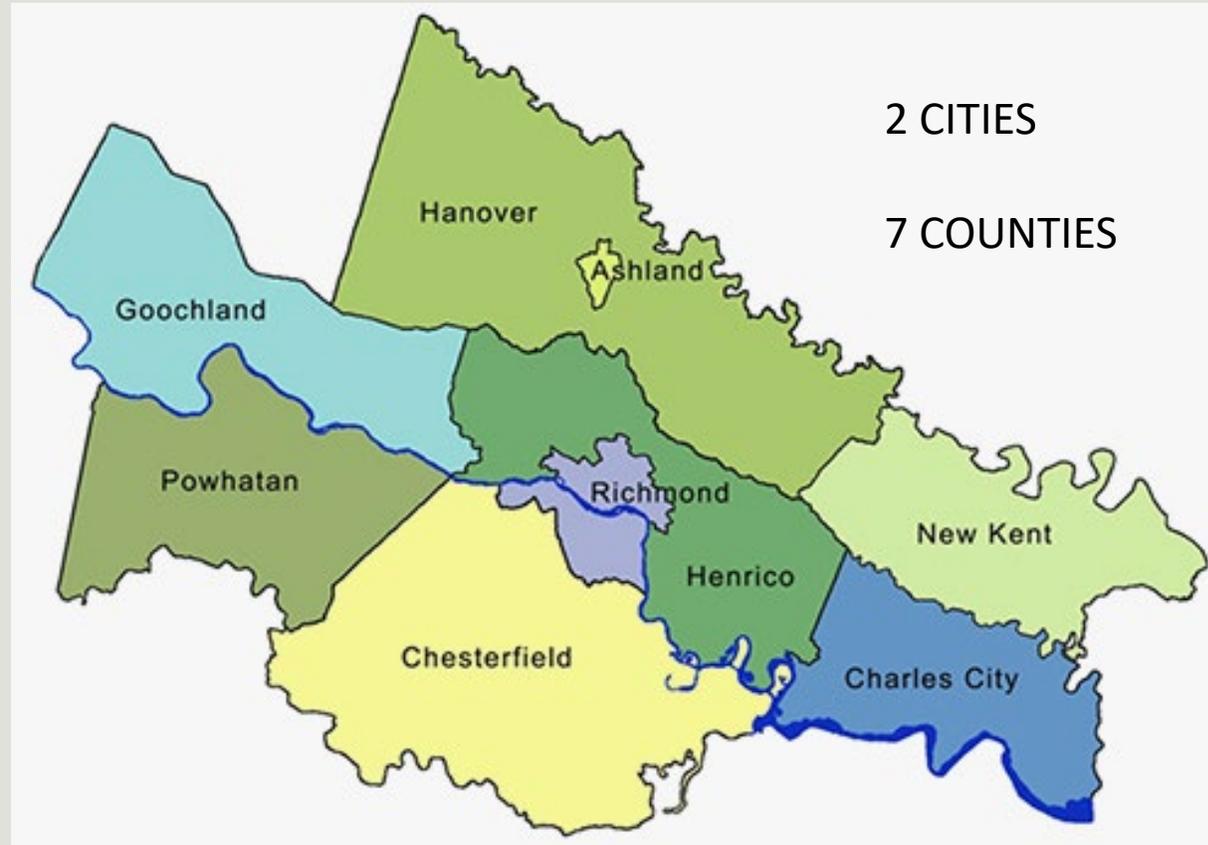
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THE CITY OF RICHMOND DOES NOT PROVIDE DIRECT SHELTER OR SERVICES TO PERSONS THAT ARE UNSHELTERED.

THE CITY IS PART OF A **CONTINUUM OF CARE** AND IT IS THAT ENTITY THAT PROVIDES SERVICES AND SHELTER TO PERSONS IN NEED, NOT ONLY IN THE CITY, BUT FOR THE GREATER RICHMOND AREA.



# Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC) Service Area

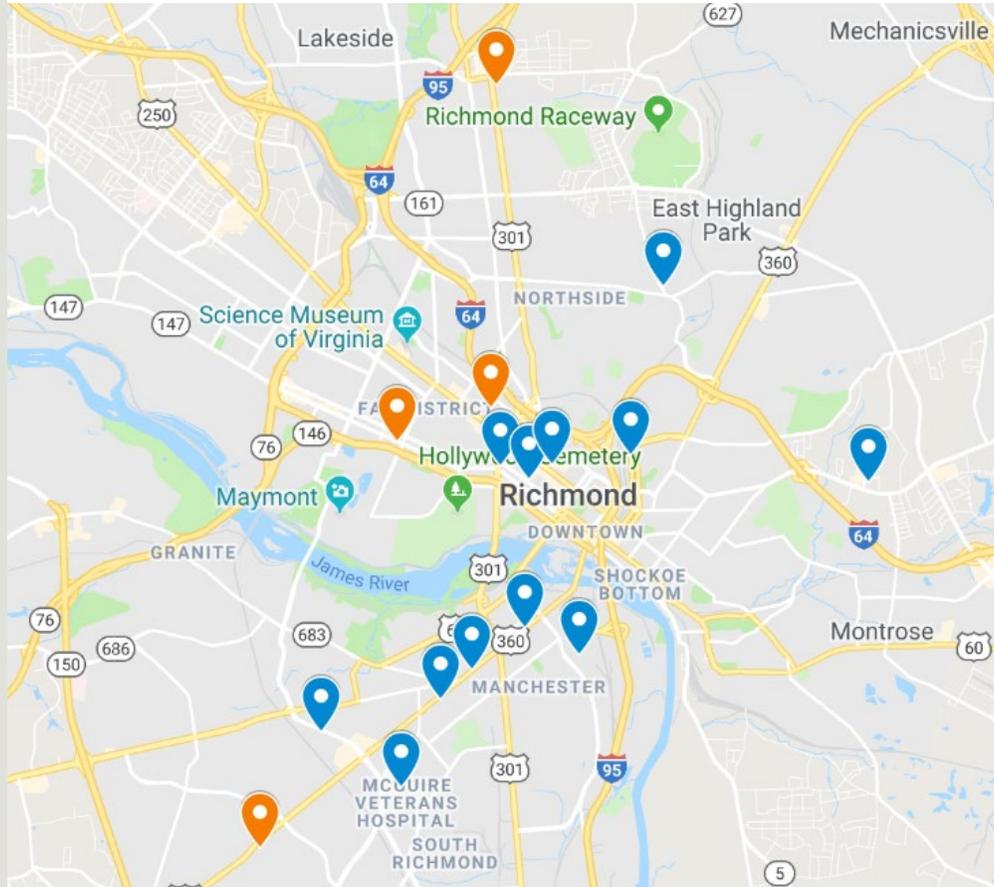


# Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC) Partners as of January 1, 2021

- Capital Region Workforce
  - ACTS (Area Congregations Together In Service)
  - CARITAS\*
  - **County of Chesterfield**
  - Commonwealth Catholic Charities\*
  - Daily Planet Health Services\*
  - Family Lifeline
  - Focused Outreach Richmond
  - Goochland Cares
  - H.H. McGuire Woods VAMC
  - Hand Up
  - **County of Hanover**
  - Hanover Safe Place
  - **County of Henrico**
  - HomeAgain\*
  - Homeward\*
  - Housing Families First\*
  - HOME Inc.\*
  - Liberation Veterans Services
  - OAR of Richmond
  - **City of Richmond**
  - Richmond Behavioral Health Authority\*
  - Schaberg Fund
  - St. Joseph's Villa\*
  - The Community Foundation
  - The Salvation Army\*
  - United Way of Richmond & Petersburg
  - Virginia Housing Alliance
  - Virginia Supportive Housing\*
  - YWCA of Richmond\*
- \* Indicates Providers that received funding from the City of Richmond



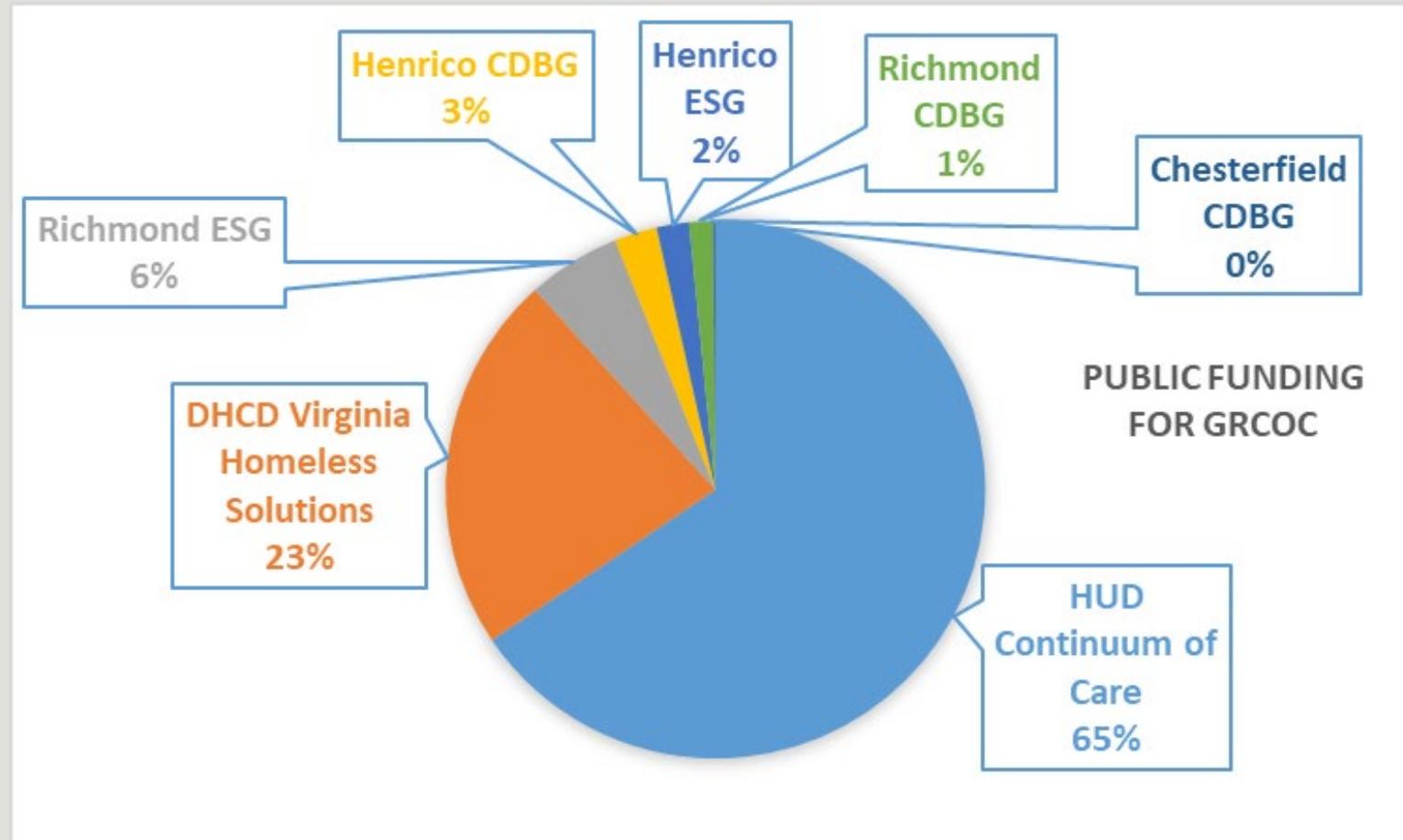
# GRCoC Shelter Locations



	Organization Name	Type of Shelter	Address	Beds
1	CARITAS	Women	2200 Stockon Street	24
2	CARITAS	Men	700 Dinwiddie Ave.	64
3	Daily Planet	Persons with Substance Abuse	180 Belt BLVD	20
4	Daily Planet	Persons with Substance Abuse	2864 Hull St	21
5	HomeAgain	Men, Families, Vets	2 E Main St	30
6	HomeAgain	Men, Families, Vets	11 W Grace St	20
7	HomeAgain	Men, Families, Vets	1202 Broad Rock Blvd.	26
8	Housing Families First	Families	3900 Nine Mile Rd	30
9	Liberation Veteran Services	Vets	1201 Hull St.	38
10	Richmond Behavioral Health	Persons with Mental Health Issues	Address not published	8
11	The Healing Place	Persons with Substance Abuse	700 Dinwiddie Ave.	27
12	The Salvation Army	Men and Families	2 W Grace St.	51
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>				<b>351</b>
<b>Pandemic Shelter (hotel rooms)</b>				<b>258</b>
<b>Proposed Inclement Weather Facility</b>				<b>75</b>
<b>TOTAL:</b>				<b>684</b>

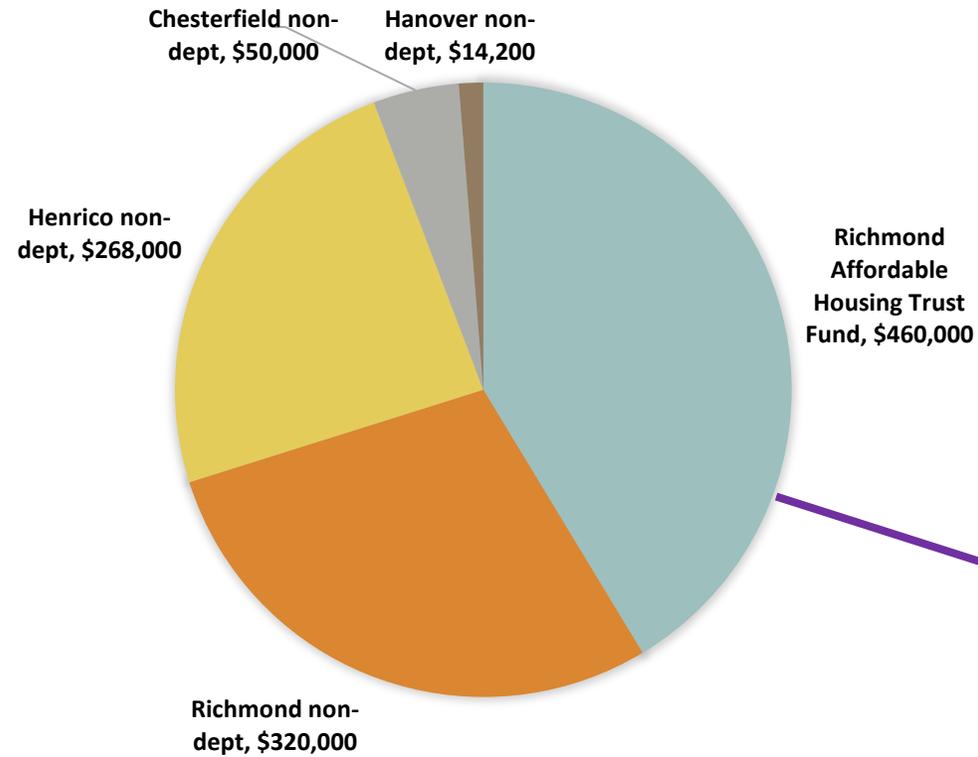


## GRCoC FUNDING SOURCES - 2020 DATA

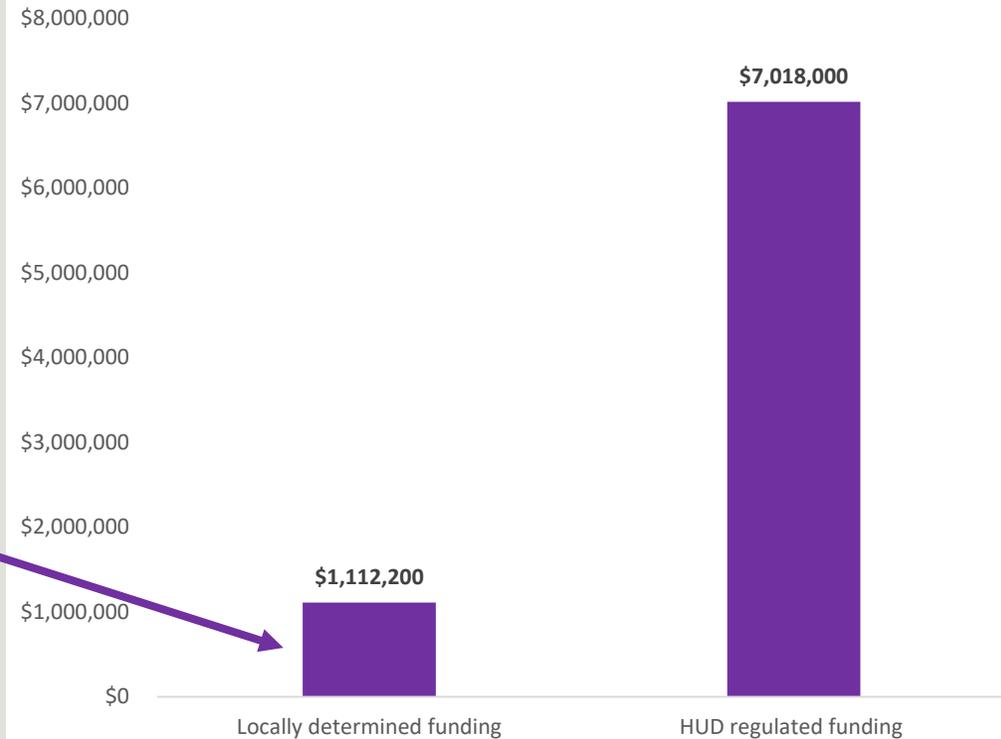


# GRCoC FUNDING AMOUNTS - 2020 DATA

## LOCALLY DETERMINED FUNDING



## Locally determined v HUD regulated; annual



## GRCoC Shelter Providers Funded by the City of Richmond

Organization	FY20-21 Funding	CARES Act Funding	FY21-22 Proposed Full Award
CARITAS	\$55,000 via ESG	\$100,000 via ESG-CV	\$55,000 via ESG
HomeAgain	\$169,614 via ESG**	\$79,263 via ESG-CV	\$179,542 via ESG**
Housing Families First	\$75,000 via ESG**	\$60,000 via ESG-CV**	\$60,000 via ESG**
Side by Side	-	\$100,000 via ESG-CV	-
Salvation Army	-	\$27,000 via CDBG-CV	-
Homeward in collaboration with RUMI and Daily Planet (Non-Congregate/Pandemic Response)	-	\$2,083,519 via ESG-CV \$1,060,000 via CDBG-CV	-
Homeward in collaboration with RUMI (Workforce Shelter)	-	\$234,456 via CDBG-CV*	-



# GRCoC HOMELESS POPULATION DATA 2020-2021

The City of Richmond Virginia emerged from the 2020 COVID 19 Pandemic with over **3,191** individuals sheltered by our GRCoC partners between March 1, 2020 and February 28, 2021.

**4,461** clients were provided services through the **Homeless Connection Line (HCL)** in 2020 and **1,534** clients were diverted from homelessness.

**838** individuals were identified as homeless in the City as defined by HUD\* and documented by the **Point in Time (PIT)** count performed in January 2021:  
up from **546 individuals in 2019**. (\* HUD does not count individuals & households sheltered in hotel rooms and so the actual number of homeless individuals is higher.)

**98** people were unsheltered during the JANUARY 2020 PIT count.  
**130** people were unsheltered during the JANUARY 2019 PIT count.  
**This is a 25% decrease.**

**31 days:** The average length of stay in a shelter bed between March 2020 and March 2021.



## GRCoC HOMELESS POPULATION DATA 2020-2021

As of June 2021 there were approximately **390 households** residing in all regional homeless shelters: with approximately **258 households** residing in the regional Pandemic shelter system (i.e., hotel rooms).

Of the **258** households residing in Pandemic Shelter System during the month of June:

**133 were single adults; and  
125 households with minor children.**

At the height of the Pandemic **RUMI provided more than 700 people** with case management, meals, medication, transportation and other services in both congregate and non-congregate spaces.



## THE CITY & GRCOC

The City does not have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the GRCOC, but is in the process of drafting one with Council's input as is recommended by the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness.



# QUESTIONS?

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