

Homeless Plan Update:

October 1, 2020

Education and Human Services Standing Committee Meeting



**PREPARED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & GRCoC/HOMEWARD**

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HUD CDBG-CV, ESG-CV & HOPWA FUNDING TO DATE:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG-CV) Round 1	\$2,683,549
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) Round 1	\$1,351,959
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV) Round 2	\$1,954,273
Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA-CV)	\$194,445
<u>Subtotal:</u>	<u>\$6,184,226</u>
<u>New CDBG-CV just awarded to the City on (9/11/2020)</u>	<u>\$1,362,346</u>
<u>Total Amount of HUD CV Funding Awarded to the City</u>	<u>\$7,546,572</u>

NOTE:

- 1. HUD CDBG -CV funding has a 6-year expenditure timeframe; however, 80% of the funds must be spent by March 31, 2022.**
- 2. All HUD ESG-CV funding must be spent by September 30, 2022, and 80% of the funds must be spent by March 31, 2022.**

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FUNDING AWARDED TO OUR GRCoC PROVIDERS TO PROVIDE SHELTER & SERVICES

Organization	Project/Program	General Fund	CDBG-CV	ESG-CV	HOPWA-CV	AHTF-CV	Description
Homeward	GRCoC Pandemic Response: Non-Congregate Shelter	\$300,000	\$ 1,060,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Provide 1,000 persons with non-congregate pandemic shelter, provide 100 persons with medically prescribed pandemic response isolation.
Homeward	GRCoC Pandemic Response: Residential Workforce Program		\$ 234,456	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Provides a 90 day program that includes lodging, and job training. Assist 100 single adults at the or below 30% AMI
Homeward	GRCoC Collaborative Pandemic Response Non-Congregate Shelter		\$ -	\$ 614,003	\$ -	\$ -	Provide 500 individuals with non-congregate pandemic shelter, exit 350 clients to permanent housing, provide 3 meals a day (73,200 total)
Homeward	Greater pandemic response: Non-Congregate Shelter			\$ 1,469,516			Homeward, the Collaborative Partner for the GRCoC will coordinate with the service providers in the network to assist families and individuals experiencing homelessness to secure permanent housing and access to additional services.
Homeward	GRCoC Collaborative Pandemic Response: HMIS Reporting Expansion		\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	Add to and support current HMIS tracking activities by creating additional reports to track CDBG-CV & ESG-CV homeless activities
Homeward	GRCoC Collaborative Pandemic Response: Supporting Raid Exits from Homelessness		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100,000	Provide 150 individuals at 30% AMI with permanent housing support (50 exiting shelters, 50 unsheltered, and 50 diverted from homelessness).
Homeward	Community Housing Coordinator			\$ 90,000			Fund system level position that would allow the GRCoC shelter and housing providers to maximize staff and resources by centralizing landlord engagement, recruitment, and education. Position will focus on recruiting landlords and housing options for clients in pandemic response program to build on the network of housing options.
		\$300,000	\$1,294,456	\$2,178,519	\$0	\$100,000	= \$3,872,975

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Organization	Project/Program	General Fund	CDBG-CV	ESG-CV	HOPWA-CV	AHTF-CV	Description
HomeAgain	HomeAgain Richmond Temporary Emergency Shelter (2nd St.)		\$ -	\$ 79,263	\$ -	\$ -	Temporary emergency shelter operations (staffing, rent, parking, utilities, supplies, maintenance, deposit)
HomeAgain	Veteran's Emergency Shelter Beds		\$ 84,400	\$ -	\$ -		Provide 12 months of low barrier shelter services, housing information and counseling for 8 veteran specific beds.
Housing Families First	Hilliard House/Building Neighbors		\$ -	\$ 110,000	\$ -	\$ -	Provide families with children, single women/couples with emergency shelter and rapid re-housing assistance (140 households FY20 and 160 households FY21).
Housing Families First	Bringing Families Home		\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Homeless prevention program to move families living in hotels and overcrowded "double-up" situations into permanent rental housing.
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Commonwealth Catholic Charities HOPWA		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182,779	\$ -	Provide 20 additional houses with STRMU (short term rental, mortgage and utilities) financial support and 5 individuals with nutritional services.
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Housing and Financial Counseling		\$ 50,920	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Provide assistance and case management to 50 Richmond residents who have been financially affected by COVID-19.
Commonwealth Catholic Charities	Rental Assistance				\$ -	\$ 31,410	Provide rental assistance (54 months) and case management (48 months) for 9 clients (10 unit facility)
CARITAS	Shelter & Case Management COVID-19		\$ -	\$ 100,000	\$ -	\$ -	Support year-round Emergency Shelter & Case Management through covering expenses incurred during COVID-19 (staff & supplies costs).
Help me Help You	Reentry Navigation Continuum of Care		\$ 150,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Provide shelter and training for 50 individuals who have recently been released from jail.
Maggie Walker Community Land Trust	Lease to Ownership Program		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 242,000	Lease to own option to four (4) households earning 50% of area median income.

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GREATER RICHMOND CONTINUUM OF CARE NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER: PROGRAM REPORT & OUTCOMES

1. Since mid-March Homeward has operated the Greater Richmond Region's Pandemic Response Non-congregate Shelter Program.
2. Homeward has followed CDC and HUD guidelines to expand the immediate pandemic response to identify non-congregate shelter and provide support to those who are experiencing homelessness and are at risk for COVID- 19.
3. The GRCoC's program is part of a coordinated, collaborative pandemic response to expand emergency shelter capacity to meet the needs of persons experiencing homelessness and to strengthen service coordination and referral mechanisms between homeless services and public health.
4. The Pandemic Response Shelter Program allows for existing GRCoC shelters to operate at a reduced capacity, thereby adhering to CDC social distancing guidelines. Additionally, the program has the unique attribute of expandable capacity, allowing for an increase in available units when shelter demand increases during extreme weather.

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GREATER RICHMOND CONTINUUM OF CARE NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER: PROGRAM REPORT & OUTCOMES

Program Components		
Basic Needs	Case management and supportive services	Health and Safety
Meals delivered safely Access to sanitation/ indoor restrooms and showers Laundry In kind donations of needed supplies	Multi-agency case conferencing Shelter support staff Mental health assessments as needed	COVID testing and follow up (Daily Planet Health Services) Symptom screening

Goal: The primary goal of the non-congregate shelter is to provide safe, indoor accommodations with sanitation and with supportive services and case management as part of a larger, comprehensive housing focused strategy to address the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

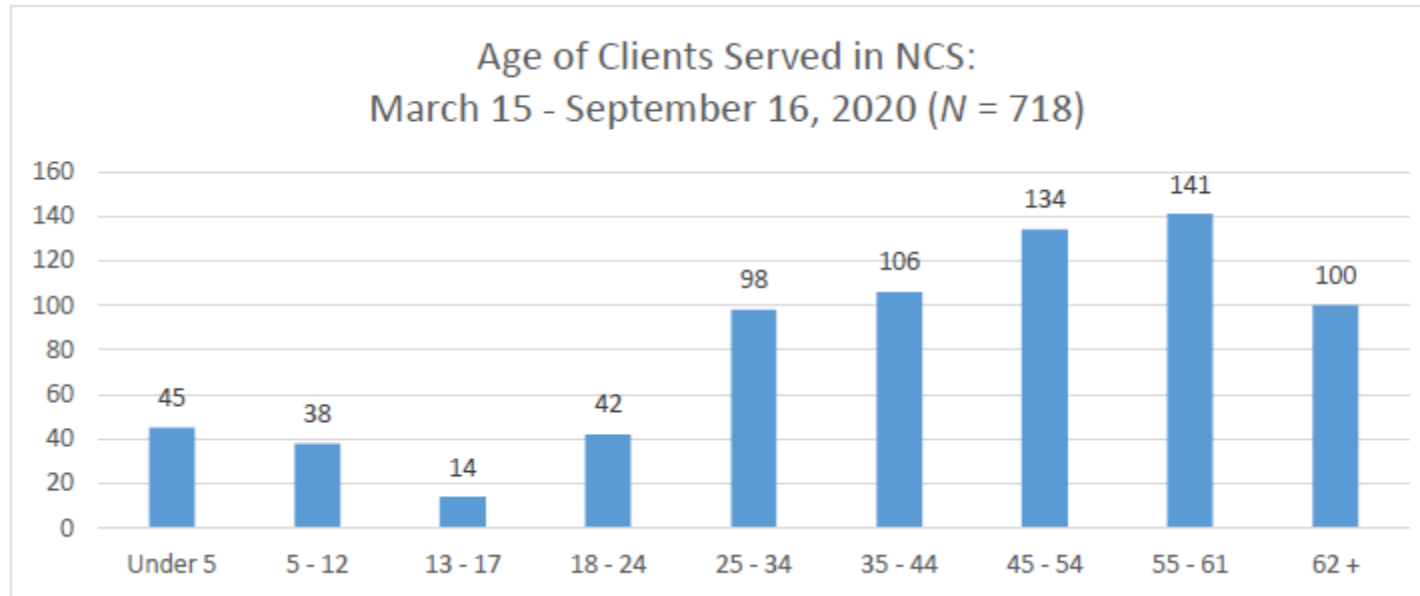
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GRCoC DATA March 13, 2020 – September 16, 2020

Number of People Served –	718
Number of households without children served -	546
Number of households with children served -	54 (includes 75 adults)
Number of children served -	97

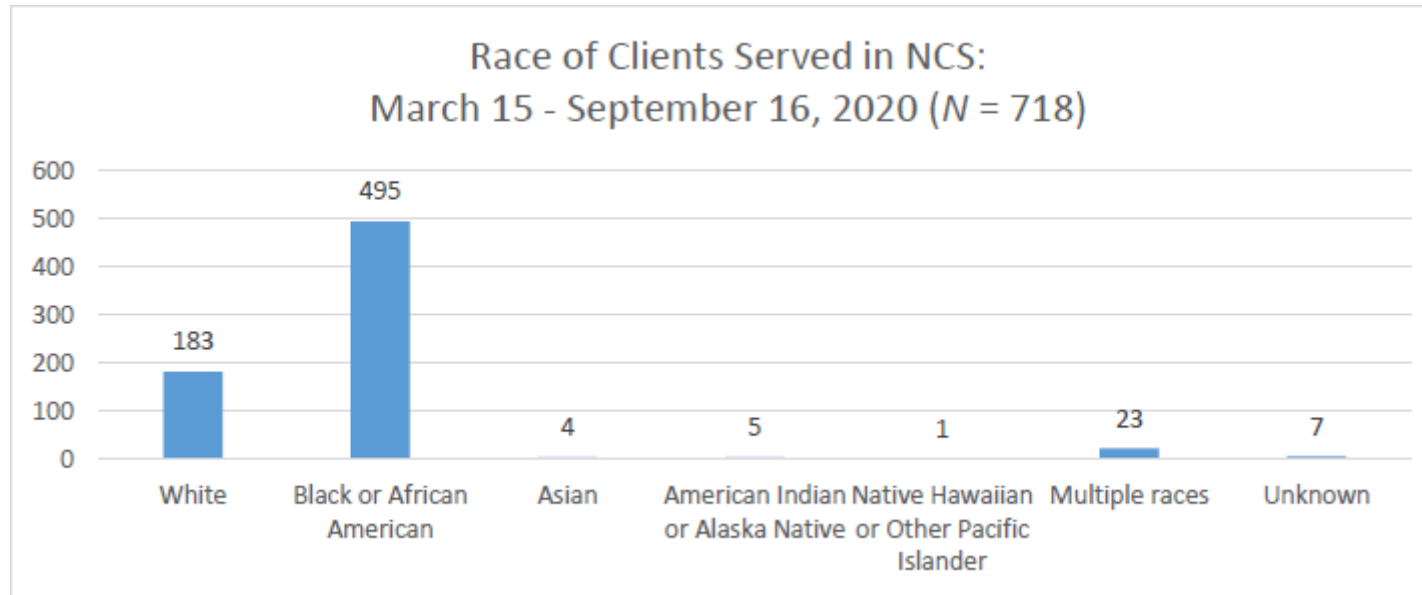
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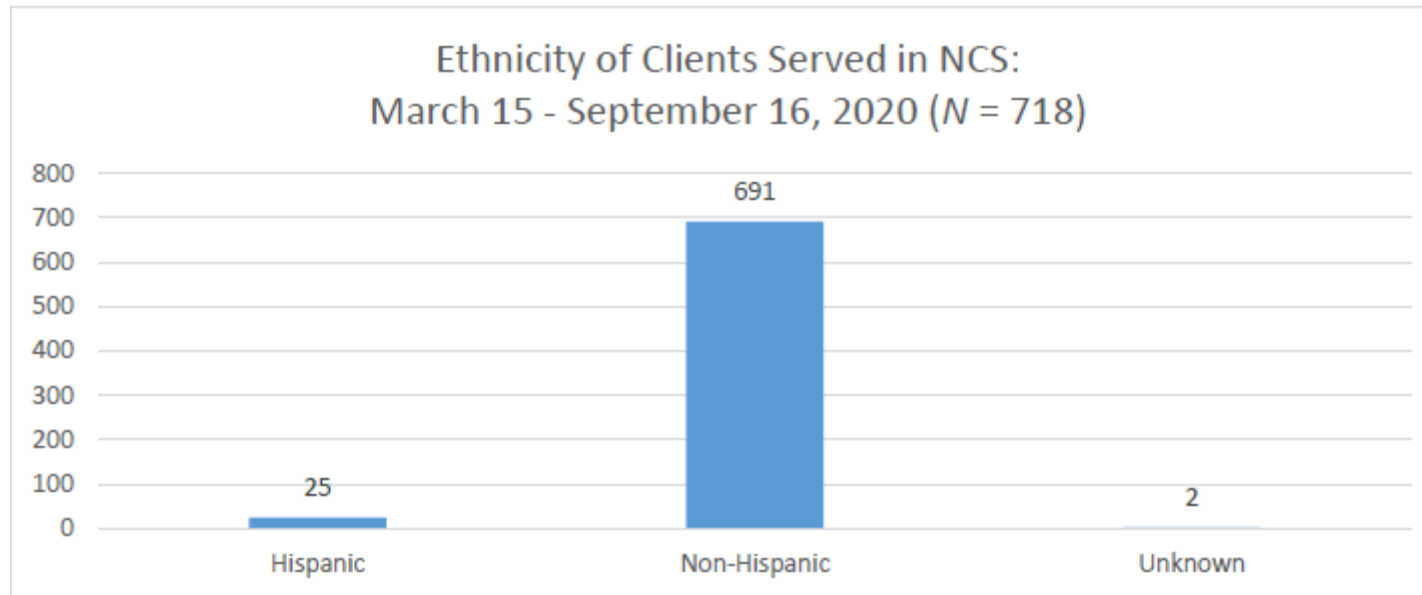
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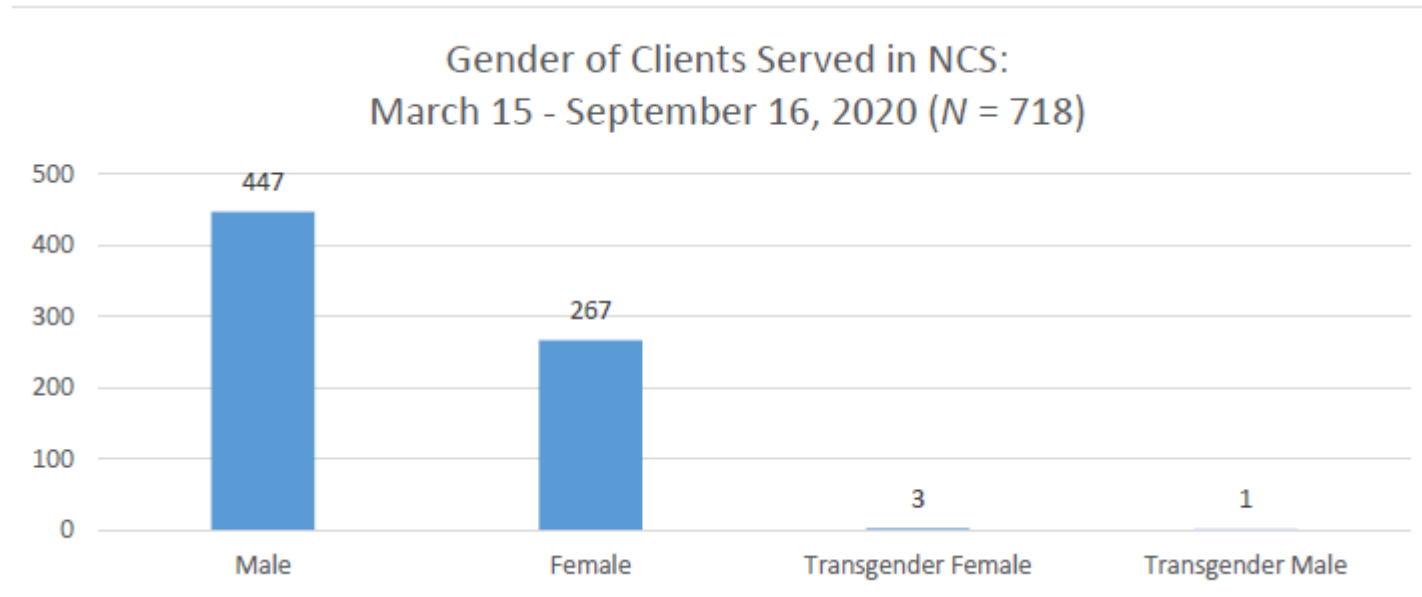
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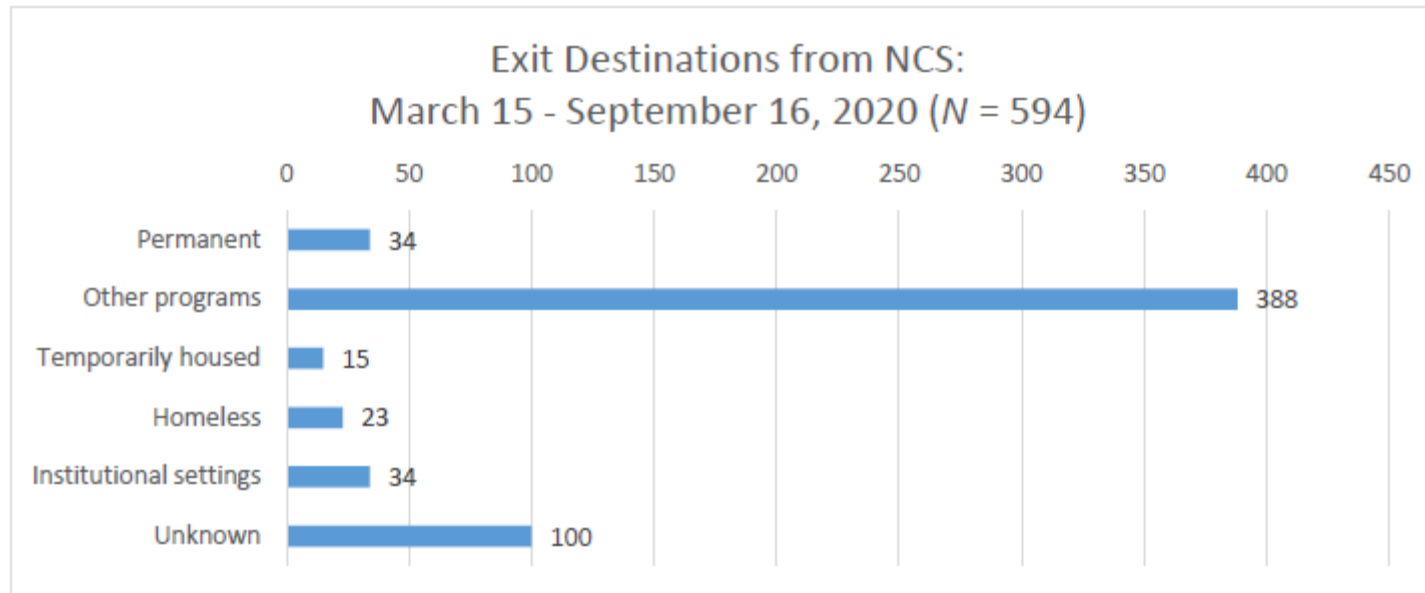
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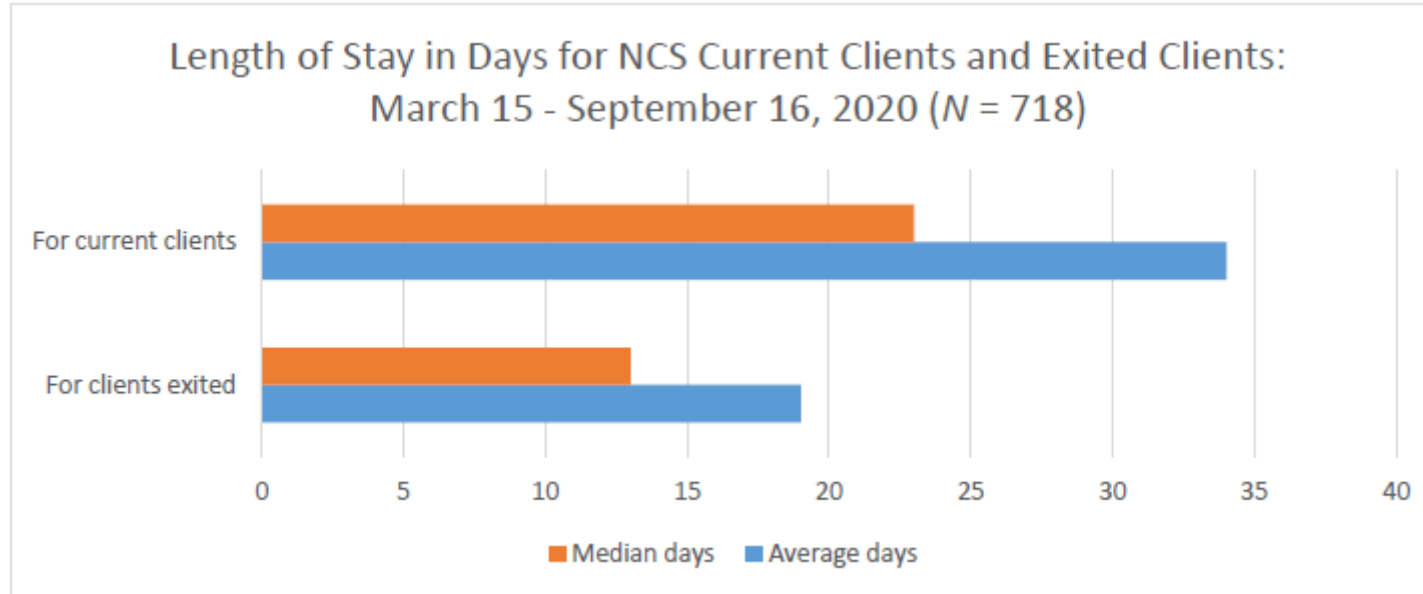
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PROGRAM OUTCOMES & LENGTHS OF STAY



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Funding sources and approximate costs:

Approximate cost per person served: \$2,000

Funding sources: CARES Act funding from the City of Richmond, Henrico County, Chesterfield County, Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development, City of Richmond Affordable Housing Trust Fund

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NEXT STEPS:

- 1. Collaborative planning with 10 homeless service providers and other GRCoC stakeholders to address the increased needs of people experiencing homelessness during the winter months.**
- 2. Continuing to provide safe, indoor accommodations to those at greatest risk from COVID-19.**
- 3. Increase in housing supports through Rapid Re-housing and housing-focused case management.**
- 4. Development of a cross-sector safety net response plan for severe threats to public health and safety due to weather emergencies.**

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QUESTIONS?