



## **Coming Together To End Homelessness: Recommended Applications**

**Emergency and Community Services Committee Meeting  
January 16, 2020**

# Presentation Overview

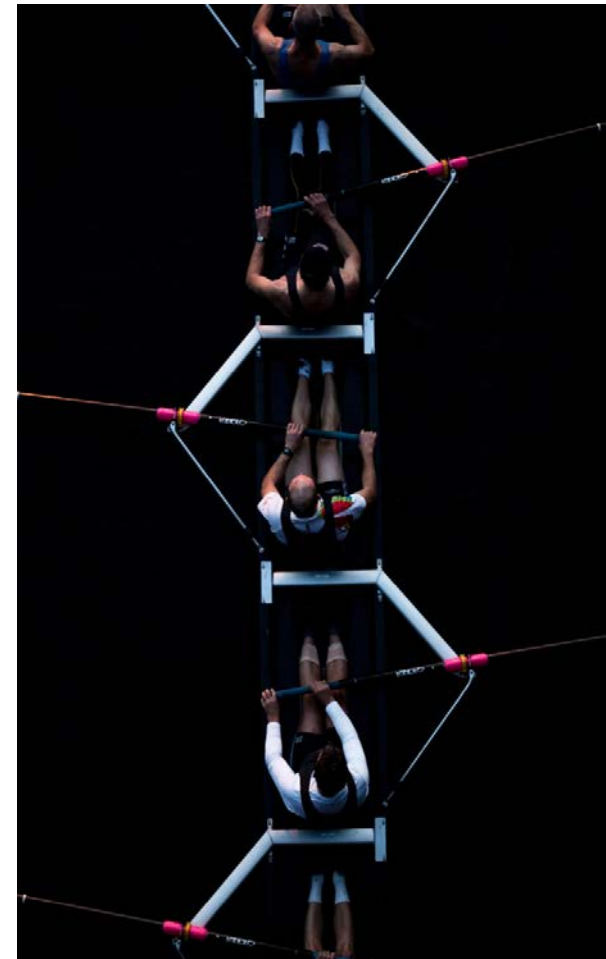
- Vision
- Call for Applications 2019
- Equity, Diversity and Inclusion
- Indigenous Community Entity
- Next Steps



# Coordinating Systems that Work

Working as a coordinated system, we can:

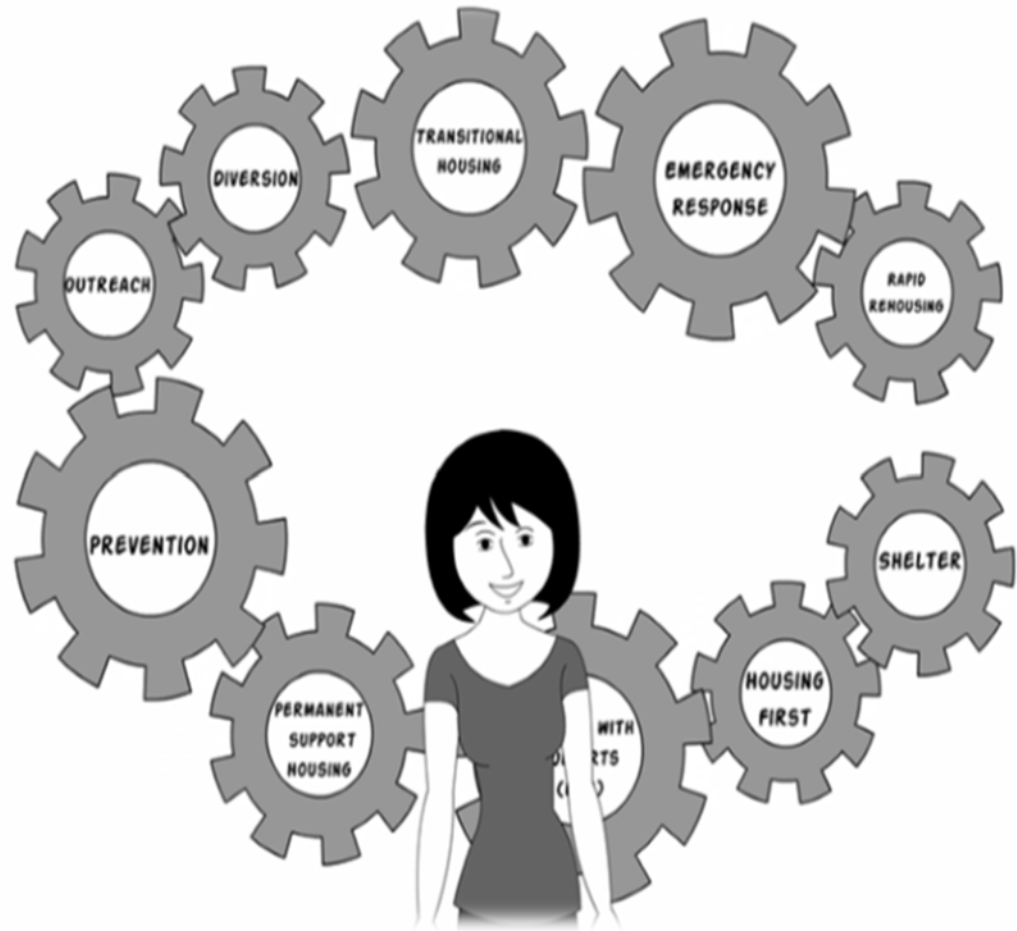
- Respond quickly to a person or family's homelessness
- Maximize limited resources
- Empower people through choice and self-determination
- Make homelessness rare, brief and non-reoccurring
- [English Systems Planning Video.mp4](#)



# Creating the System

The CFA centred on best-practice interventions:

- Prevention and Diversion
- Assertive Housing-Focused Street Outreach
- Transitional Housing
- Housing with Supports



# Call for Applications Process

The City of Hamilton as **Service Manager** and as **Community Entity**

Call for Applications combines Federal and Provincial homelessness funding:

- Reaching Home (Federal)
- Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (Provincial)
- Home for Good (Provincial)

Total Funds Annually: **\$7,576,160**

- Mainstream: \$6,621,690
- Indigenous Community Entity: \$954,470

Total Ask: 30 Applications totaling \$14 million in funding

# Recommendation Process

Detailed CFA Overview, Guide, Application and Scoring Evaluation Matrix

## Engagement and Consultation

- Public Events
- Sector-specific Discussion
- Information sessions



## Homelessness Funding Implementation Group:

- Requirement of Reaching Home
- Volunteers with related professional/personal experience
- Training and onboarding provided
- Provide recommendations

# Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

## EDI framework applied:

- Gender-Based Analysis Plus (GBA+) training for Staff
- HFIG trained on EDI
- Part of applications and evaluation matrix
- Women are one of the Reaching Home priority populations
- 30% dedicated to women
- Implementation phase



# Homeless Funding Implementation Group (HFIG)

## Recommended Applications



**Increase in Homelessness  
Prevention Services  
with population-focus:**

**Youth  
Women  
Seniors  
Families**

**Innovation Opportunities  
for Shelter Diversion in**

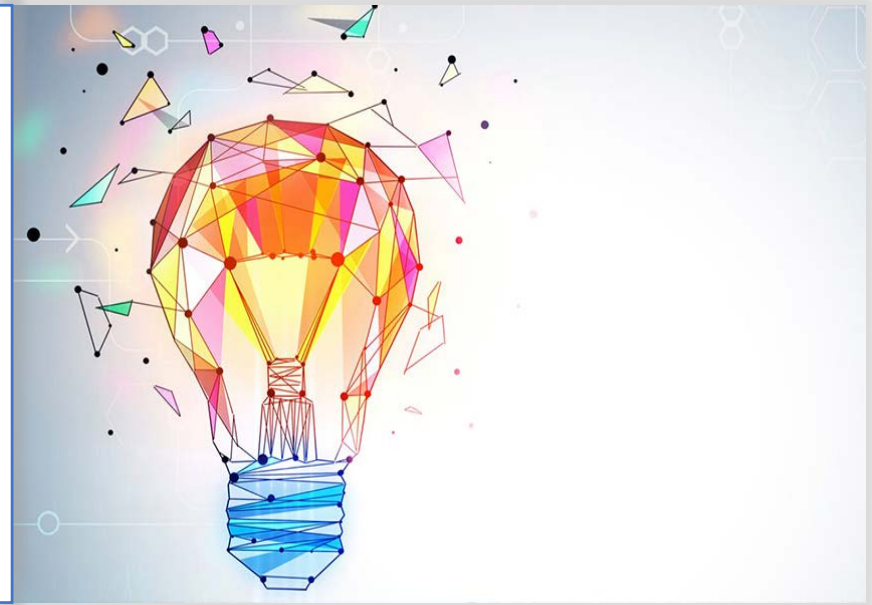
**Men's System  
Women's System**

## Prevention and Diversion:

- CCAS Community Youth Housing Project Diversion \$332,150
- Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Staying Home \$397,400
- Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Family Diversion \$225,910
- Housing Help Centre— Hamilton & Area \$483,930
- St Matthew's House, Housing Outreach Prevention Eviction for Seniors (HOPES) \$153,980
- Recommend City pilot shelter diversion for Women and Men's shelter systems

## Modernizing Transitional Housing

Equipped with Housing Workers  
Follow-up in new permanent housing  
Program vacancies filled by City's By-Name List  
**Designed to promote permanent housing and  
reduce shelter occupancy pressures**



## Recommended Applicants:

- Wesley Urban Ministries, Wesley Youth Housing \$108,650
- YWCA Transitional Living Program \$488,720

# Housing With Supports:

## Rapid Rehousing

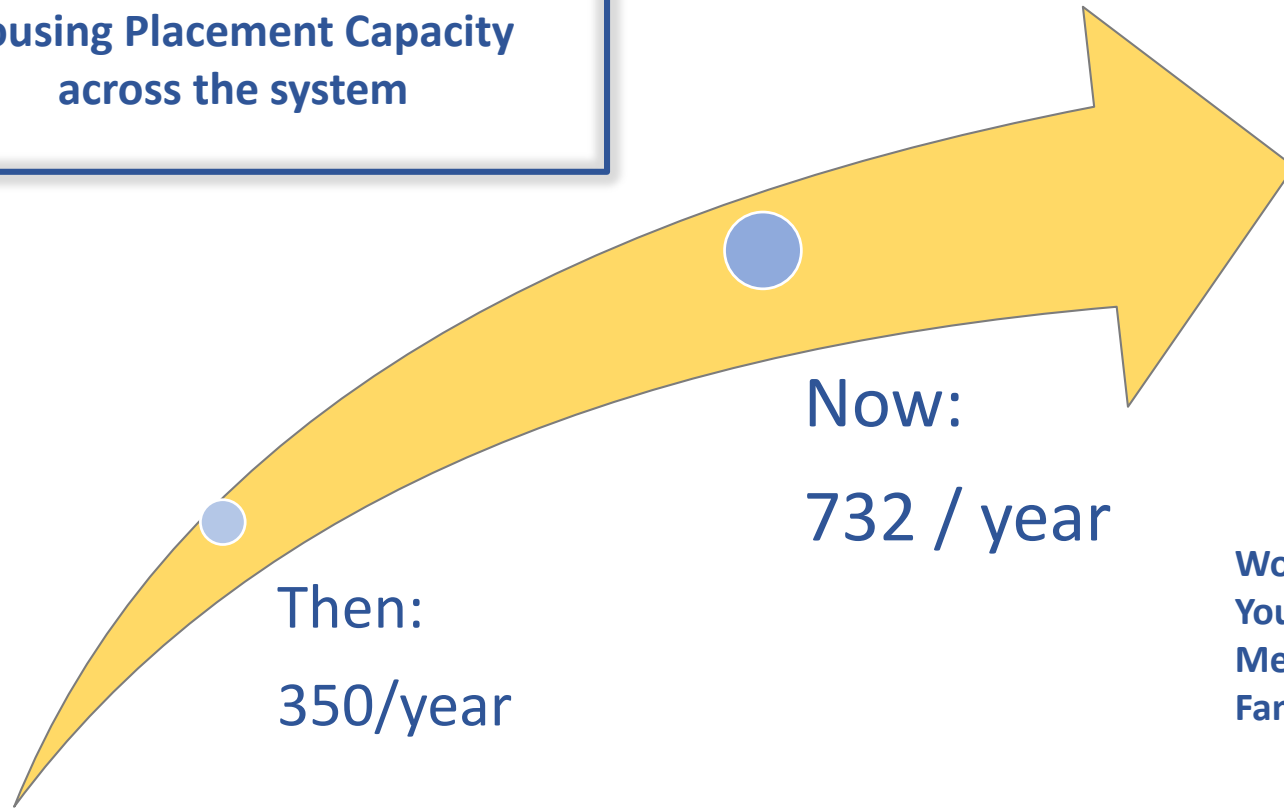
- Good Shepherd Centres Rapid Rehousing Program \$534,210
- Mission Services, Housing UP Rapid Rehousing \$503,760

## Intensive Case Management

- Good Shepherd Centres, Housing First Intensive Case Management \$1,336,410
- Mission Services, Housing UP Intensive Case Management \$820,000
- Wesley Urban Ministries, Wesley Hamilton Housing Services Intensive Case Management Housing \$820,000



**Immediately Double  
Housing Placement Capacity  
across the system**



	<u>Then</u>	<u>Now</u>
Women	144	258
Youth	34	60
Men	112	293
Families	60	121

# Assertive Housing-Focused Street Outreach:

- No successful applicants
- Initiate new call for applications in 2020
- Interim funding to Public Health Mental Health Street Outreach in 2020/2021



# Indigenous Community Entity



Hamilton has an Indigenous Community Entity via Federal Reaching Home

- Separate funding, reporting and funding directives
- Has a separate Community Advisory Board
- Investment in Indigenous-led solutions

Since 2004, 20% of Federal homelessness programming dollars additionally dedicated to Indigenous stream (\$954,470):

HFIG recommended another \$100,000 to Indigenous stream to account for 20% of global funding available through this call for applications (Provincial dollars)

## There is a need for Permanent Supportive Housing

For individuals experiencing:

Chronic homelessness

Sleeping rough

Physical Health conditions

Mental Health Conditions

Cognitive/Acquired Brain Injury

Active Substance Use

### Strategy

Housing and  
Intensive Case  
Management

Health and  
Clinical  
Expertise

Comprehensive  
Service

Application of Interest:

**Good Shepherd Non-Profit HOMES**  
**Low Barrier Housing for Women**

Recommend further exploration with Expanding Housing and  
Support Solutions for Women and Transgender Community  
Subcommittee of Council

# Questions

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