



Office Hours: COVID-19 Planning and Response

December 18, 2020



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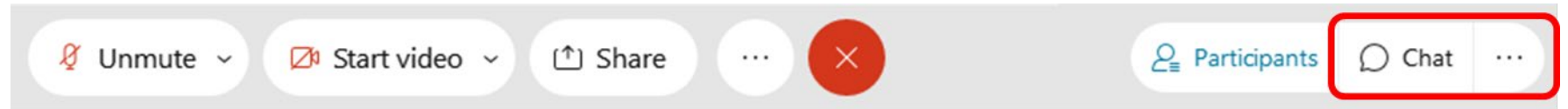
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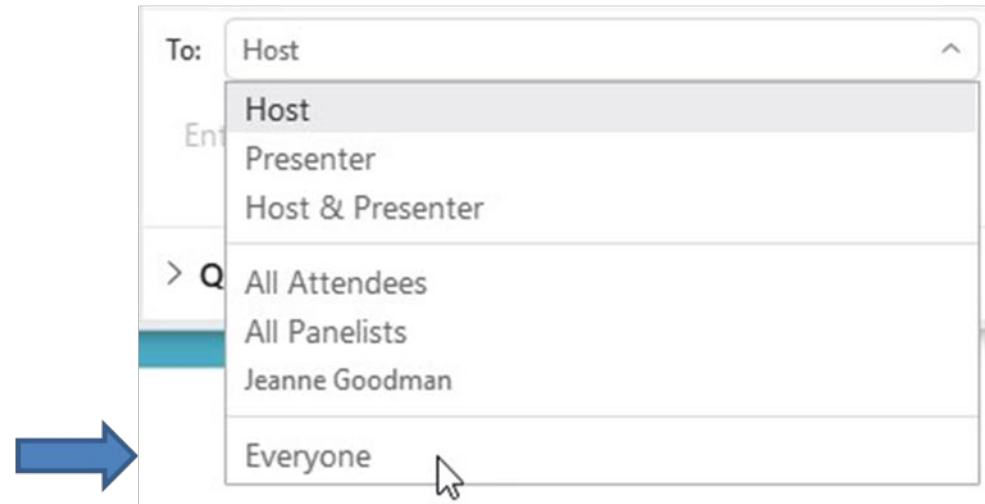
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 - Marlisa Grogan
 - Ebony Rankin
 - Lisa Coffman
 - Sharon Singer
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Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County

- Ana Rausch, Vice President, Program Operations
- Jessica Preheim, Vice President, Strategic Planning and Public Affairs



Speakers & Resource Advisors

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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National Healthcare for the Homeless Council

- Barbara DiPietro, PhD, Senior Director of Policy

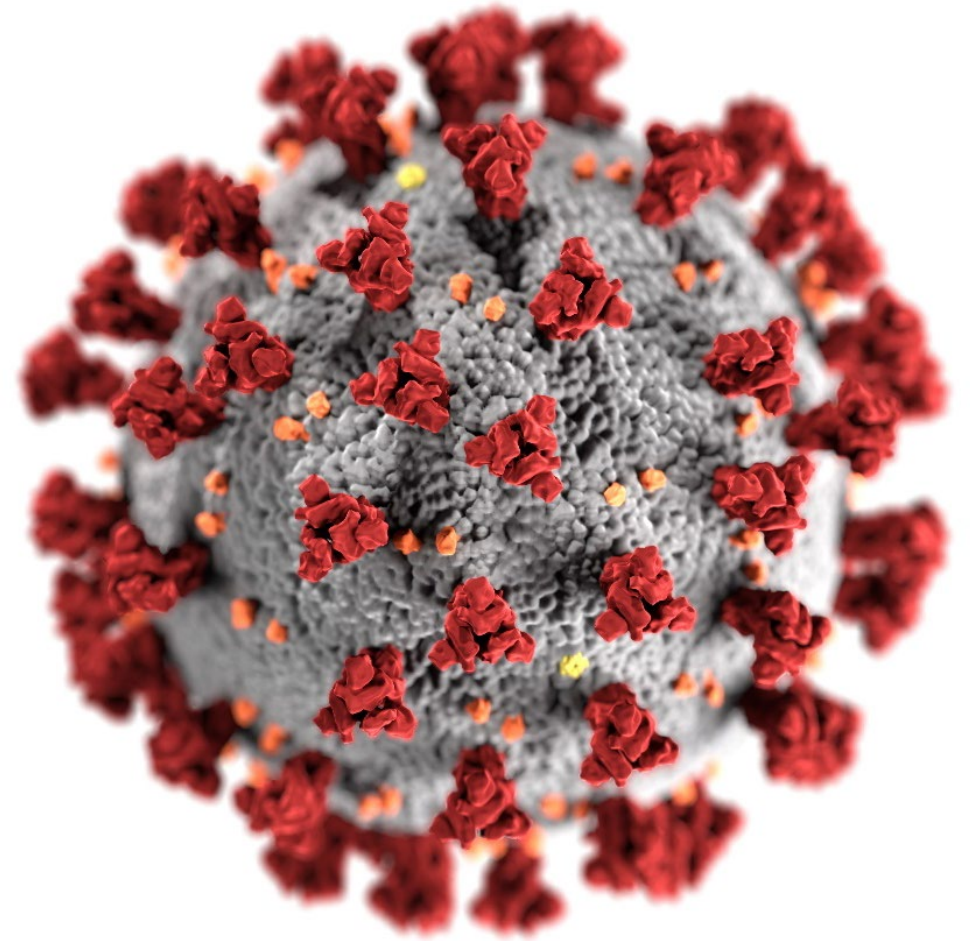
Department of Veterans Affairs

- Jillian Weber, PhD, RN, CNL, Homeless-PACT National Program Manager, VHA Homeless Program Office

COVID-19 and Homelessness

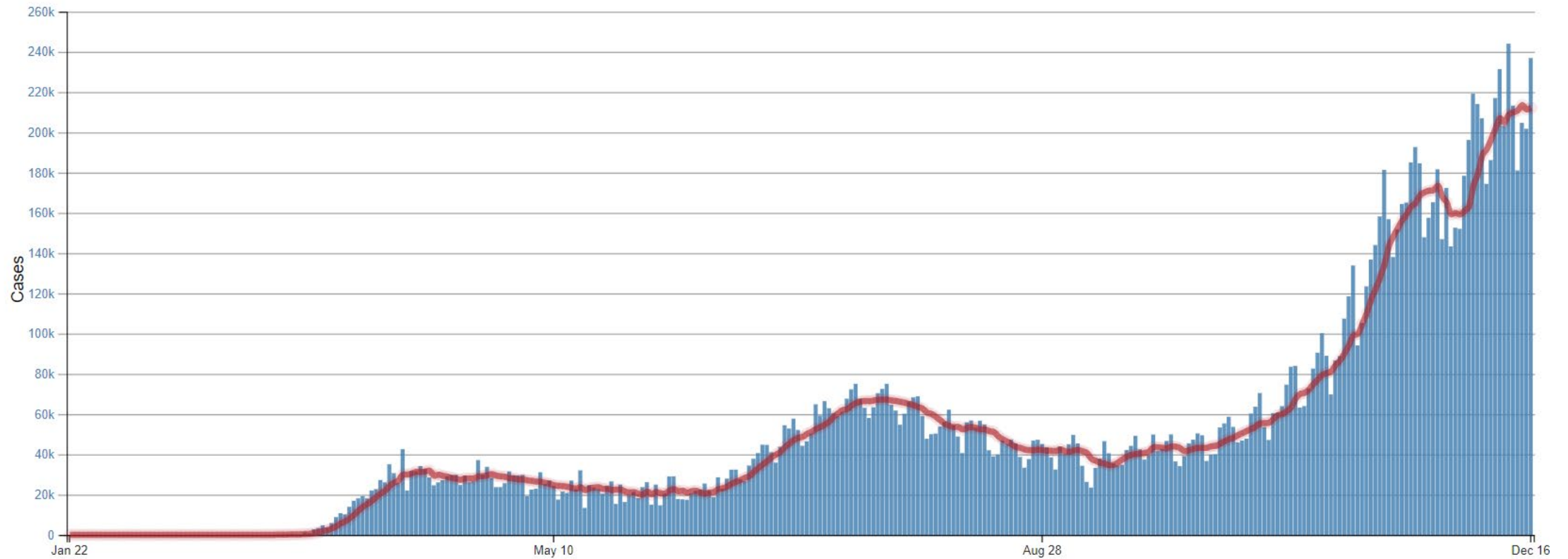
Updates

Homelessness Unit
Disproportionately Affected Populations Team
CDC COVID-19 Response

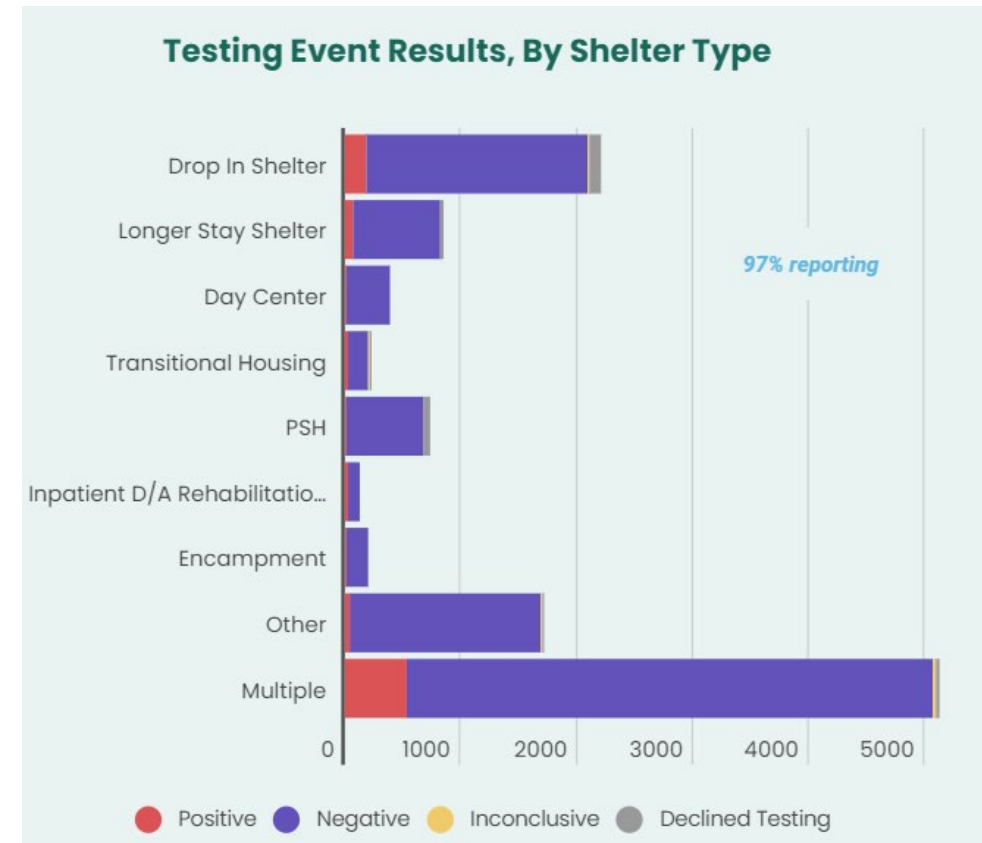


cdc.gov/coronavirus

237,000 cases, 3,400 deaths on 12/17/20 in the United States



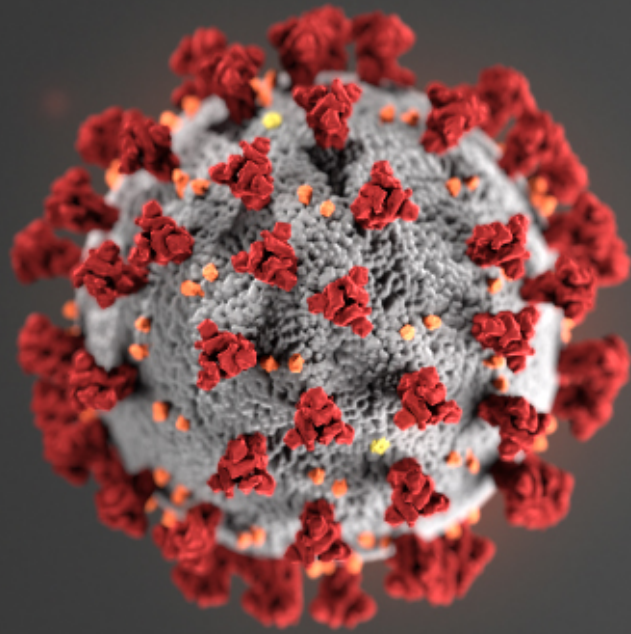
Homeless shelter and encampment testing dashboard



<https://nhchc.org/cdc-covid-dashboard/home/>

Vaccine update





For more information, contact CDC
1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636)
TTY: 1-888-232-6348 www.cdc.gov

The findings and conclusions in this report are those of the authors and do not necessarily represent the official position of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.



HUD TA SPOTLIGHT

- 5 Tips to Approaching Rehousing with Racial Equity



5 Tips to Approaching Rehousing with Racial Equity

1. Understand Factors that Contribute to Racial Disparities

- Look at your data (qualitative and quantitative) to identify the differences in outcomes for people of different racial and ethnic groups

2. Co-Design your Rehousing Strategy with Black people, Indigenous people, and other people of color, and People with Lived Expertise

- Analyze your data in partnership with the people most impacted by inequities and design a strategy that better meets the needs in your community and advances equity

3. Continuously Evaluate Data - Expand What Creates Equitable Outcomes and Change What Does Not

- Set goals around addressing disparities
- Regularly evaluate progress, and make changes as needed

5 Tips to Approaching Rehousing with Racial Equity

4. Build and Budget Programs that Account for Structural Employment Barriers

- Deepen partnerships with employment agencies, provide extra supports for job-seekers, and be prepared to provide deeper and longer-term rental assistance to give tenants more time to secure employment

5. Expand your Landlord Reach and Diversify Housing Options

- Work with landlords and Public Housing Agencies to reduce barriers to housing (e.g. credit requirements, background checks)
- Consider the positives and negatives of different local neighborhood options – safety, support systems, culturally appropriate businesses, communities of faith – and work to build landlord relationships and housing options in a variety of areas

- Partnering with Local Public Housing Authorities



Partnering with Local Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)

Topic: Fostering positive, systems-level relationships between CoCs and PHAs with the goal of ending and preventing homelessness.

Key steps:

- Strategic Planning
- Have Clear Goals
- Establish Points of Contact
- Share Data
- Leverage Staff



Community-wide COVID-19 Housing Program (CCHP)

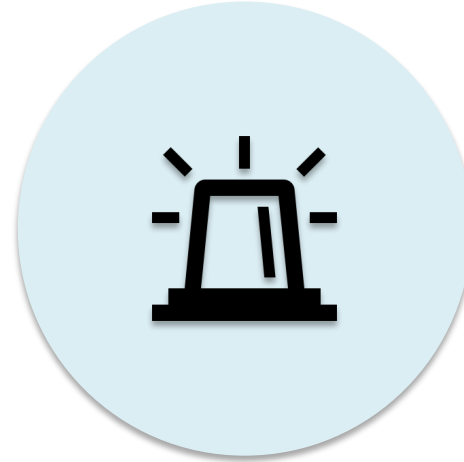
Pre-COVID Housing Need

Program Types	Current System (Units)	Demand	Difference
RRH for Singles	459	2,075	-1616
RHH for Families	553	948	-395
PSH for Singles	5,078	7,377	-2,299
PSH for Families	117	86	+31

Synthesizing the Plans



The way home continuum of care (CoC) has been developing a **five-year strategic plan** to prevent and end homelessness in Houston and Harris, Fort Bend, and Montgomery counties.



The proposed **CARES community-wide housing plan** outlines a way to use new federal funding coming to our region to **slow the spread of the coronavirus** by implementing the housing interventions that were already part of the five-year plan on an expedited timeline.

Overview

- On July 1, Houston, Harris County, Coalition announced \$65M plan to house 5,000 people over the next two years
- Housing is healthcare



Proposed Strategy



Risks

vs

Rewards



Massive surge will tax system



New partnerships/behaviors



\$8M funding gap



Increased public scrutiny



House 5,000 people



End chronic homelessness



Reduce encampments



Create up to 150 jobs

Budget

\$65 million total cost	
\$58 million in public funds committed	\$39 million – City of Houston
	\$18 million – Harris County
\$8 million gap remaining	Will need to come from private sources because of restrictions on use of available public funds

Request for Expression of Interest

2020 COVID CARES Housing Plan (CCHP) Request for Expression of Interest from Qualified Agencies

City of Houston, Houston Housing
Authority and Harris County
Funding Collaborative



Funding Activities Identified Jointly	REI Developed Jointly
REI Released Jointly	REI Scored Jointly
Awards Allocations Coordinated	Timing of Awards Coordinated
Outcomes Standardized (in progress)	Reporting Standardized (in progress)

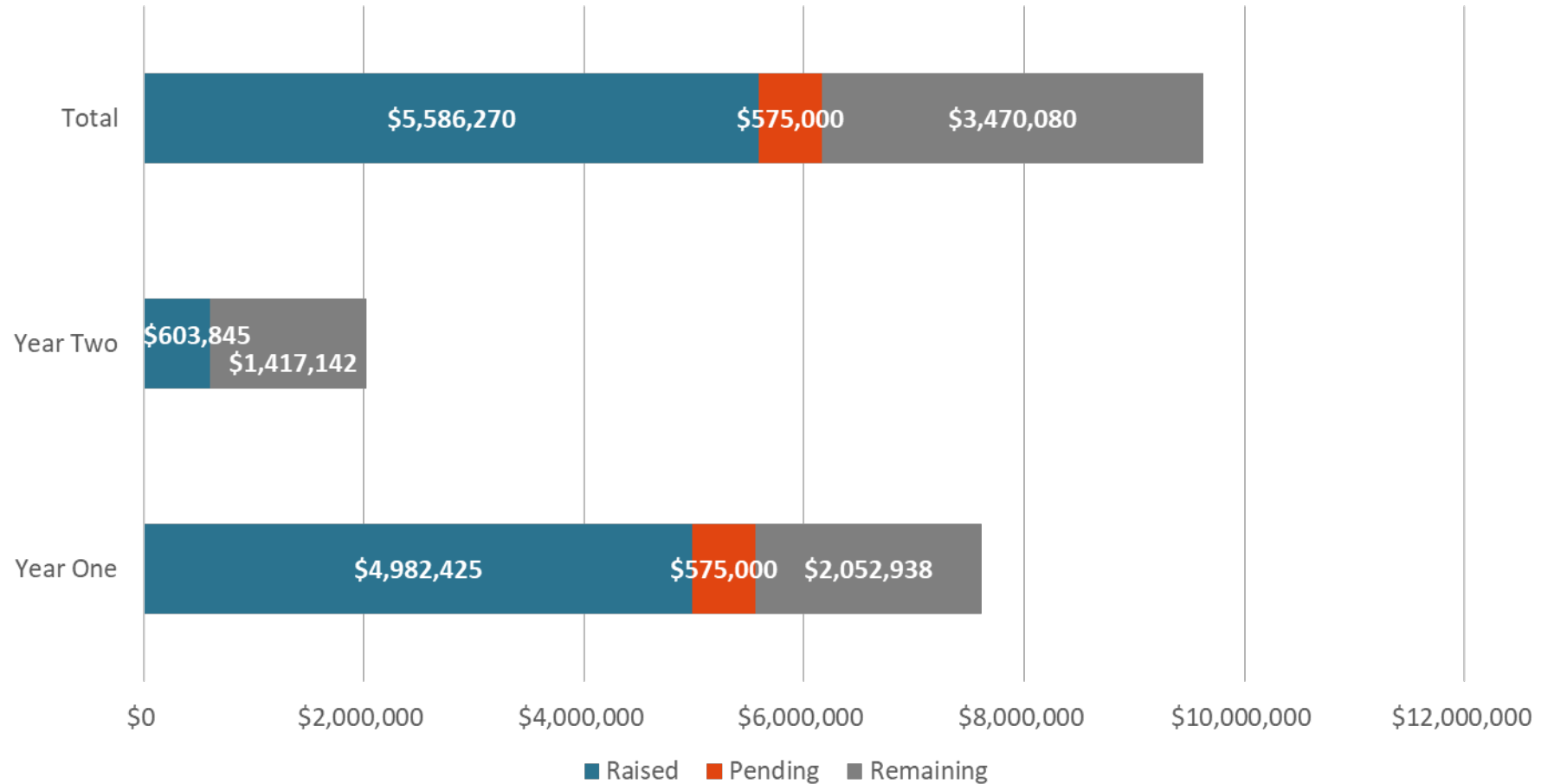
The Way Home

Braiding Funding

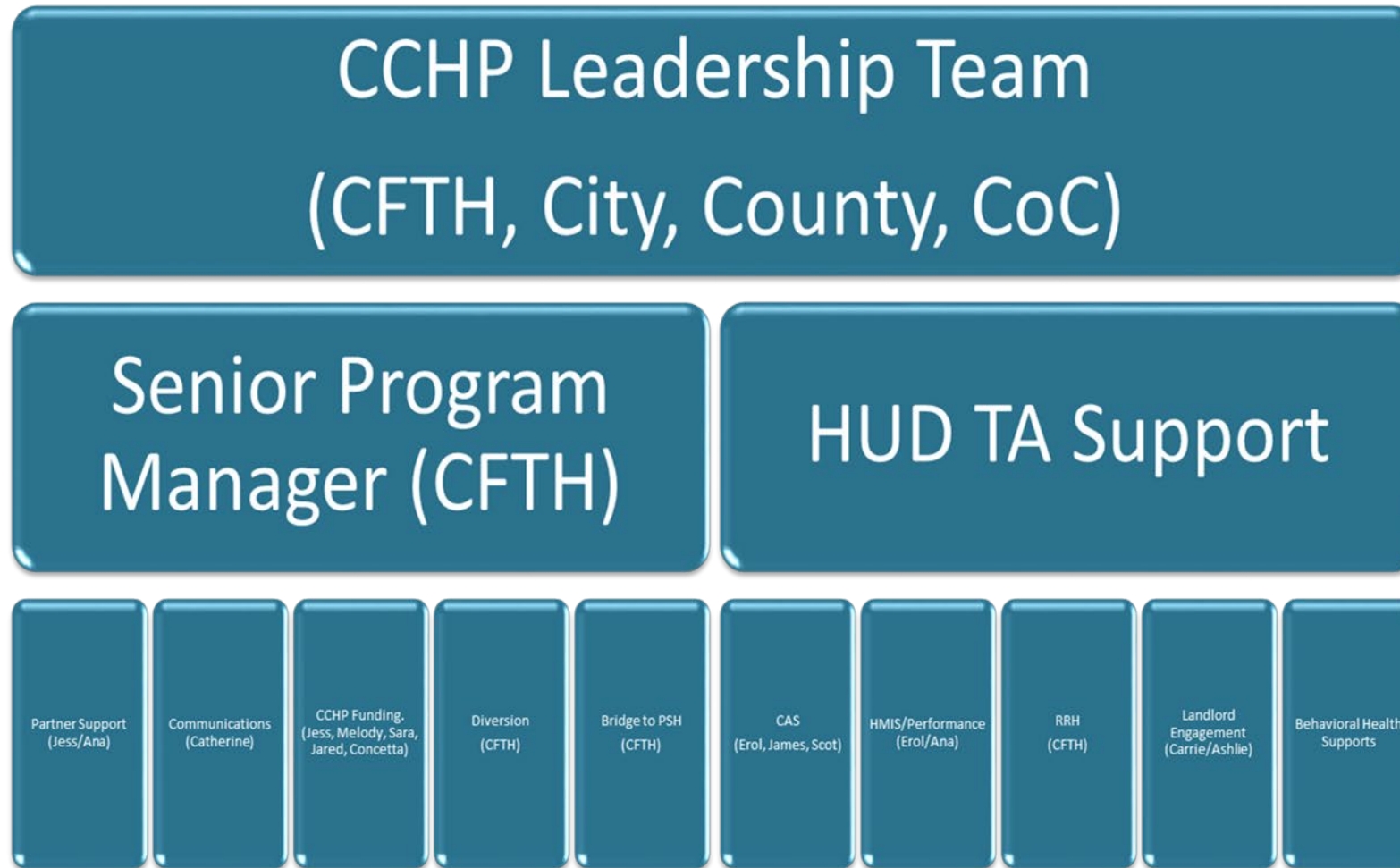
Budget Summary - 24 Months	Total Need	City				County				State	CARES Treasury	Private
Program Activities		ESG-CV	CDBG-CV	HOME TBRA	ESG-CV2	CDBG	ESG-CV1	ESG-CV2	CDBG-CV	ESG-CV		
DV Emergency Shelter	\$ 647,637	\$ 647,637										
Navigation PSH Bridge	\$ 1,500,000				\$ 164,942				\$ 1,335,058			
Navigation RRH	\$ 1,205,866	\$ 1,205,867										
Case Management PSH	\$ 5,116,800				\$ 681,741	\$ 4,435,059						
Case Management RRH	\$ 7,752,000		\$ 4,683,554		\$ 3,068,446							
Rental Assistance PSH	\$ 6,376,500				\$ 1,176,500		\$ 705,867	\$ 4,494,133				
Rental Assistance RRH	\$ 12,790,800	\$ 4,673,793		\$ 8,000,000	\$ 117,007							
Mental Health CM	\$ 900,000					\$ 900,000						
Diversion (CM)	\$ 5,200,000						\$ 2,794,133	\$ 2,405,867				
Diversion (financial)	\$ 5,277,776		\$ 2,076,151		\$ 1,707,000							\$ 1,494,625
Landlord Engagement/Fees	\$ 4,088,751										\$ 682,800	\$ 3,405,951
Move-in Kits & Furniture	\$ 3,220,800										\$ 3,220,800	\$ -
Prevention financial	\$ 1,000,000				\$ 401,667						\$ 598,333	
Prevention CM	\$ 560,000				\$ 373,333						\$ 186,667	
PHA Operations	\$ 1,022,224		\$ 1,022,224									
Program Ops	\$ 4,816,277		\$ 3,886,394			\$ 464,941			\$ 464,942			
Basic Needs	\$ 1,509,179											\$ 1,509,179
Project Management	\$ 1,606,539											\$ 1,606,539
Outreach	\$ 408,851									\$ 308,851	\$ 100,000	
Total Allocated	\$ 65,000,000	\$ 6,527,297	\$ 11,668,323	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 7,690,636	\$ 5,800,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 6,900,000	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 308,851	\$ 4,788,600	\$ 8,016,294



Private Funding Tracker

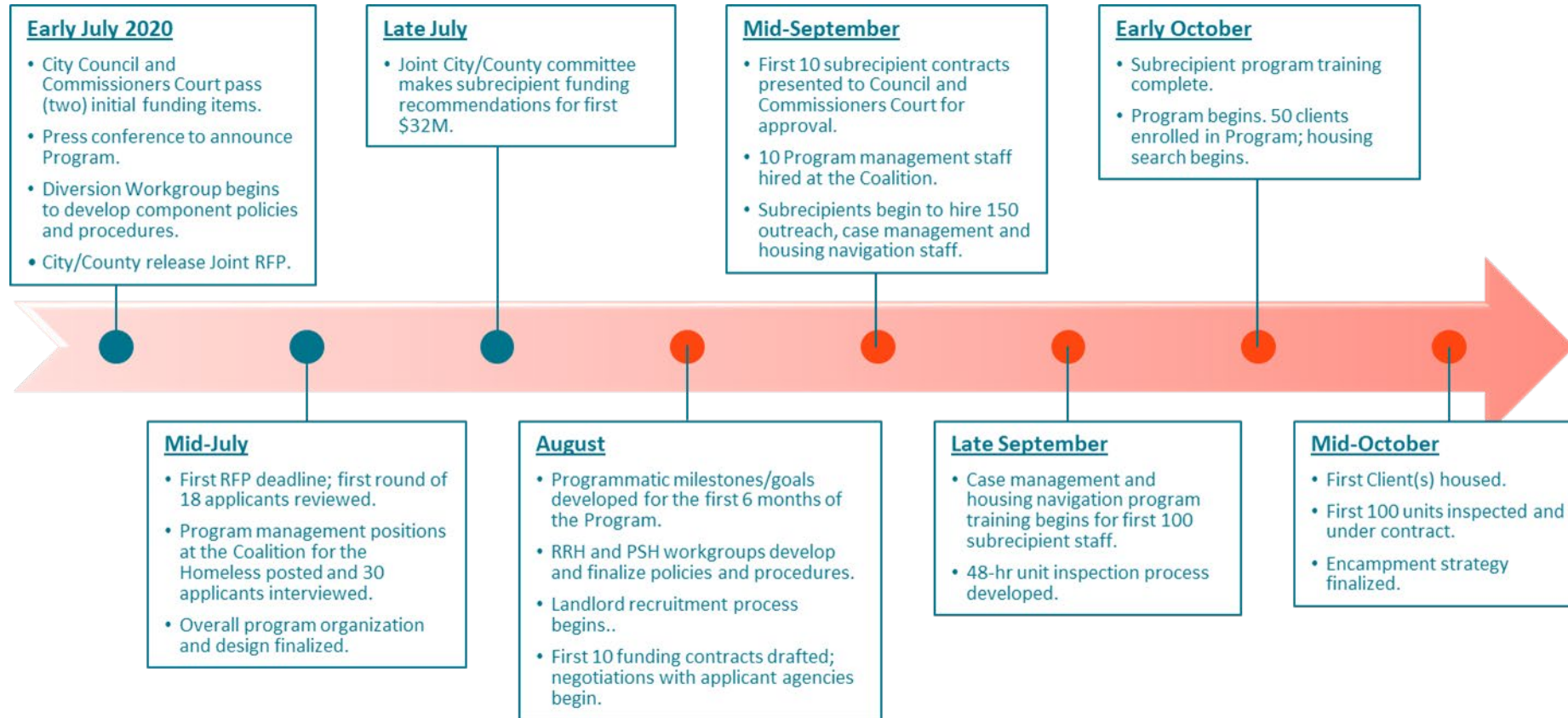


Program Implementation & Support Structure

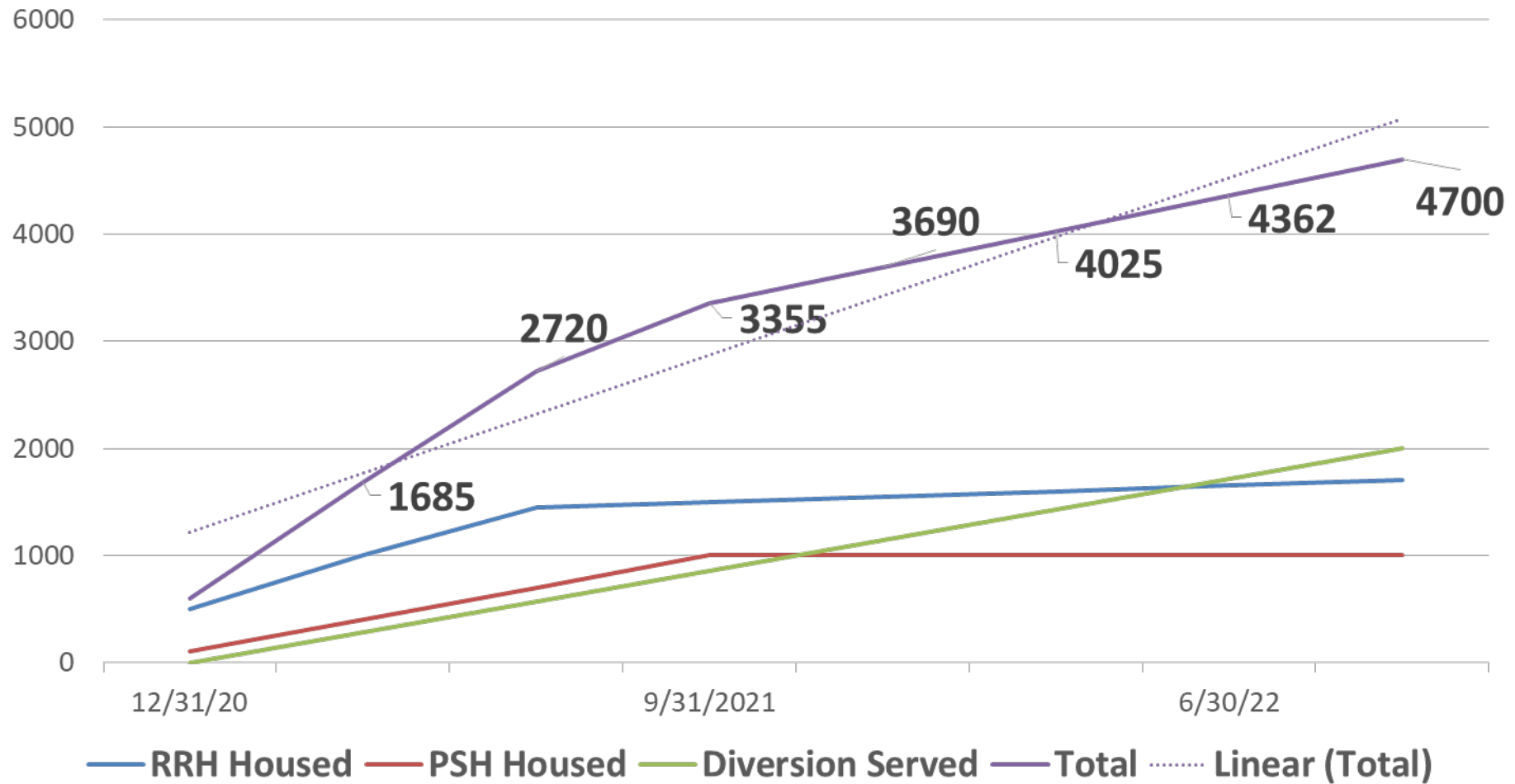


Community-wide COVID Housing Program

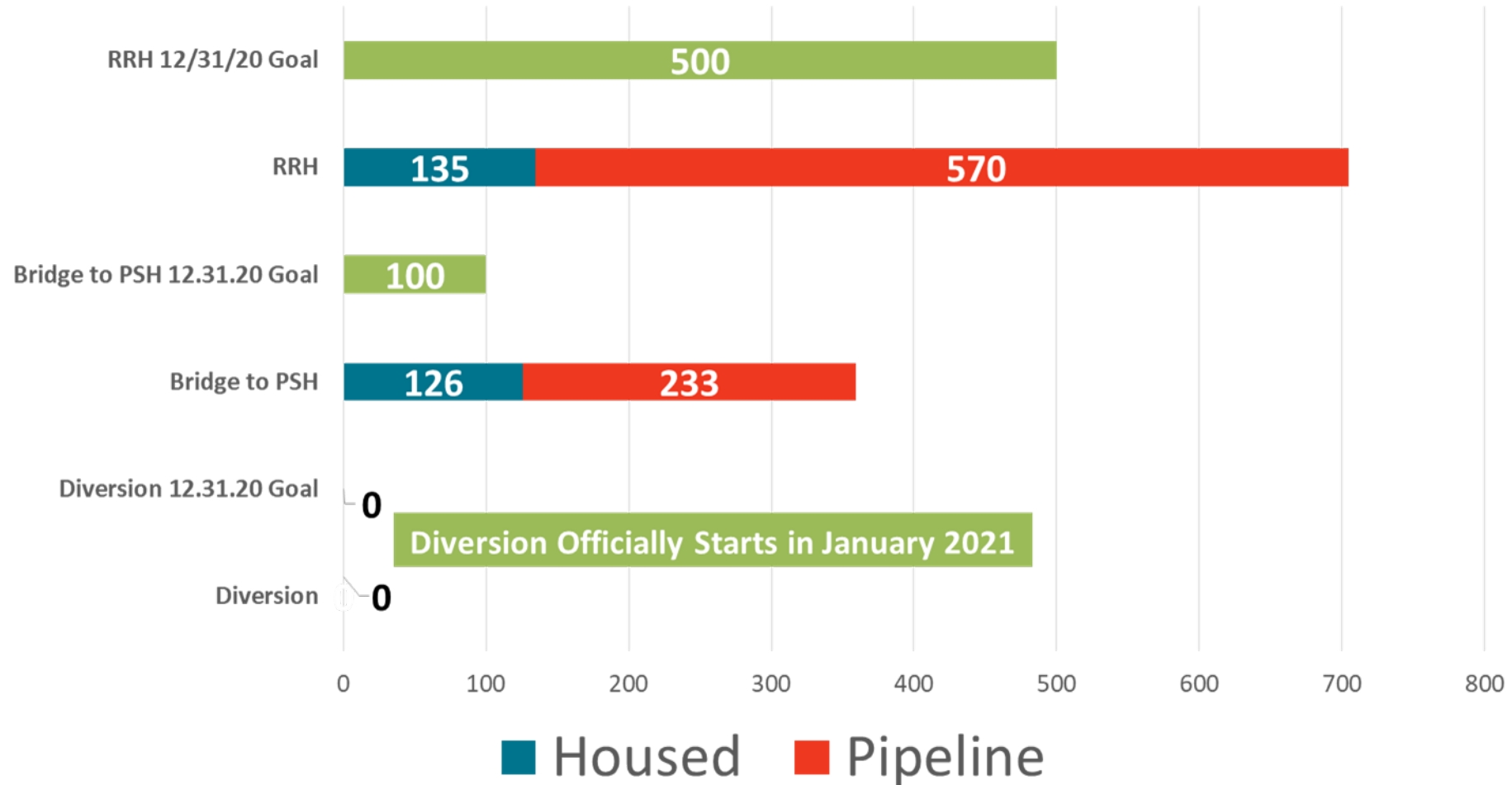
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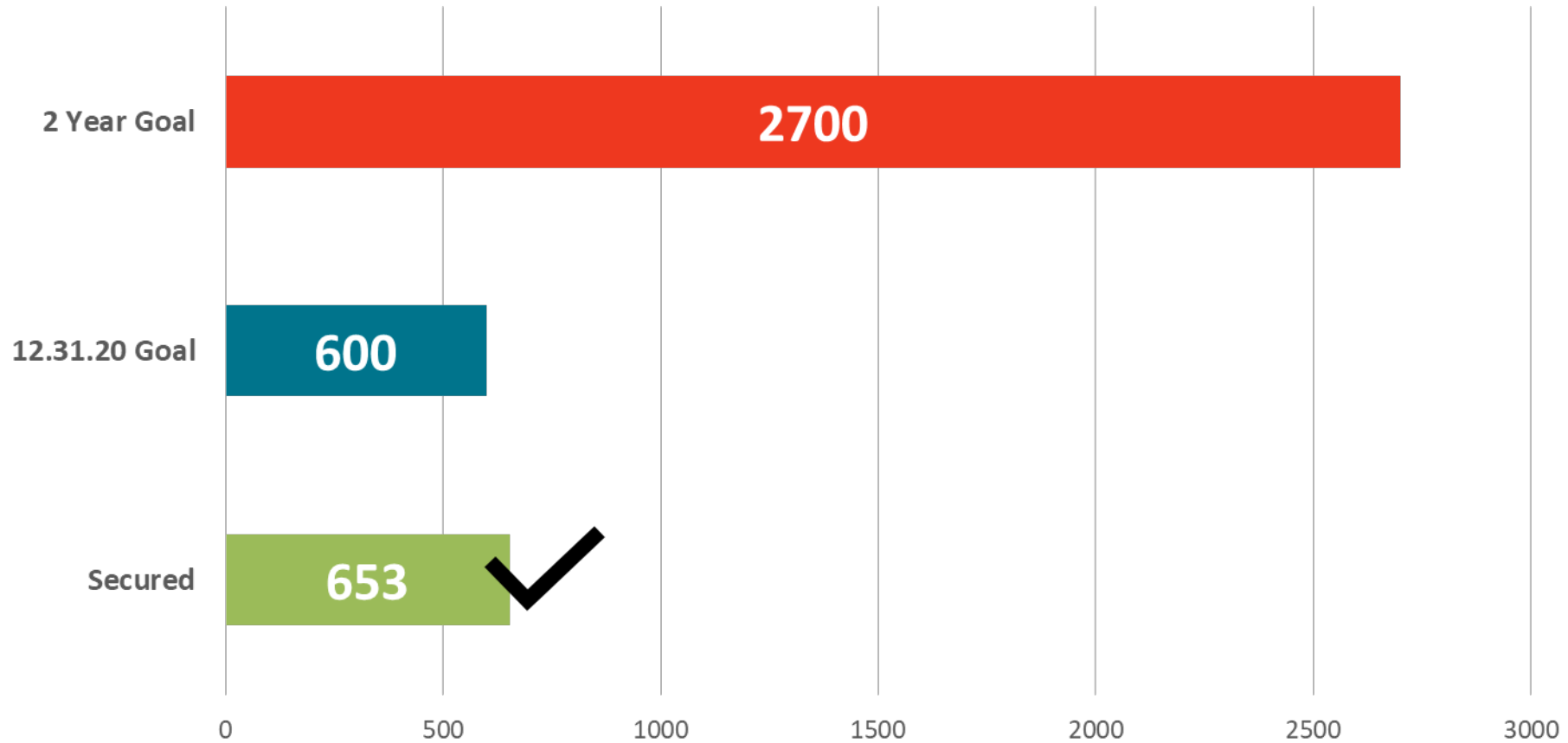
Program Goals



Program Progress



Landlord Engagement



***Last updated on 11/3/2020

Thank You!!

The Coalition for the Homeless leads in the development, advocacy, and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

The Way Home is the collaborative model to prevent and end homelessness in Houston, Harris, Ft. Bend, & Montgomery Counties. For more information visit www.thewayhomehouston.org

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New Resources Posted

- [ESG-CV Reporting Guidance](#) - Includes:
 - ESG-CV Reporting Guidance
 - ESG-CV Supplemental Reporting Instructions

Key Websites

HUD: <https://www.hudexchange.info/homelessness-assistance/diseases/infectious-disease-prevention-response/>

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-shelters/index.html>

NHCHC: <https://nhchc.org/clinical-practice/diseases-and-conditions/influenza/>

USICH: <https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/coronavirus-covid-19-resources/>

VA: <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/n-coronavirus/index.asp>

HRSA: <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/emergency-response/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions.html>

Federal Partner Contacts

For additional information or assistance, contact:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:
www.cdc.gov/COVID19; 1-800-CDC-INFO (232-4636); TTY: 1-888-232-6348
- Department of Housing and Urban Development:
[HUD Exchange Ask-A-Question \(AAQ\) Portal](#)

Q & A

