

# Agenda

- Welcome | Introduction of Panelists
- Review and Approval of the May Minutes - VOTE
- Status of Evictions and Rent Relief Program
- HUD CoC Funding Priorities - VOTE
- Lessons Learned from COVID-19
- Announcements
- Next Meeting: Wednesday September 29, 2021  
3:00-6:00p

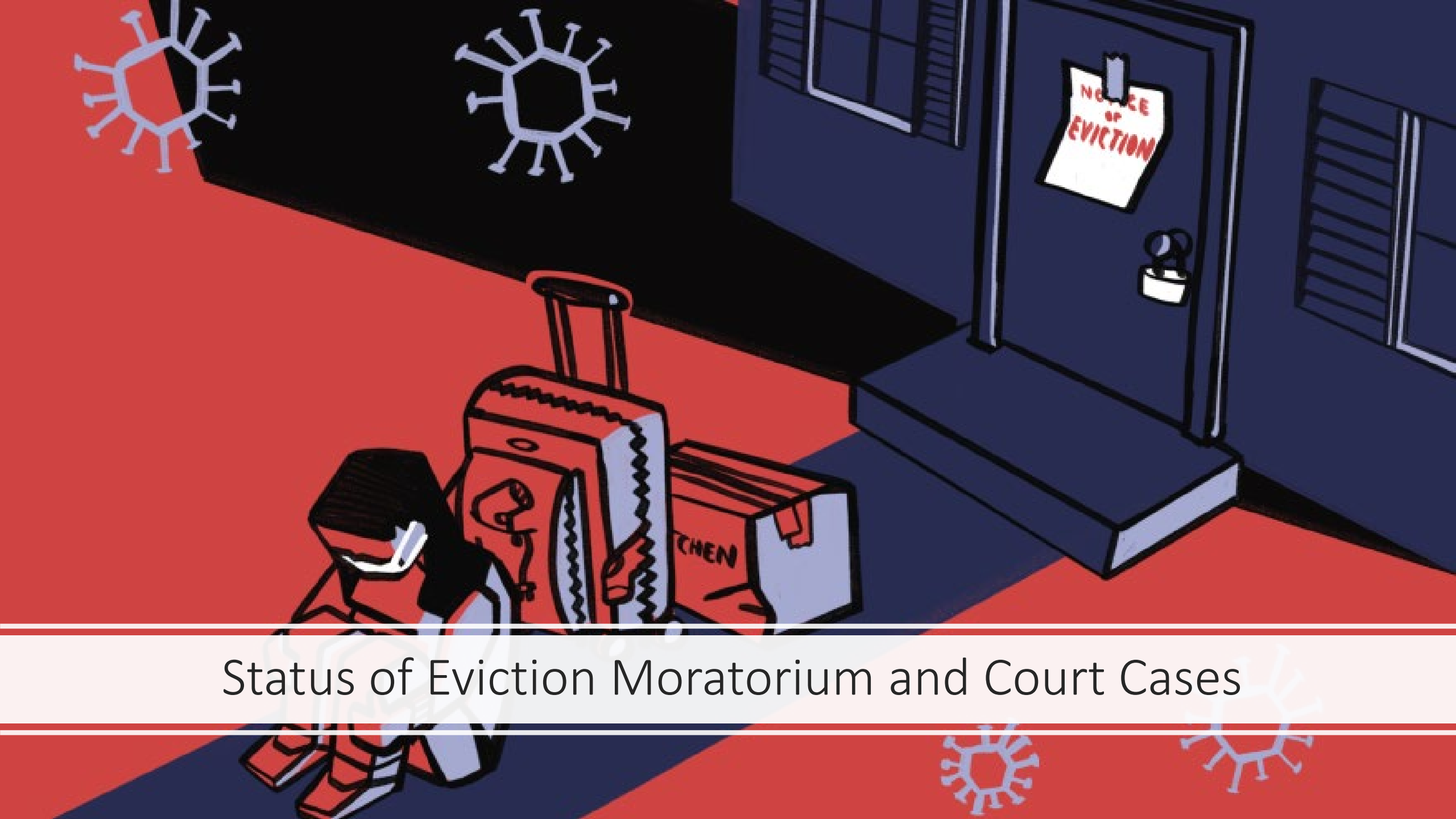




# Status of Evictions and Rent Relief Program

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## Status of Eviction Moratorium and Court Cases

# 2021 COVID-19 EMERGENCY RENTAL RELIEF (JULY 12)

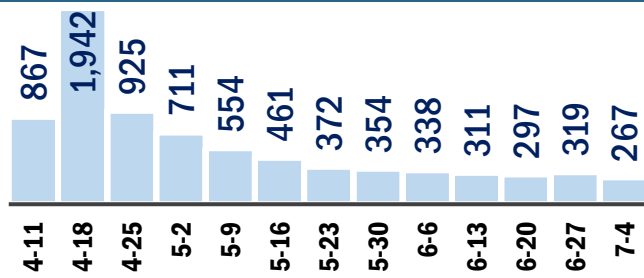
## 2021 APPLICATIONS

**7,752** **34%**  
LANDLORD  
MATCH

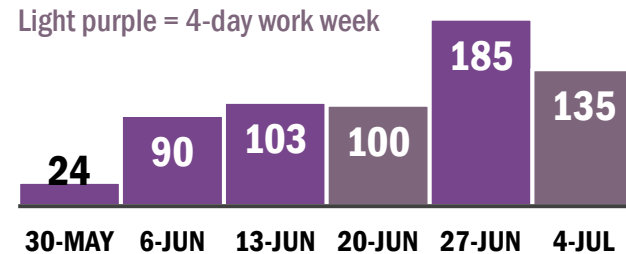
## PAYMENTS ISSUED AND QUEUED

**\$6.64M** **637** CLIENTS **\$10.4k**  
+**\$1.37M** last week +**135** last week  
AVG PAYMENT  
PER CLIENT

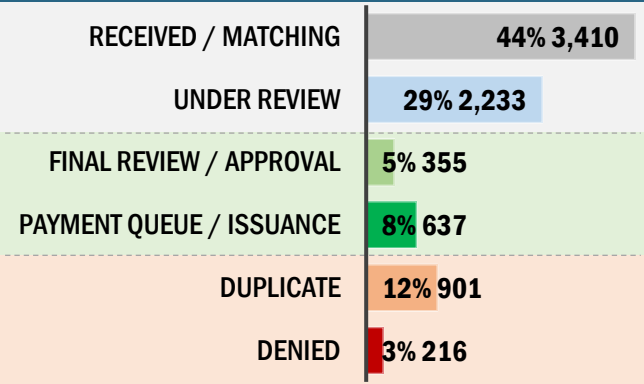
## APPLICATIONS BY WEEK



## APPROVED RECIPIENTS BY WEEK



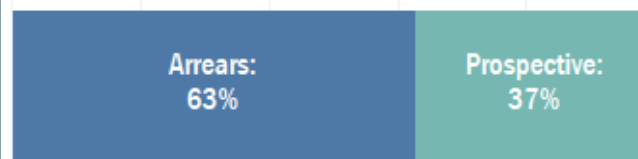
## APPLICATION PROCESSING



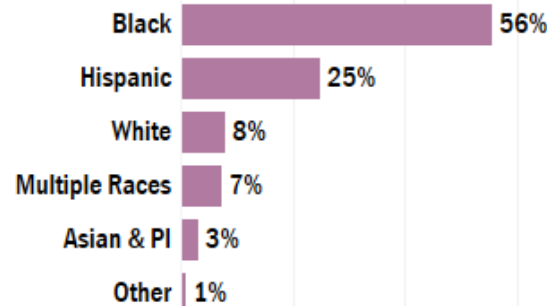
## CRRP I + II (PREVIOUS ROUNDS)

**4,496** **\$17.9M**  
HOUSEHOLDS PAYMENTS

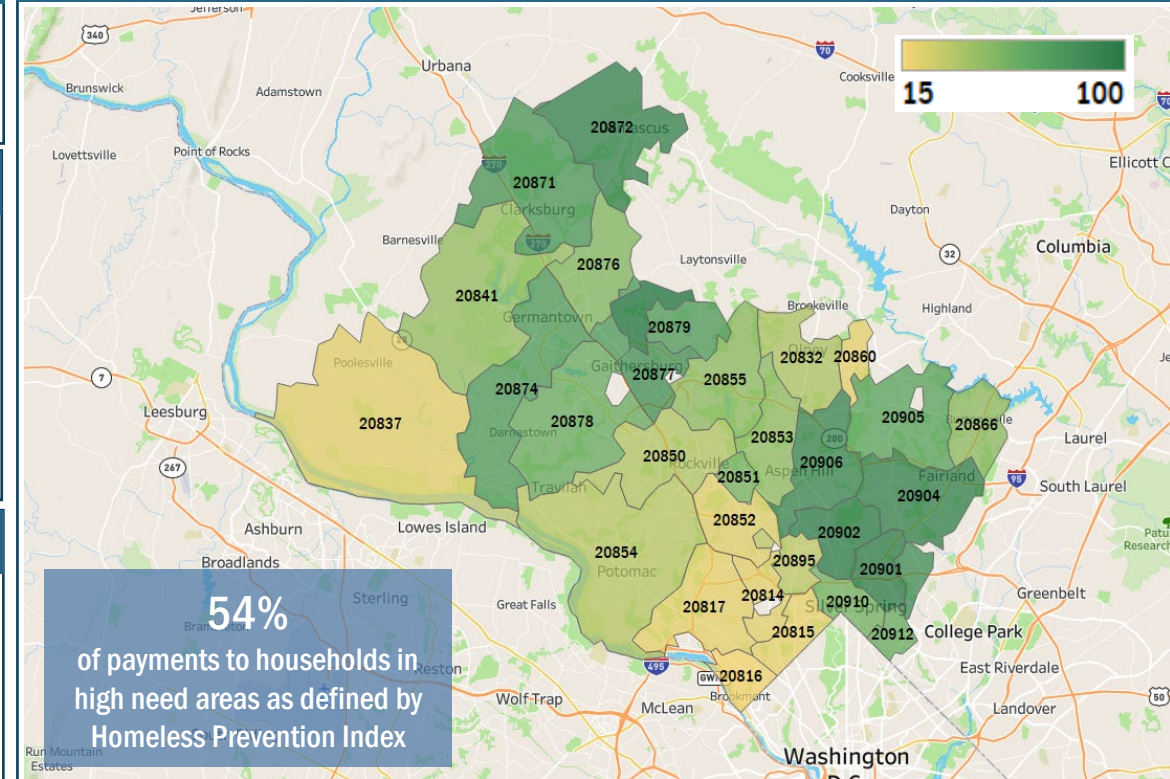
## DOLLARS BY BENEFIT TYPE



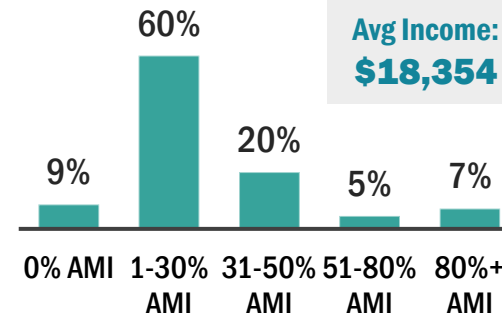
## RECIPIENTS' RACE/ETHNICITY



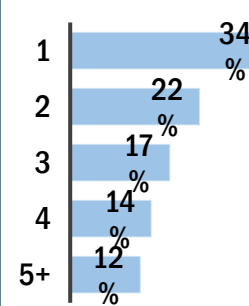
## APPLICATIONS PER 1K RENTAL HOUSEHOLDS (BY ZIPCODE)



## % OF AREA MEDIAN INCOME



## FAMILY SIZE



## HARDSHIP

**56%**  
UNEMPLOYED

**28%**  
CARE FOR SELF/OTHER

**29%**  
EVICT NOTICE  
(SELF-REPORTED)

# HUD Continuum of Care Competition

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Recommended Funding Priorities  
for 2021



# HUD CoC Competition Background

- HUD awarded approximately \$2.1 billion as part of the 2019 CoC Competition for new and renewal projects.
- Montgomery County was eligible to apply for renewal funding of \$8,982,609 plus an additional \$449,130 for a CoC bonus project and \$350,357 for a Domestic Violence bonus project.
- CoCs are required to prioritize projects using a two-tiered system. Tier 1 is estimated to be 94% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Tier 2 is equal to 6%.
- HUD continues to encourage CoCs to create new projects through Reallocation.



# Impact of COVID on CoC Budget

\$115M in federal, state and local funding for eviction prevention, rapid exit from homelessness, and homeless diversion\*

\$350K in private funding for homeless diversion\*

\$300K in federal funds for the Exit Bonus Program providing direct cash assistance to single adults exiting emergency shelter\*

\$7M in CDBG-CV funds for emergency shelter\*

\$6.3M in ESG-CV funds for rapid rehousing, emergency shelter, and hotels\*

\$490K in local/federal funds for rapid rehousing

\$1M in local/federal funds for the Rental Assistance Program that provides a permanent shallow housing subsidy

\$3M in local funds to increase year-round emergency shelter beds

\$100K for Homeless Docket - a problem-solving court for people experiencing homelessness

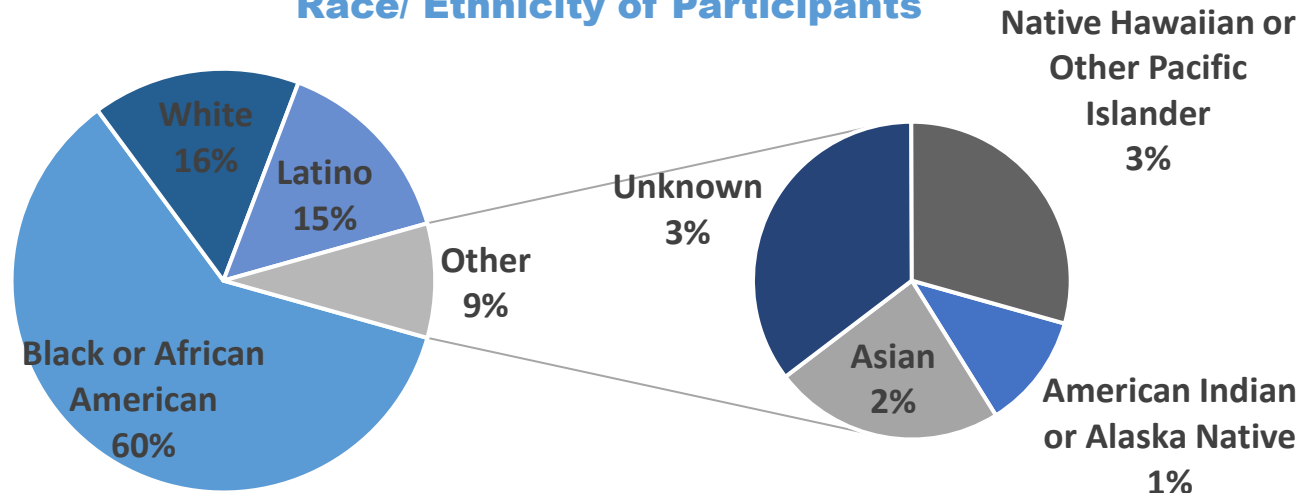
\$2.6M in State funds for facility enhancements and shelter operations\*

\$75K in local funds for a psychiatric discharge planner for Health Care for the Homeless

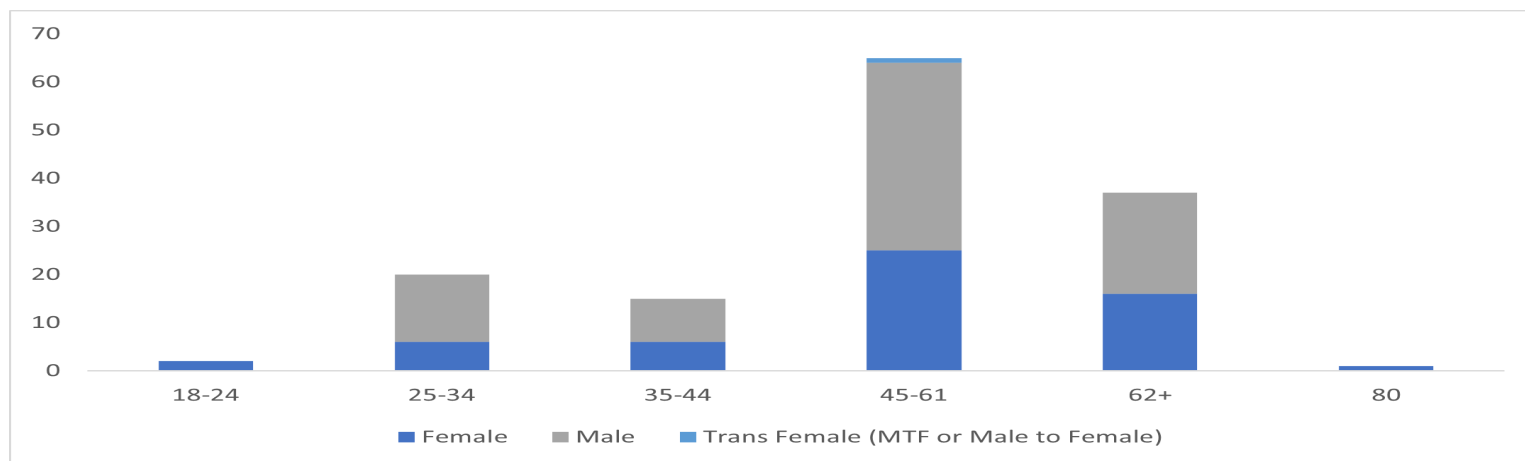
# COVID Rent Relief Program- Rapid Resolution

- Provides security deposit, first month's rent, and an additional 4-6 months of rent subsidy
- 192 Households connected to Permanent Housing
- To date, only 5% rate of return to homelessness

**Race/ Ethnicity of Participants**



**Age and Gender of Participants**

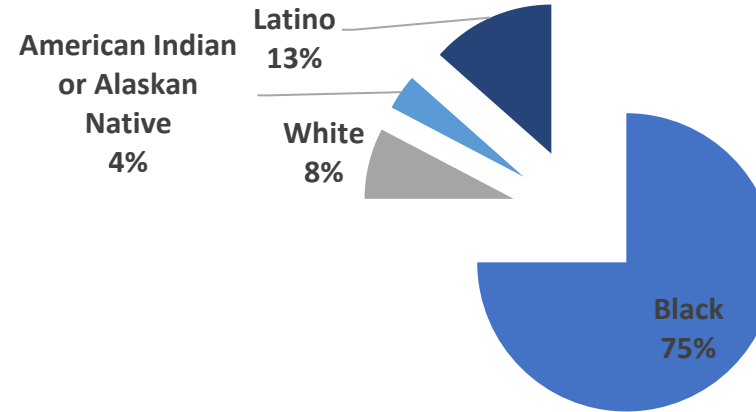




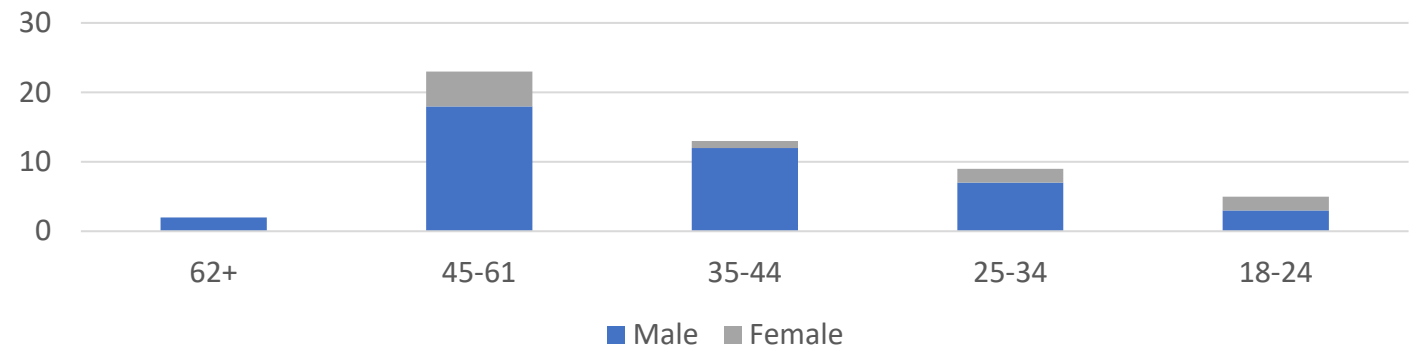
# EXIT BONUS PROGRAM

- Provides \$5000 in direct cash assistance to single adults exiting emergency shelter
- 52 Participants to date
- Less than 10% return to homelessness
- Eligibility Criteria
  - First time homeless
  - Entered emergency shelter after March 2020
  - Low acuity of need
  - No known significant substance use or mental health challenges

**Race/ Ethnicity of Participants**

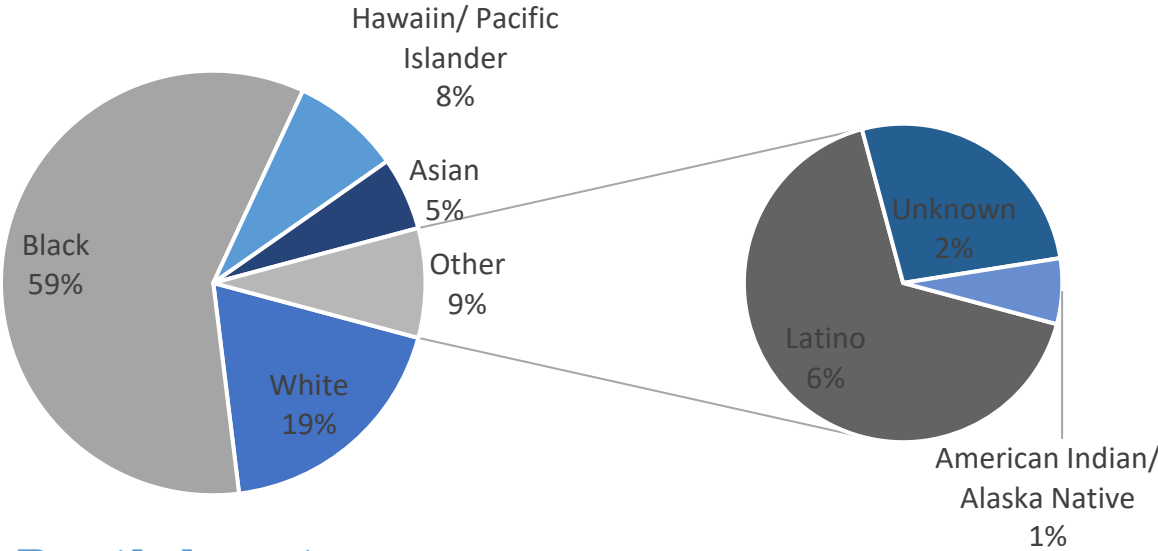


**Age of Participants**

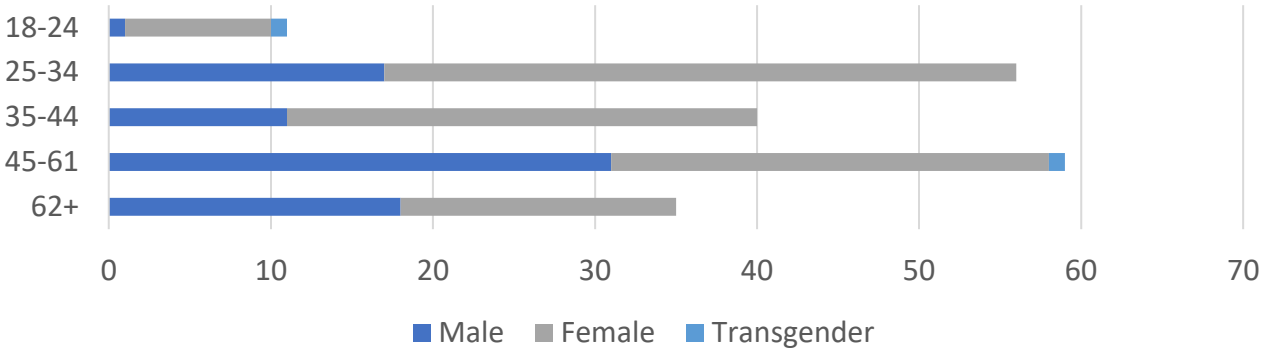


# Rapid Rehousing- ESG CV Funds

**Race/ Ethnicity of Participants**



**Age and Gender of Participants**



- Provides short-term housing subsidy and intensive case management
- 201 households served
  - 92 Families
  - 109 Single Adults

# Additional Resources for Support Services and Housing Subsidies

Montgomery County has been allocated 118 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV). The EHV program will be administered by the Housing Opportunities Commission with referrals coming from the CoC's Coordinated Entry System

Added 20 new Assistance in Community Integration Services (ACIS) slots. ACIS is the 1115 Medicaid Waiver Pilot that funds supportive services for those in permanent supportive housing. Over the next year, the State will make at least another 100 slots available to Montgomery County. It should be noted that ACIS does not include a housing subsidy.

# Update on Zero:2016 and Inside (not Outside) Initiatives

## VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

17 Veterans identified as homeless

- 7 Veterans are waiting to lease up
- 10 need a housing placement. This month we saw an increase of 5 Veterans.

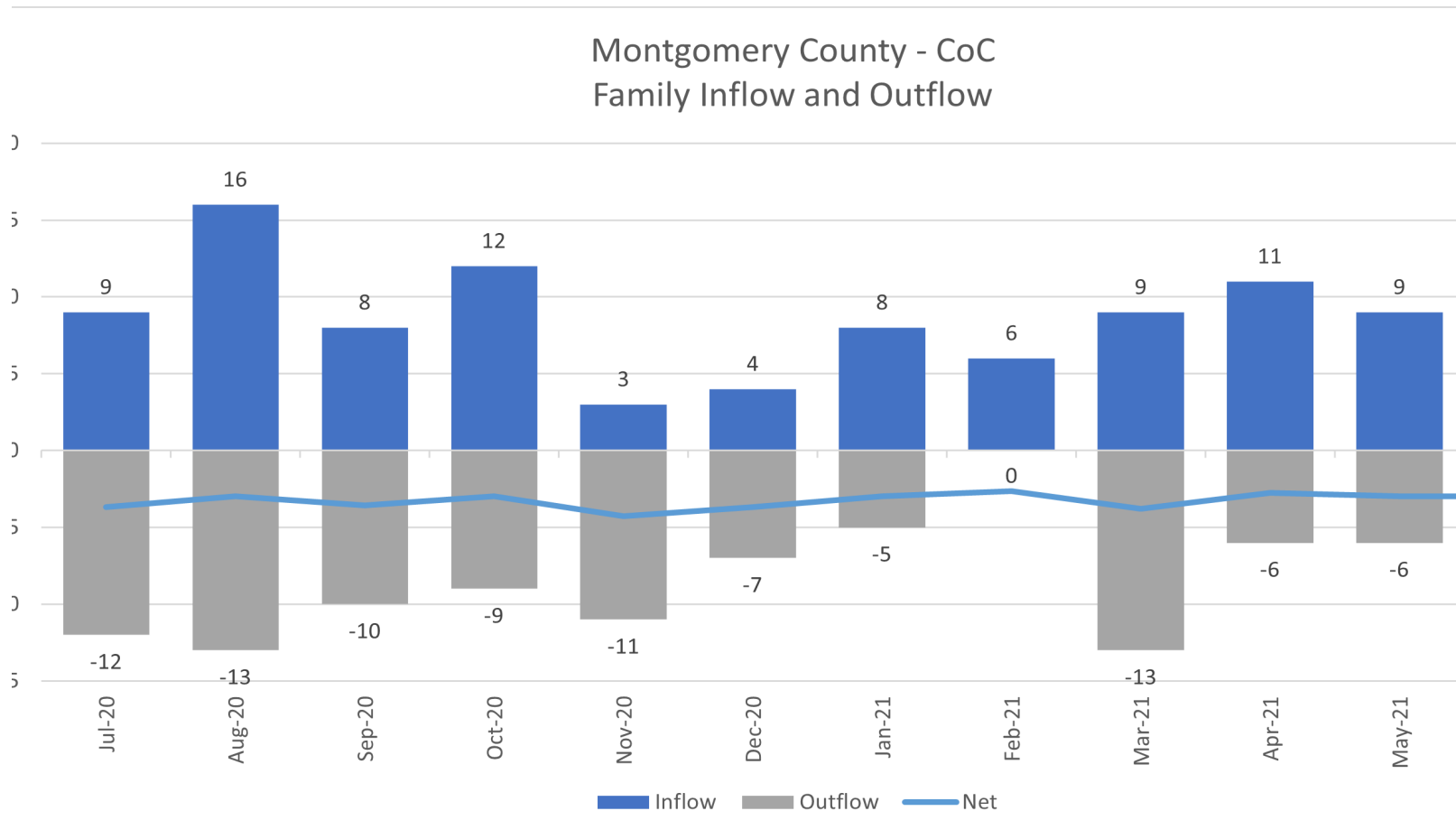
Currently, resources are available to meet the needs of Veterans through the HUD VASH program.

## CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

32 individuals meet the federal definition of chronically homeless

- 15 have a housing placement
- 17 are still waiting for a referral

# Update on @ Home Together: Ending Family Homelessness



# Update on Youth Homelessness

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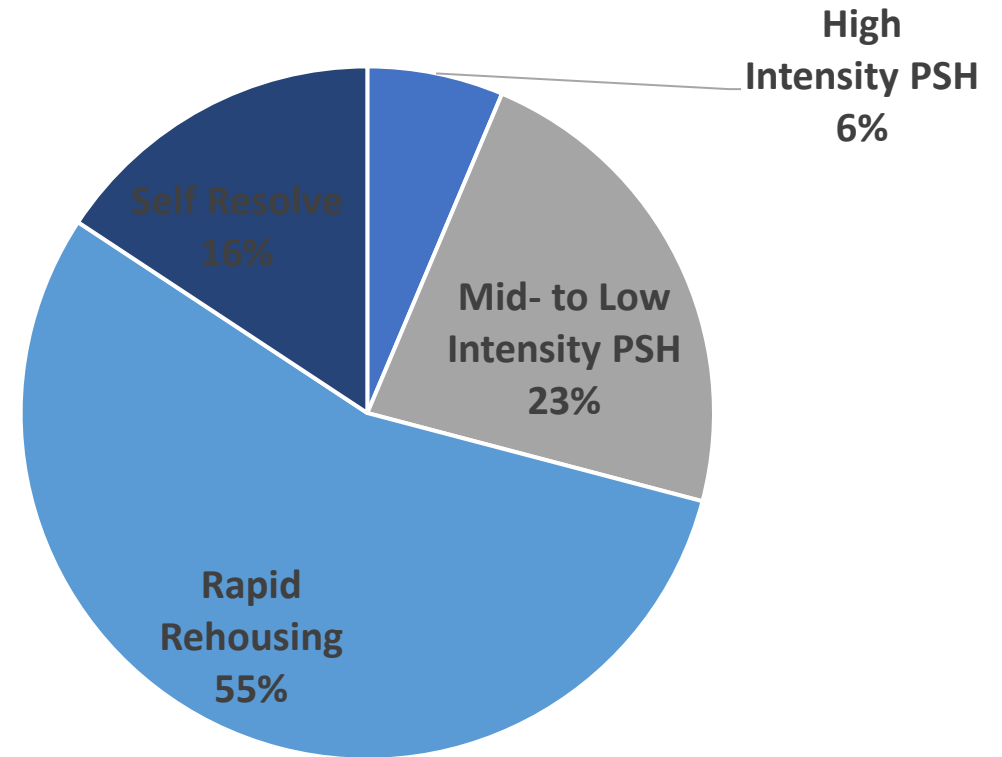
- This year the CoC participated in the Maryland Youth REACH count but have not yet received the results. The 2021 Homeless Point-in-Count enumeration showed 23 young adults experiencing homelessness, one of which was a parenting youth. The CoC recognizes that such counts are not an accurate representation of the number of youth unstably housed or sleeping on the streets.
- In partnership with the Collaboration Council and the National Center for Children and Families, a new Homeless Youth Drop-in will open in the fall. The opening of the center will likely lead to an increased awareness in the scale of need for youth experiencing homelessness.
- Currently, there is only one transitional housing program for youth exclusively. The County also has a handful of Family Unification Program vouchers for youth exiting foster care and a Rapid-Rehousing program targeted to parenting youth. No other housing programs exist for this specific population.



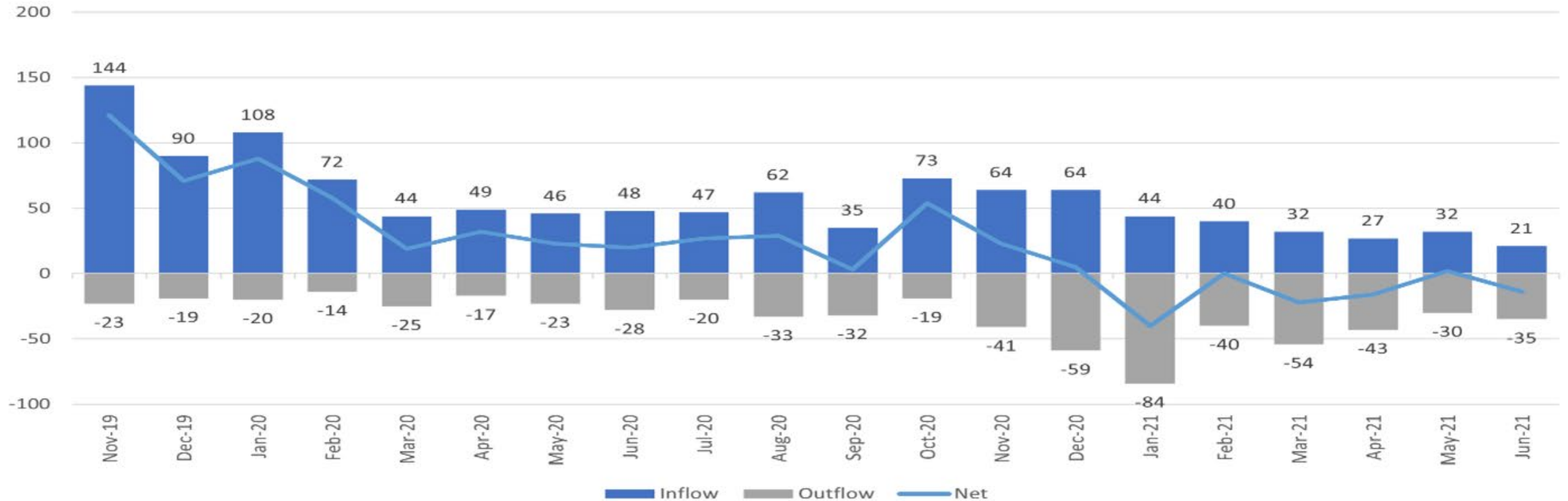
# Non-Chronic Single Adults

On average 465 individuals are on the Coordinated Entry By-Name-List. The majority of single adults do not qualify for permanent supportive housing (PSH) based on their disability status or acuity of need.

## Recommended Housing Intervention based on Assessment



## Montgomery County - CoC Inflow and Outflow



## Single Adult Housing Placements

The new programming has led to an increase in the number of households exiting to permanent housing.

Despite these efforts, there is still a tremendous need. The CoC is reporting an increased number of people with behavioral health needs. Based on the Acuity Scale, 59% of single adults have mental health challenges and 35% have substance use disorders.

# Anticipated HUD Funding Priorities for New Projects

## Eligible Activities

- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Rapid Rehousing
- Joint Transitional Housing- Rapid Rehousing
- HMIS and Coordinated Entry Staff

## Ineligible Activities

- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Safe Havens

# Recommendations

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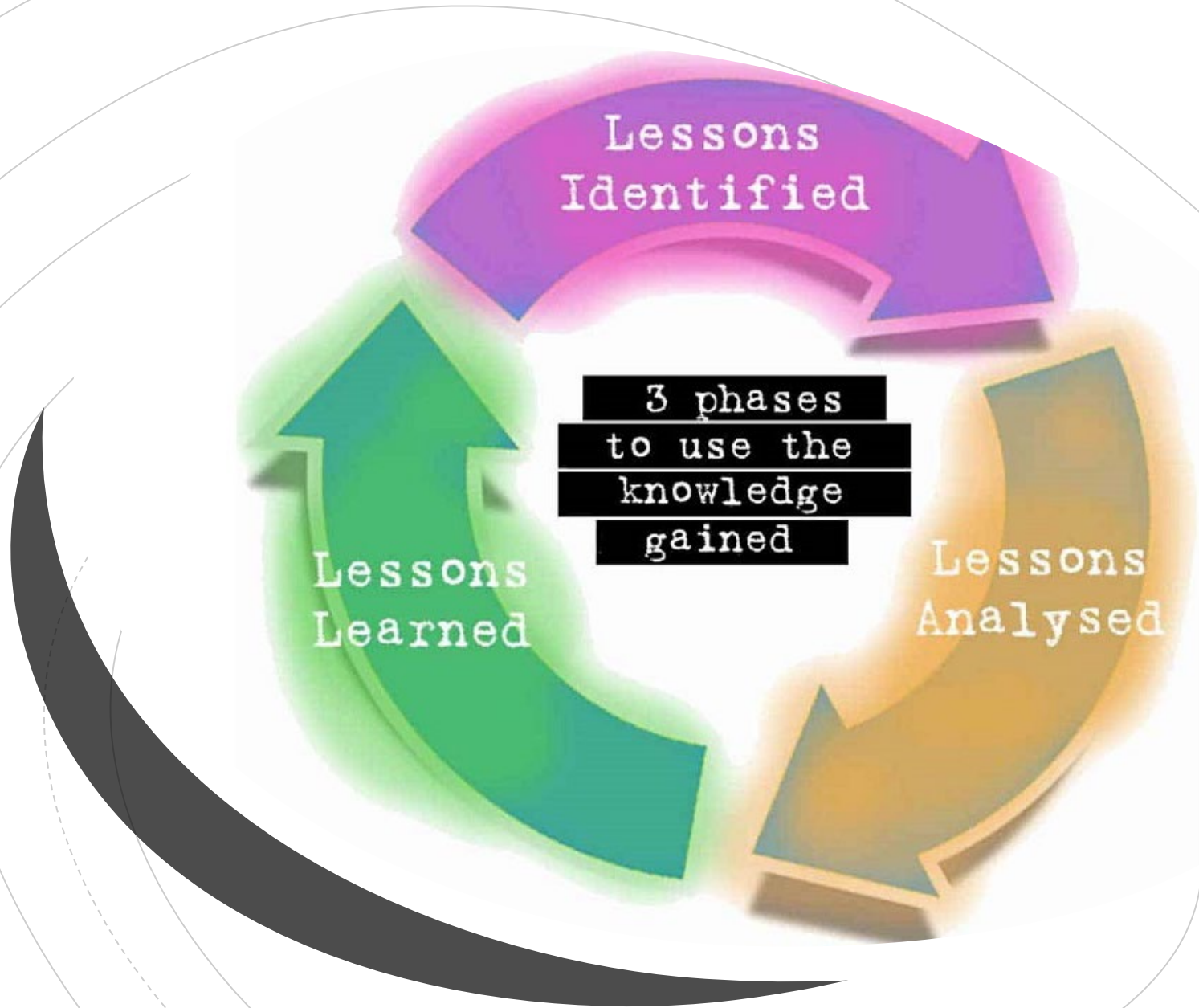
Support new projects that exclusively serve youth in Rapid Rehousing or Joint Transitional Housing-Rapid Rehousing.

2

Support new Rapid Rehousing projects for single adults.

3

Support new PSH projects that address the behavioral health needs of people experiencing homelessness. New project should leverage Medicaid funding for supportive services.



# **Pandemic Lessons Learned**



# Announcements