



DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELESSNESS AND  
SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

# Advanced Planning Working Group on Shelter and Housing

Community Input Session



# Advanced Planning Working Group

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## Scope & Purpose of the Working Group

- Outline a set of **options and/or policy proposals** for safely increasing housing and shelter capacity to create outflow from the COVID response system.
  - Identify cost-effective strategies to **increase housing opportunities** for people exiting the COVID response system
  - Identify COVID-responsive strategies to **increase congregate shelter capacity** to reinstate flow from the street and out of the COVID response system.
  - Determine how COVID has impacted **conditions on the street** and prioritize strategies for mitigating adverse impacts as the COVID response system winds down.



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- Ensure the COVID response system is demobilized such that nobody exists the system to the street or unsheltered homelessness.
- Ensure behavioral health treatment options are integrated in future system planning.
- Receive input and integrate unsheltered approach into advanced planning along with all aspects of the system



# Community Input Session

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- Purpose: To hear the perspective and input of people with lived experiences of homelessness, homeless service providers, and the public.
- The working group will be hosting three input sessions
  - Thursday July 9th - provider input session
  - Tuesday July 14th - community input session hosted by the LHCB
  - Friday July 24th - provider input session



# Changes to Shelter Capacity

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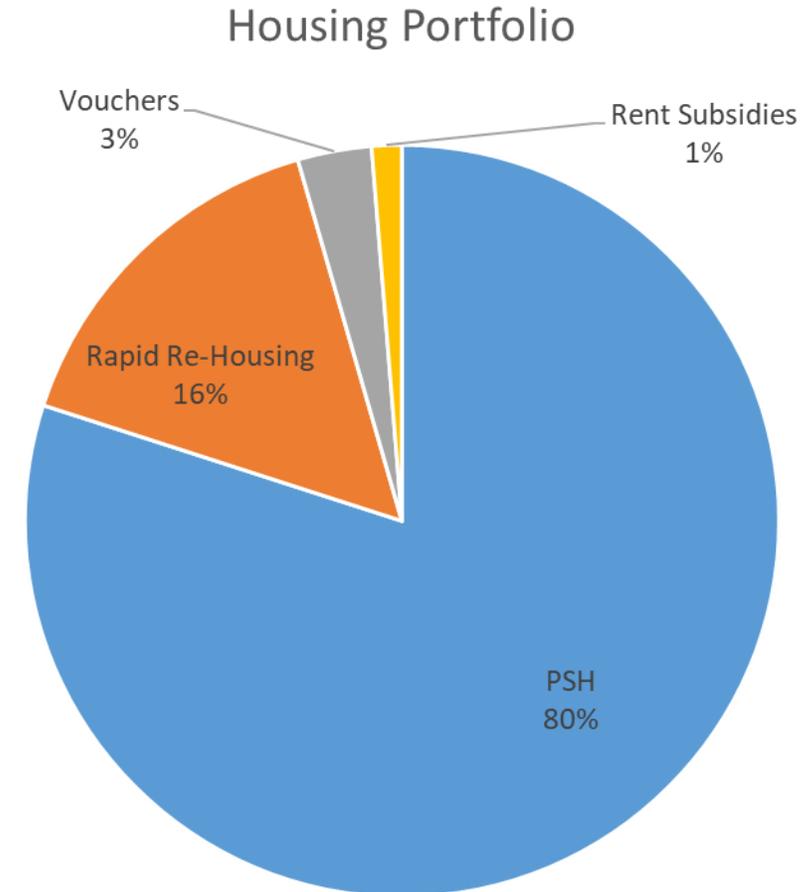
- Pre-COVID, the City's adult shelters and navigation centers had capacity for approximately **1,900 individuals**
- Due to COVID, traditional shelter capacity initially shrunk by 75%, though as the response has evolved, HSH and its providers will bring capacity up to **about 50% of the original**
- Over **2,000 hotel rooms** have also been brought online for emergency sheltering of COVID-vulnerable individuals, with more in the pipeline



# Housing and Alternative Site Capacity

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- The City had approximately 9,700 housing slots prior to COVID, which **have remain unchanged during the COVID emergency**
- The City opened 2 Safe Sleeping Sites and 3 Safe Sleeping Villages as part of the COVID response





# Fiscal Reality

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- Projected General Fund shortfall from Fiscal Year 19-20 through next two fiscal years
  - January projection (pre-COVID 19 impact): \$420 Million
  - March projection: \$1.1B - \$1.7 Billion
  - May projection: \$1.7 Billion



# Discussion Guidelines

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- Center racial and LGBTQ+ equity in our discussion and recommendations
- Input from this session will be combined with the input from other sessions and will be presented to the Working Group for their consideration.
- Think beyond our organizations and traditional approaches
- Understand that this session is for input and not all recommendations will be implemented.
- Understand that the City via LHCB and other mechanism is seeking meaningful input and that this is the session for it as decisions need to be made quickly
- Recognize the budget reality we face while simultaneously being creative and bold



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## Discussion Questions:

- **Post-Hotel:** How do you recommend the City wind down the COVID hotel program without returning people to unsheltered homelessness?
- **System:** What are new strategies to improve the flow of people through the Homeless Response System?
- **Equity:** How do we hold racial and LGBTQ+ equity central to our system?
- **Unsheltered Homelessness:** While this is the purview of several departments, we would like to understand what ideas you have about the best ways to address the current encampment crisis on the streets and public spaces around San Francisco?