



## Needs Assessment and Planning Committee

### Recommendation on Prioritizing Essential Services Grant (ESG) Funding

4-10-17

The Needs Assessment and Planning Committee ran a survey from April 4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> asking agencies and organizations about the housing needs of the clients they serve experiencing homelessness or nearing homelessness. The survey also asked about inquiries organizations receive where they are unable to assist individuals due to the agency not having the appropriate resources for the requested services and needs. As part of the Survey, the committee also wanted to understand how agencies would prioritize the ESG areas of funding. There was a specific questions in the survey asking for the agency to rank and prioritize areas of funding for ESG. Eleven organizations participated in the ranking questions and the outcome is summarized below.

#### PARTICIPANTS

Big Bend Community Based Care

Big Bend Cares, Inc.

Apalachee Center, Inc.

New Season – Leon County Treatment Center

The Salvation Army of Tallahassee

Family Endeavors

Tallahassee Memorial Hospital

City of Tallahassee

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The Living Harvest, Inc.

Wildwood Church (Our Father's Storehouse)

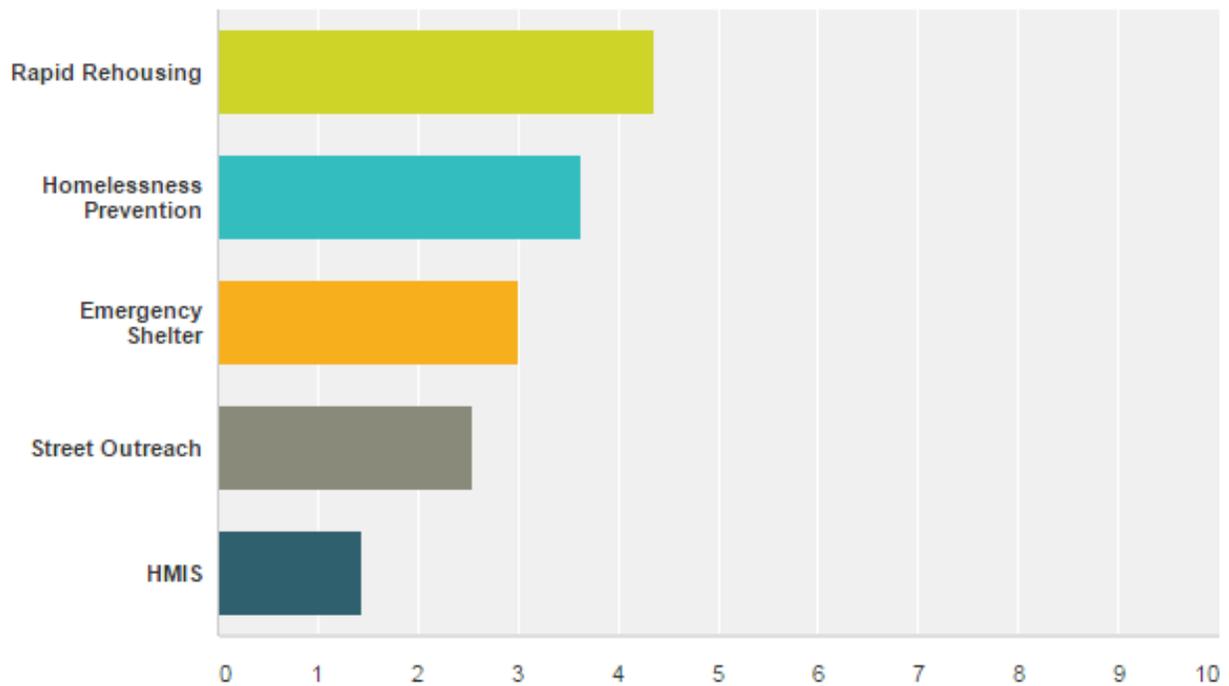
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Please rank the following services in order of importance from 1-5. One should be the highest priority and needing the most dedicated resources. Five should be the lowest priority and need the least resources.

Answered: 11 Skipped: 6



	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Score
Rapid Rehousing	45.45% 5	45.45% 5	9.09% 1	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	11	4.36
Homelessness Prevention	18.18% 2	45.45% 5	27.27% 3	0.00% 0	9.09% 1	11	3.64
Emergency Shelter	18.18% 2	9.09% 1	27.27% 3	45.45% 5	0.00% 0	11	3.00
Street Outreach	18.18% 2	0.00% 0	18.18% 2	45.45% 5	18.18% 2	11	2.55
HMIS	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	18.18% 2	9.09% 1	72.73% 8	11	1.45

## COORDINATED ENTRY DATA TO SUPPORT RECOMMENDATION

After the survey results were totaled, we compared data we have collected as a CoC through Coordinated Entry to the survey results to see if the data and survey recommendations were in agreement. Below you will find information on how many clients are appropriate for which type of housing based on assessments conducted through the Coordinated Entry process from 1/1/2015 to 4/10/17. We found that the Coordinated Entry data and survey results were aligned and Rapid Rehousing is the most needed resource in our CoC and should be prioritized. As it stands now, our Coordinated Assessment does not measure the need for Homelessness Prevention or Street Outreach, so these items could not be taken into consideration and we solely relied on survey results to inform us of the rest of the ranked priorities.

### **Coordinated Entry Data ( 1/1/15-4/10/17)**

430	Needing Emergency Shelter Only (32%)
277	Needing Permanent Supportive Housing (21%)
<b>620</b>	<b><u>Needing Transitional Housing or Rapid Rehousing (47%)</u></b>
1327	Total (100%)

## RECOMMENDATION

It is the committee's recommendation that the CoC prioritize ESG funding in the following manner;

- Top priority**
- 1. Rapid Rehousing**
  - 2. Homelessness Prevention**
  - 3. Emergency Shelter**
  - 4. Street Outreach**
  - 5. HMIS**

The committee recommends this prioritization structure as the most effective way to use ESG resources to decrease homelessness in the most immediate time frame possible based on survey responses and Coordinated Entry Data.

The committee is continuing to assess the needs of the community and analyze data in order to inform planning efforts of the CoC. The Homelessness Assistance Plan for the CoC will be updated by June 30, 2017 to reflect all information on housing needs the committee is able to reveal through this work.

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