

HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING (H²) SYSTEMS INTEGRATION INITIATIVE TEXAS

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PUBLIC HOUSING AND HOUSING CHOICE VOUCHER PROGRAM (HCV)

Currently, there are 413 Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) in Texas administering HCVs and public housing programs. Of those, 61 administer only an HCV program, 224 administer only a public housing program, and 128 administer both.

18 of Texas' PHAs also administer special purpose vouchers that have been appropriated by Congress exclusively for people with disabilities. There is a statewide total of 1,934 vouchers through the following two programs: 1) Five-Year Mainstream Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities (509 vouchers) and Rental Assistance for Non-Elderly Persons with Disabilities (1,425 "NED" Vouchers).

CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM²

A variety of homeless housing is funded through the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program, including emergency shelter (ES), safe havens (SH), transitional housing (TH), permanent supportive housing (PSH) and rapid rehousing (RRH). Texas had 12 active CoCs in 2014. The Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas CoC has since been absorbed into the Balance of State CoC.

| Continuum of Care | 2014 Homeless Housing Inventory | | Permanent Housing Inventory | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Total Year-Round Beds (ES, SH, TH) | Inventory by Type | | Total (PSH, RRH) | Inventory by Type | |
| | | Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven | Transitional Housing | | Permanent Supportive Housing | Rapid Rehousing |
| San Antonio/Bexar County CoC | 2406 | 1262 | 1144 | 2652 | 1427 | 127 |
| Austin/Travis County CoC | 1310 | 832 | 478 | 1123 | 930 | 91 |
| Dallas City & County/Irving CoC | 3954 | 2415 | 1539 | 3036 | 2897 | 139 |
| Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County CoC | 2180 | 1286 | 894 | 2023 | 1666 | 117 |
| El Paso City & County CoC | 1243 | 696 | 547 | 78 | 78 | 0 |
| Waco/McLennan County CoC | 244 | 112 | 132 | 94 | 92 | 2 |
| Texas Balance of State CoC | 5663 | 4014 | 1649 | 1617 | 1177 | 440 |
| Amarillo CoC | 612 | 543 | 69 | 157 | 157 | 0 |
| Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counties CoC | 408 | 372 | 36 | 17 | 17 | 0 |

¹ Data from HUD PHA Contact Information http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/pha/contacts and HUD Housing Authority Profile database <https://pic.hud.gov/pic/haprofiles/haprofilelist.asp>

² 2014 HIC Count, available at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3031/pit-and-hic-data-since-2007/>

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| | | Emergency Shelter/Safe Haven | Transitional Housing | | Permanent Supportive Housing | Rapid Re-housing |
| City of Houston/Harris County CoC | 3715 | 1167 | 2548 | 4164 | 3676 | 488 |
| Bryan/College Station/Brazos Valley CoC | 221 | 151 | 70 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Beaumont/Port Arthur/South East Texas CoC | 487 | 245 | 242 | 92 | 92 | 0 |
| State Total | 22,443 | 13,095 | 9,348 | 15,053 | 12,209 | 1,404 |

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)³

The ESG Program provides grants to states and localities for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing for the homeless. ESG funds can be used for street outreach, emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid re-housing assistance, and HMIS, as well as administrative activities.

In 2014, 22 cities and counties in Texas received ESG grants totaling nearly \$10 million. Additionally, the state of Texas itself was awarded over \$8 million, bringing the total ESG award in Texas to over \$18 million in 2014.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA)⁴

HOPWA funds are awarded through the Consolidated Plan as a block grant to states and larger metropolitan areas based on their incidences of AIDS and competitively through an annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). HOPWA funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. In 2014, the State of Texas received over \$22 million.

HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (2013)⁵

| | Households Served | HOPWA Expenditures |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| City of Austin | | |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 72 | \$488,813.59 |
| Subsidized Permanent Housing | N/A | N/A |
| Transitional/Short-term Facilities | 123 | \$ 281,333.27 |
| Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | 63 | \$36,818.70 |

³ https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/?filter_year=2014&filter_program=6&filter_state=TX&filter_coc

⁴ <https://www.hudexchange.info/grantees/cpd-allocations-awards/>

⁵ http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/about/budget/budget12

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| Permanent Housing Placement Services | 26 | \$15,796.22 |
| TOTAL | 284 | \$822,761.78 |
| City of Dallas (Competitive) | | |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 37 | \$75,034.00 |
| Subsidized Permanent Housing | N/A | N/A |
| Transitional/Short-term Facilities | N/A | N/A |
| Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | N/A | N/A |
| Permanent Housing Placement Services | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 37 | \$75,034.00 |
| City of El Paso | | |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 64 | \$301,353 |
| Subsidized Permanent Housing | N/A | N/A |
| Transitional/Short-term Facilities | N/A | N/A |
| Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | N/A | N/A |
| Permanent Housing Placement Services | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 64 | \$301,353.00 |
| City of Fort Worth | | |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 69 | \$431,862.00 |
| Subsidized Permanent Housing | N/A | N/A |
| Transitional/Short-term Facilities | N/A | N/A |
| Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | 85 | \$89,103.15 |
| Permanent Housing Placement Services | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 154 | \$520,965.15 |
| City of Houston | | |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 494 | \$2,646,261.73 |
| Subsidized Permanent Housing | 237 | \$890,515.28 |
| Transitional/Short-term Facilities | 65 | \$188,400.84 |
| Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | 776 | \$1,936,290.53 |
| Permanent Housing Placement Services | 131 | \$18,773.65 |
| TOTAL | 1703 | \$5,680,242.03 |
| City of San Antonio | | |
| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 87 | \$305,112 |
| Subsidized Permanent Housing | 66 | \$294,191.72 |
| Transitional/Short-term Facilities | 92 | 130915 |
| Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | N/A | N/A |
| Permanent Housing Placement Services | N/A | N/A |
| TOTAL | 245 | \$730,218.95 |
| State of Texas | | |

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| Tenant-Based Rental Assistance | 455 | \$1,690,325 |
| Subsidized Permanent Housing | N/A | N/A |
| Transitional/Short-term Facilities | N/A | N/A |
| Short-Term Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance | 369 | \$366,762.00 |
| Permanent Housing Placement Services | 12 | \$3,801.00 |
| TOTAL | 836 | \$2,060,888.00 |

VETERANS AFFAIRS SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAM (HUD-VASH)⁶

HUD-VASH is a joint project between the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) which offers a housing voucher from HUD and intensive case management services provided by the VA for five years. From 2008 to 2015, 5,376 VASH vouchers have been awarded to 31 PHAs in Texas, including an award of 461 new vouchers to 17 Texas PHAs in 2015.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR VETERAN FAMILIES (SSVF)⁷

The SSVF Program funds supportive services which promote housing stability for very low-income Veterans and their families residing in or transitioning to permanent housing. In 2014, 14 organizations in Texas received SSVF Awards totaling over \$15.6 million.

Texas Resources

Funding – Special Initiatives – Coordination

Federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program⁸

The federal Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program is one of the most important affordable housing programs available for supportive housing development. The program provides competitive awards of federal tax credits to developers to assist in the creation of affordable rental housing including supportive housing. The LIHTC program income targeting requires that 20 percent of LIHTC units be made available for households at or below 50 percent of area median income (AMI) or that 40 percent of LIHTC units be made available for households at or below 60 percent of AMI.

In 2014, 65 developments were selected to receive \$60.1 million in LIHTCs from the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, which administers the program in Texas. The awards are expected to help finance 5,407 affordable rental units.

Texas Housing Trust Fund⁹

The Housing Trust Fund provides loans and grants to finance, acquire, rehabilitate, and develop decent and safe affordable housing.

⁶ http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/vash

⁷ Data from http://www.va.gov/HOMELESS/ssvf/docs/2014_SSVF_Award_List.pdf

⁸ http://www.housingfinance.com/finance/65-projects-receive-lihtcs-in-texas_o

⁹ <http://www.tdhca.state.tx.us/hf/>

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Texas Bootstrap Program is administered by the Office of Colonia Initiatives (OCI) Division.¹⁰ The Bootstrap Program makes funds available to Colonia Self-Help Centers or state certified Nonprofit Owner-Builder Housing Providers (NOHPs) to purchase or refinance property on which to build or improve residential housing through self-help construction with very low- and extremely low-income households (Owner-Builders), including persons with special needs.

San Antonio Housing Trust Fund¹¹

The San Antonio Housing Trust was created by the City of San Antonio in 1988. It is governed by a Board of Trustees that recommends awards to the City Council. Eligible program activities include acquisition, rehabilitation, and new construction.

The Fund was seeded with \$10 million. The interest earned on the \$10 million and repaid loans capitalize each funding round. Typically, there is a funding round each year and a half. In FY13, \$750,000 was allocated to the development projects; 237 units were preserved.

Austin Housing Trust Fund¹²

The Austin City Council dedicates 40% of City property tax revenues from the developments that have been built on City-owned land towards affordable housing. The Austin Housing Trust Fund supports the development and rehabilitation of owner occupied homes, rental housing development, and acquisition of property for use as affordable housing. In FY11-12, approximately \$530,000 was appropriated through the Trust Fund for affordable housing.

Austin Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative¹³

On March 25, 2010, the Austin City Council passed a historic resolution directing staff to develop a strategy that would prioritize the City's affordable housing resources - including federal and local monies - for permanent supportive housing (PSH). The unanimous action was the result of several interconnected initiatives, including the 100 Homes Campaign, culminated in Austin elected officials pledging to create 350 units by 2014 for residents most vulnerable to homelessness.

By the end of 2014, the 350-unit goal was surpassed. In October of 2014, the Council continued their commitment to this effort by approving a second resolution, setting a new goal of creating 400 more PSH units, to include 200 Housing First PSH units, in the next four years.

Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness¹⁴

The Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness is an initiative for mayors to make a commitment to ending Veteran homelessness in their cities in 2015. 11 Texas mayors have accepted the challenge:

- Mayor Steve Adler – Austin
- Mayor Nelda Martinez - Corpus Christi
- Mayor Ricardo Lopez - Crystal City
- Mayor Mike Rawlings – Dallas
- Mayor Oscar Leeser - El Paso

¹⁰ The Office of the Secretary of State defines “colonia” as a residential area along the Texas-Mexico border that may lack some of the most basic living necessities, such as potable water and sewer systems, electricity, paved roads, and safe and sanitary housing.

¹¹ <http://nlihc.org/rental-programs/catalog/san-antonio-housing-trust-fund>

¹² <http://nlihc.org/rental-programs/catalog/austin-housing-trust-fund>

¹³ <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/permanent-supportive-housing-initiative>

¹⁴ http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/comm_planning/veteran_information/mayors_challenge/mayors_and_staff

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- Mayor Betsy Price - Fort Worth
- Mayor Douglas Athas – Garland
- Mayor Annise D. Parker – Houston
- Mayor Harry LaRosiliere – Plano
- Mayor Ivy R. Taylor - San Antonio
- Mayor Malcolm Duncan Jr. – Waco

Ending Veteran Homelessness in Houston¹⁵

In June 2015, Mayor Annise Parker announced that Houston has effectively ended veteran homelessness. Over 35 local agencies collaborated to build a nationally-recognized response system that has housed over 3,650 homeless veterans in just over 3 years, and has the resources to house every homeless veteran (or those at risk of homelessness) in Harris and Fort Bend Counties.

Houston's effort to end veteran homelessness is part of the region's multi-faceted, community-driven initiative to prevent and reduce homeless, known as The Way Home. In addition to effectively ending veteran homelessness, nearly 70 local governmental, business, faith, non-profit and charitable organizations are working together to end chronic homelessness and reduce family and youth homelessness in Houston. Since 2012, the coordinated, collective efforts of The Way Home have reduced overall homelessness in Houston by nearly 50%.

Housing Programs- Homeless Assistance Resources

Community Partnership for the Homeless dba Green Doors (Austin)¹⁶

Throughout Austin, Green Doors owns and manages 28 properties, serving more than 300 residents annually, including managing 50 housing rental assistance vouchers for low income households in Travis, Williamson and Burnet Counties. Through these opportunities, Green Doors is able to serve a variety of people struggling with poverty/homelessness, including veterans, persons with disabilities, and single parent families. Permanent supportive housing opportunities provided by Green Doors include:

- **Glen Oaks Corner.** Glen Oaks Corner is a family focused permanent supportive housing project that serves over 20 formerly homeless disabled adults and children annually. Residents are expected to work toward the goals of achieving greater residential stability, increased income and self-sufficiency.
- **Pecan Springs Commons.** Green Doors provides integrated supportive and affordable housing at Pecan Springs Commons. Pecan Springs Commons has 82 units to serve individuals and families who are at-risk of homelessness or have successfully exited homelessness.
- **Treaty Oaks.** Treaty Oaks utilizes 47 apartment homes to provide integrated supportive and affordable housing to mostly individuals and some families who are at-risk of homelessness or have successfully exited homelessness.

¹⁵ <http://www.houstontx.gov/mayor/press/houston-effectively-ends-veteran-homelessness>

¹⁶ <http://www.greendoors.org/housing/overview.php>

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Recovery Resource Council- Project New Start (Fort Worth)¹⁷

Project New Start is a permanent supportive housing program for chronically homeless men and women with disabilities. Project New Start provides housing and intensive case management to eligible individuals. Clients are provided with a safe, stable environment in which to address their own unique issues of recovery and independence. Through monthly home visits, office visits, and support groups, the case manager assists the participants with recovery, access to employment services, access to disability benefits, life skills, budgeting, educational opportunities, goal setting and more.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Integrated Services Program

Recovery Resource Council staff provide groups and individual sessions at various shelter locations and offer a full client services package that is tailored to meet the unique needs of the homeless. Services include but are not limited to:

- Screening and assessment for alcohol/drug addiction
- Placement in alcohol/drug addiction treatment
- Screening, assessment and referrals for mental health disorders
- Individual and group counseling
- Life skills training
- Peer support activities
- Client staffing with case managers
- Trauma intervention

Giving HOPE, Inc. (Denton)¹⁸

The Permanent Supportive Housing program provides indefinite rental and utility assistance to clients experiencing homelessness who have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis.

In addition to rent and utility assistance, clients receive various supportive services to help them attain self-sufficiency, including:

- Case management
- Housing counseling
- Independent living skills development
- Budget counseling
- Basic financial skills development
- Job counseling

Change HAPPENS! (Houston)¹⁹

Change HAPPENS! operates two housing programs, The RESCUE in Motion Permanent Housing Program and The RESCUE In Motion 4 Him Permanent Housing Program. Both programs are scattered site housing programs that provide a wide array of supportive services to chronically homeless men and women with disabling conditions. The purpose of the program is to provide the services needed to promote long-term residential stability, greater self-determination, and independence. Change HAPPENS! also operates the STAIRS (Services To Aid In Retaining Shelter) Program, a clinically based program that provides therapy and counseling services to formerly

¹⁷ <http://www.recoverycouncil.org/index.php/project-new-start.html>

¹⁸ <http://www.hopeindenton.com/ourprograms>

¹⁹ http://www.changehappenstx.org/?page_id=2792

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chronically homeless men and women residing in a permanent housing situation. These services are designed to assist program participants in identifying and effectively addressing any issues that may result in a return to homelessness.

Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative (Austin)²⁰

Austin's Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative began in 2010, when the Austin City Council passed a historic resolution directing staff to develop a strategy that would prioritize the City's affordable housing resources - including federal and local monies - for permanent supportive housing (PSH). Since the launch of the initiative, Houston has created over 350 units of PSH and has set a new goal of creating 400 more PSH units, to include 200 Housing First PSH units, over the next four years.

Austin's Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative has been successful due to the robust collaboration of housing and service providers to generate PSH, including the following organizations:

- Austin/Travis County Integral Care
- Caritas
- Corporation for Supportive Housing
- Easter Seals of Central Texas
- Foundation Communities
- FrontSteps
- Green Doors, Inc.
- Lifeworks
- Mary Lee Foundation
- Summit Housing Partners
- Village on Little Texas, LLC
- VinCare

²⁰ <http://www.austintexas.gov/department/permanent-supportive-housing-initiative>