



## Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

City Council Study Session  
June 22, 2021



## OVERVIEW



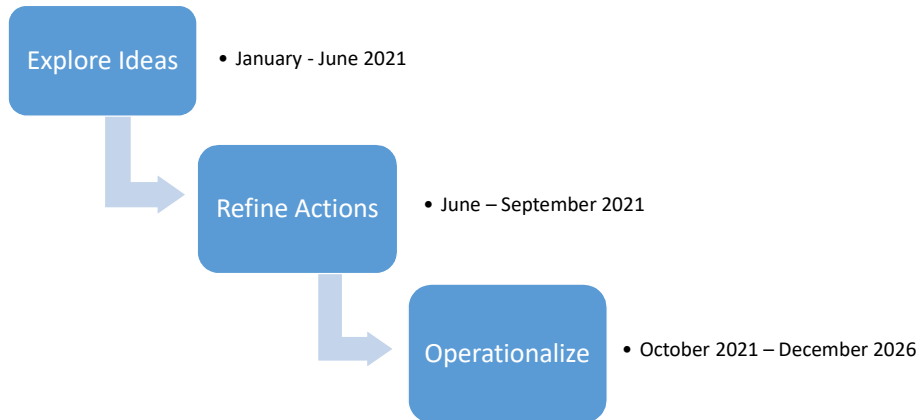
### Updates:

- City of Tacoma 5-Year Homelessness Strategy
  - Engagement Timeline and Details
  - Connection to Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS)
- TEMS Site at 69<sup>th</sup> & Proctor Street
- Young Adult Services at Beacon Center
- ARPA funding overview
  - Support for immediate and urgent need project

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Purpose of Today's Presentation

# Homelessness Strategy Engagement



The City is on track with developing a 5 year homeless strategy aligned with Pierce County's strategic planning efforts.

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# Homelessness Strategy Engagement Details

- Virtual Engagement Workshops will be held throughout the summer across departments and with the community.
- Resources will focus on ensuring BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and lived expert voices are included.
- Neighborhoods and business district perspectives will be included in outreach and engagement
- Feedback will be incorporated and presented back to all stakeholders in September.

Engagement and outreach is inclusive and will encourage input.

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# Homelessness Strategy Connection to AHAS

1.11 Explore innovative low cost housing solutions to serve persons experiencing homelessness

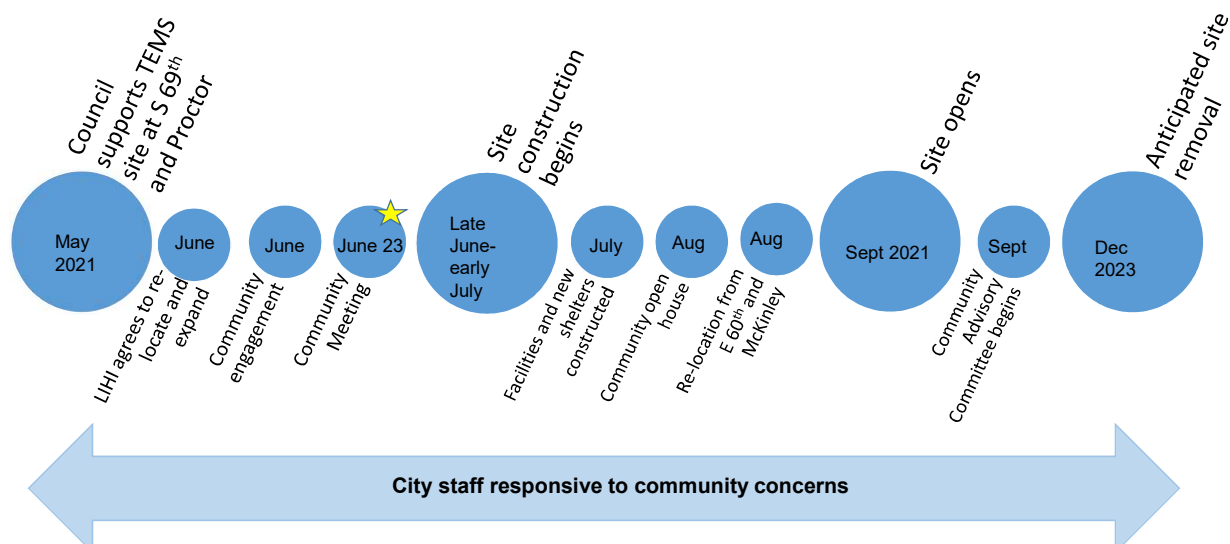
3.2 Create a range of resources for households experiencing a housing crisis

4.2 Create stronger alignment across the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care

The City's 5 Year Homelessness Strategy aligns with the Affordable Housing Action Strategy.

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## TEMS Site at S 69<sup>th</sup> and Proctor St



## ●●● Young Adult Shelter Transition

- Existing provider contract is terminating June 30, 2021
- City is investing \$1.3 Million in Beacon Center renovation scheduled to begin in July
- Valeo Vocation has begun supporting the transition between service providers
- Beginning July 1 only overnight services for young adults will be available
- A new Community Advisory Committee will begin in August

The City is working with multiple providers to ensure continuity in young adult shelter services

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## ●●● Tacoma ARPA Spending Objectives

### **Direct City Funding - \$61 M**

- Focus 2021 funding on targeted priority areas such as
  - Housing, Homelessness, Jobs
  - Returning Services, Deferred Maintenance, & Lost Revenue
- Leverage all possible ARPA funding and use direct assistance to fill gaps
- Plan on actions that will set the community up for success for when regional and federal funding runs out
- Focus on big transformational projects with partnerships
- Avoid spreading funding too thin

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# 2021 ARPA PROPOSED DISTRIBUTIONS



| Priority Area Bucket                | Target % | Target Amount (in millions) | Immediate Needs  |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|--|
| Affordable Housing and Homelessness | 31%      | \$9.3                       | <b>Property Acquisition (\$5M),</b><br>Increase Emergency Shelter Capacity (\$2M),<br>Encampment Response w/ Hygiene and Litter Service (\$0.3M) |
| Restoration of Services             | 16%      | \$4.9                       | Fire Engine (\$4M), Restoration of Library hours (\$0.42M)   |
| Livable Wage Jobs                   | 15%      | \$4.5                       | Small Business Assistance (\$2.4M)   |
| Community Safety                    | 9%       | \$2.8                       | Body and Dash Cameras (\$2M),<br>Graffiti Removal (0.25M)  |
| Health                              | 5%       | \$1.6                       | Citywide Cleanup (\$0.5M)  |
| Belief and Trust                    | 9%       | \$2.8                       | Communication Support (\$0.1M)   |
| Major Project Reserve               | 15%      | \$4.6                       |  |
|                                     | 100%     | \$30.5                      |  |

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## Immediate Need: Property Acquisition



- Comfort Inn – 86<sup>th</sup> & Hosmer
- 91 furnished rooms with microwaves & refrigerators
- Built in 2000
- Under contract by Low Income Housing Institute @ \$8.8M (appraised at \$11.1M)
- Total acquisition budget \$10.15M (\$111,540/unit)
- Environmental Assessment Complete
- Condition Study Pending

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## Immediate Need: Acquisition

- Financing Contingency: September 15, 2021
- Closing: No later than October 29, 2021
- City Investment of \$5M ARPA funds (\$55K /unit)
- Matched by County and/or State Funds
- Can close earlier with financing in place

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## Immediate Need: Acquisition

- Initial use through 2023 – 120 bed shelter
- 6 rooms for offices, case management, storage
- Operating funds available from ESG-CV and MHSUD
- 2024 Permanent Affordable Housing - 100% @ or below 50% AMI
- Rehabilitation / Conversion estimated @ \$2.5M
- 80 units permanent housing

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## Affordable Housing and Homelessness Summary

### 31% or \$9.3M



| Affordable Housing and Homelessness   | Potential Amount | Immediate Need | Presentation Date  |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| Property Acquisition  | \$5.0 M          | ✓              | 6/22 Study Session |
| Increase Emergency Shelter Capacity   | \$2.0 M          | ✓              | TBD                |
| Encampment Response w/ Hygiene and Litter Service   | \$0.3M           | ✓              | TBD                |
| <b>Total Immediate Needs</b>  | <b>\$7.3 M</b>   |                |                    |
| <b>Other Items for Consideration – Study Session in July to Review Allocation to these Programs</b> |                  |                |                    |
| Additional Affordable Housing Property Acquisition  |                  |                |                    |
| Homeless Hiring Program   |                  |                |                    |
| Youth Homelessness Services   |                  |                |                    |
| Returning Homeless Services Reduced during Budget Development                                       |                  |                |                    |
| Rental and Utility Assistance – OTHER ARPA FUNDING IDENTIFIED                                       |                  |                |                    |
| Homelessness Safety Measures  |                  |                |                    |
| <b>Remaining 2021 Allocation</b>  | <b>\$2 M</b>     |                |                    |

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## 2021 ARPA Proposed Distributions



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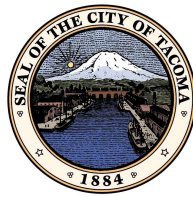


## Wrap Up



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- Engagement and outreach is inclusive and will encourage input
- The City's 5 Year Homelessness Strategy aligns with the Affordable Housing Action Strategy
- City staff responsive to community concerns
- The City is working with multiple providers to ensure continuity in young adult shelter services

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