

# STATE HOMELESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE (SHCC)

## Agenda Item - Executive Summary

### Type

	Decision
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**MEETING DATE:** August 8, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Housing Survey

**SUBMITTED BY:** Housing and Community Development (HCD) Staff

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### SUMMARY:

HCD convened a group of advocates, providers and stakeholders to identify potential service and housing gaps in the new homeless service system. A survey was developed with a primary focus on clients who do not, or may not, engage in services. The survey was administered throughout June 2018 in partnership with Catholic Community Services, The Road Home, and Volunteers of America – street outreach. Discussion, review and data analysis took place through June and July with recommendations from the group finalized on July 25, 2018.

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165 surveys collected, a summary of the results are as follows:

### Income:

- 48% of respondents reported having a source of income
  - 63% of those with an income source receive SSI or SSDI
- 45% of respondents who had been homeless for 12+ months reported a source of income.
  - This is consistent with the data in HMIS:
    - 46.4% of The Road Home clients and 38.9% of VOA clients marked as chronically homeless in ClientTrack have a source of income
- 62% of those homeless for 12+ months with an income source receive SSI or SSDI
  - Majority of these respondents reported they receive between \$501 and \$1000 per month

### Types of Housing:

- Respondents were most interested in the following housing types
  - Place you rent (68%)

- Place you own (59%)
- Tiny home (52%)
- **Single Room Occupancy (SRO)** or rent controlled studio apartment (51%)
- Chronically homeless permanent supportive housing (41%)
- Hotel/Motel (25%)
- Remaining Homeless (25%)
- 35% of those not actively interested in getting out of homelessness
  - 34 respondents felt homelessness or camping was where they had been most successful
- There is high interest in **SRO** units across the spectrum of respondents
  - 50% of respondents who indicated they would be “very interested” in remaining in a homeless situation also indicated they would be “very interested” in a SRO

### **Living Situations:**

- Majority of respondents are not interested in living with family, friends, or roommates long term
  - Housing with roommates is seen as an acceptable short-term option if it speeds housing process
- Top factors respondents stated most effect their ability to remain in housing
  - Flexible leases
  - Obtaining or maintaining necessary income
  - Case Management
  - Access to case management needed to help individuals navigate the application process, provide supports to prevent returns to homelessness, and ensure bills are paid

Based on a thorough review of the survey responses and utilizing HMIS data, the group focused on **SRO** development based on the need for deeply affordable housing in the community, client interest, prior experience, and current zoning regulations.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

HCD supports the survey group recommendation to form a working subcommittee under the direction of Shelter the Homeless to explore the development and construction of three, fifty unit SRO properties that are targeted toward long term homeless individuals. The SROs will:

- Have maximum rents of \$200
- Provide flexible rental options (weekly or bi-weekly)
- Offer optional case management
- Serve unsheltered or frequent emergency shelter clients