



Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

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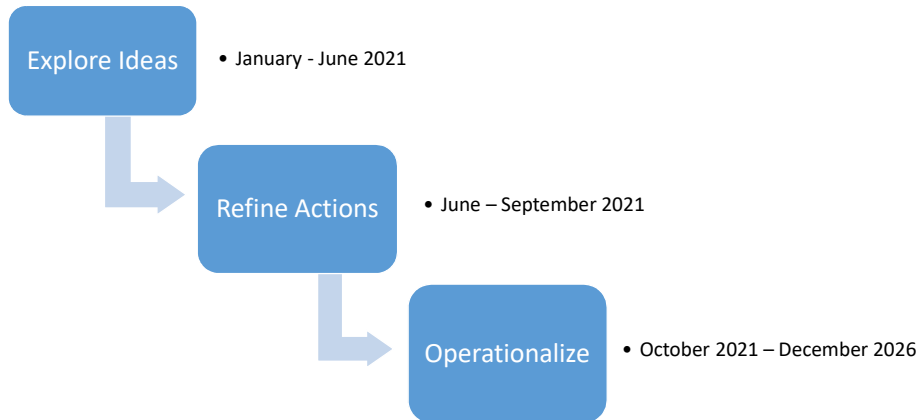
OVERVIEW



Updates:

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

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

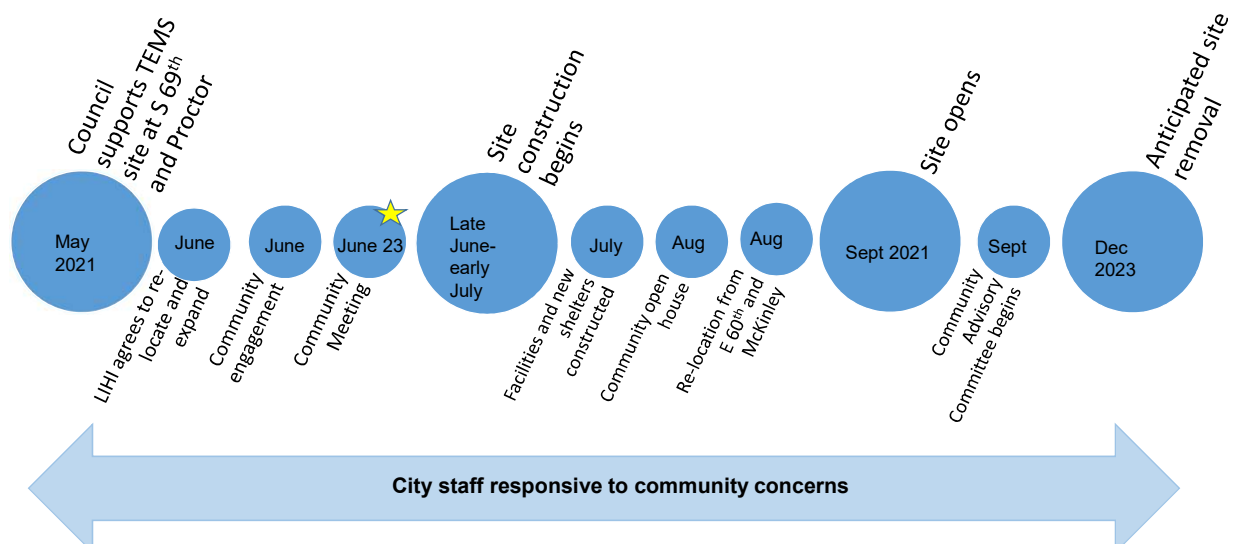
3.2 Create a range of resources for households experiencing a housing crisis

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 69th 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	Property Acquisition (\$5M), Increase Emergency Shelter Capacity (\$2M), 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), 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 – 86th & 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
Total Immediate Needs	\$7.3 M		
Other Items for Consideration – Study Session in July to Review Allocation to these Programs			
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			
Remaining 2021 Allocation	\$2 M		

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2021 ARPA Proposed Distributions

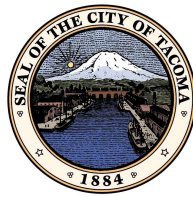


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Wrap Up

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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
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