

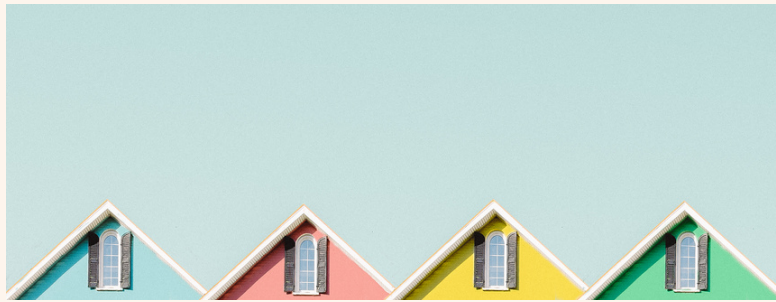


2022

**St Louis County
Continuum of Care**

Annual Report

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SLC Housing & Homeless Programs Team's Values Statement


WE FOLLOW AND BELIEVE IN HOUSING FIRST, COMMUNITY FIRST AND HARM REDUCTION PRINCIPLES. WE MOVE FORWARD IN OUR WORK WITH CULTURAL HUMILITY AND ARE ALWAYS STRIVING TO BE CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE AND TRAUMA INFORMED.




Members of the SLC CoC Governance Board: Heading Home Advisory Council (HHAC)

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



We know that American Indian people, People of African Heritage, Black, Indigenous and People of Color disproportionately experience homelessness and housing instability due to systemic racism and oppression. It is of the utmost importance that we acknowledge the lands that we reside on and the trauma that has and continues to occur in order to better serve in a culturally responsive, trauma informed and person-centered approach as we work to end homelessness. We collectively acknowledge that St. Louis County is located on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. Our buildings reside on land that was cared for and called home by the Ojibwe people, before them the Dakota and Northern Cheyenne people, and other Native peoples from time immemorial. Ceded by the Ojibwe in an 1854 treaty, this land holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards, the Native nations and peoples of this region. We recognize and continually support and advocate for the sovereignty of the Native nations in this territory and beyond.



We acknowledge the collective and historical trauma Indigenous People, People of African Heritage, Black, and People of Color have endured and experienced as a result of systemic racism, and we acknowledge our own ignorance and complicity. We have all inherited the repercussions of this unjust system and the impacts and outcomes have rippled forward to what we feel and experience today, including but not limited to the work we do to support people experiencing homelessness and housing instability. We pause for a moment of silence to acknowledge the human lives lost as a result: Amir Locke, Daunte Wright, Isaac McGhie, Elmer Jackson, Elias Clayton, Ahmed Arbery, Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Estavon Eloff and countless other lives of People of African Heritage, Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. We hold them in our hearts, we honor their lives, and we commit to doing all we can to dismantle racist systems of oppression in our communities, and within ourselves.

By offering this land acknowledgment, we affirm tribal sovereignty and will work to hold the St. Louis County Heading Home Advisory Council and our work accountable to American Indian peoples and nations as well as those communities most impacted by homelessness.

2022 DATA: PEOPLE SERVED

Total Number of Persons Served: 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2022

Emergency Shelter: 1327

Transitional Housing: 222

Rapid Rehousing: 344

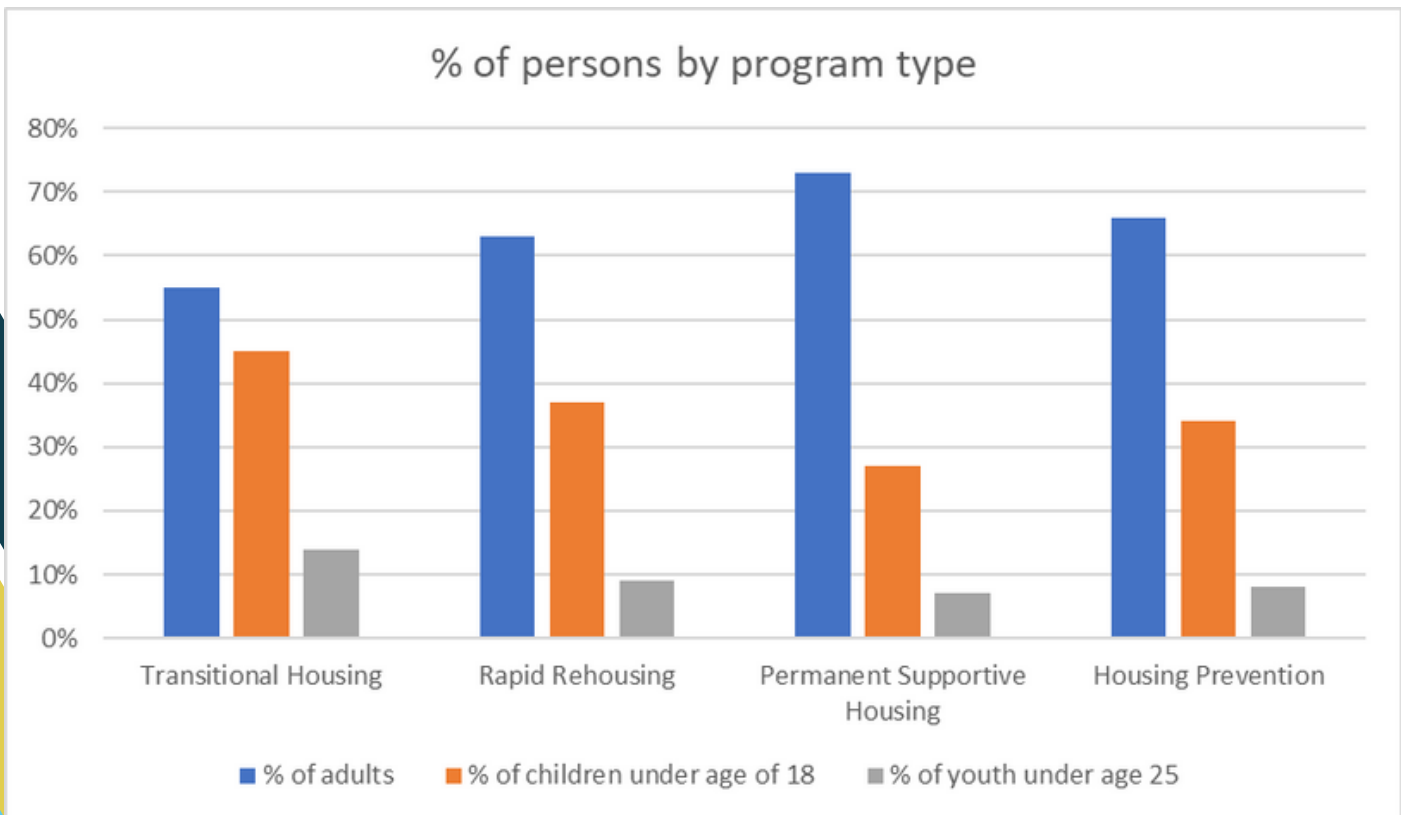
Permanent Supportive Housing: 1374

Housing Prevention: 823



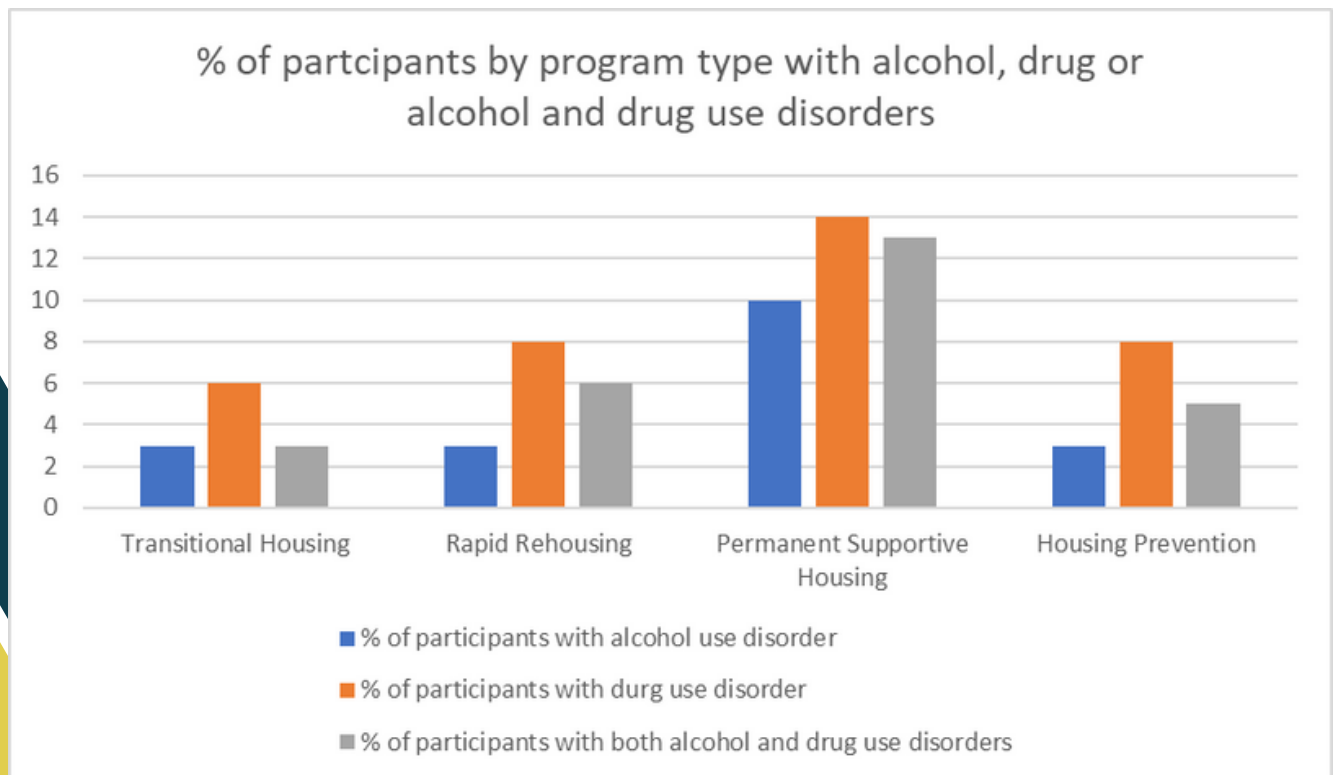
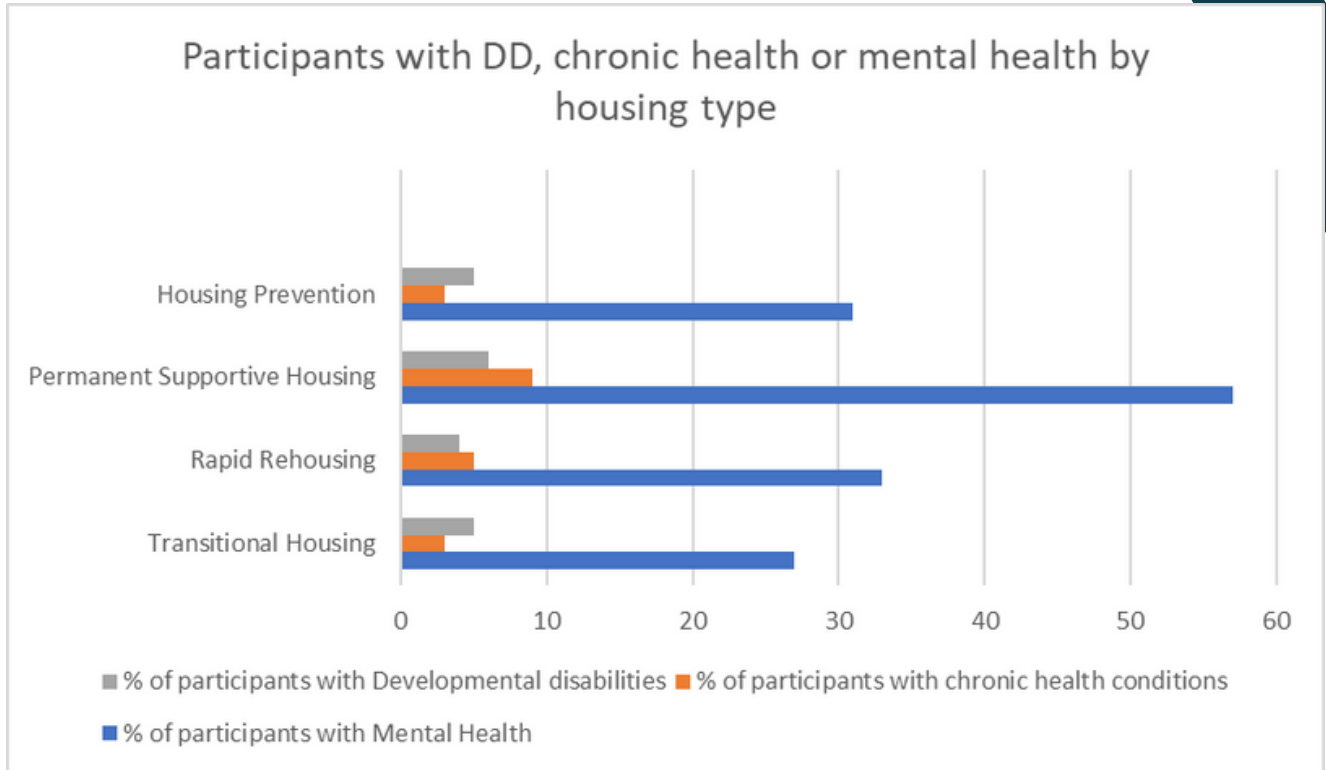
I wish there were more shelter options on the Iron Range and safer options in Duluth.

-Adult Single Male, 60 years old:



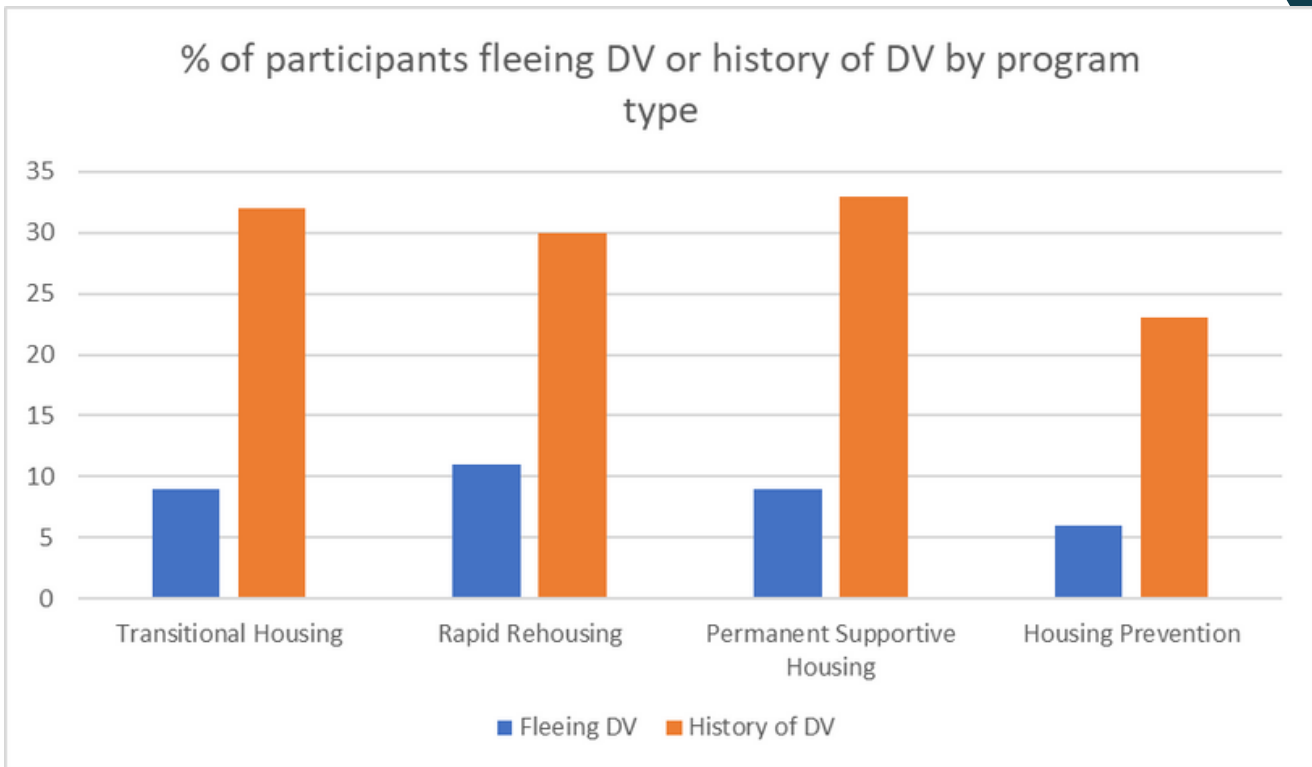
Source: Core Homeless Report from HMIS

2022 DATA: CLIENTS SERVED DISABILITIES, CONDITIONS, DISORDERS



Source: Core Homeless Report from HMIS

2022 DATA: DV & CE



Coordinated Entry Monitoring Report Data:

During 2022 there were 2445 households on the priority list.

On 1/1/2022 there were 1261

On 12/31/2022 there were 1180

2022 Coordinated Entry List by Race:

White: 58% (690)

Black or African American: 10.7% (127)

Asian: < 1% (5)

American Indian or Alaskan Native: 17.7% (210)

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander: <1% (3)

Multiple Races: 12% (146)

Source: Core Homeless Report from HMIS

2022 DATA: SPMS & RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS

FY2022 – Systems Performance Measurement Report From HUD

- Average length of time homeless for ES: 50 days (per incident of homelessness)
- Average length of time homeless for ES & TH: 107 days (per incident of homelessness)
- 89 percent of all Household in PH & RRH projects either maintained PH/RRH or exited to permanent destinations.
- For those who exit homelessness to permanent housing, returns to homelessness rates remain low for one year, with a slight increase arounds 2 years. Details below.

2022 Returns to Homeless Data

This measures clients who exited SO, ES, TH, SH or PH to a permanent housing destination in the date range two years prior to the report date range. Of those clients, the measure reports on how many of them returned to homelessness as indicated in the HMIS for up to two years after their initial exit.

Project type	Total returns in 2 years	Returns at 6 months	Returns 6-12 months	Returns from 13-24 months
Exit from SO	37	3%	8%	11%
Exit from ES	156	20%	2%	6%
Exit From TH	114	3%	2%	4%
Exit from PH	237	4%	2%	2%
Total for all project types	544			15%

Source: Core Homeless Report from HMIS

2022 DATA: PIT & HIC

Total Households and Persons

Total Households and Persons					
	Sheltered			Unsheltered	Total
	ES	TH	SH		
Total number of households	139	125	0	183	447
Total number of persons	181	191	0	234	606
Number of children (under age 18)	39	68	0	14	121
Number of young adults (age 18 to 24)	12	31	0	15	58
Number of adults (over age 24)	130	92	0	205	427
Gender					
Female	78	98	0	78	254
Male	96	92	0	156	344
Transgender	6	0	0	0	6
A gender other than singularly female or male (e.g., non-Questioning)	1	1	0	0	2
Questioning	0	0	0	0	0
Ethnicity					
Non-Hispanic/Non-Latin(a)(o)(x)	175	183	0	227	585
Hispanic/Latin(a)(o)(x)	6	8	0	7	21
Race					
White	98	97	0	122	317
Black, African American, or African	11	31	0	25	67
Asian or Asian American	1	2	0	0	3
American Indian, Alaska Native, or Indigenous	52	27	0	79	158
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple Races	19	34	0	8	61
Chronically Homeless					
Total number of persons	99	64	0	86	249

HIC Data

- Total youth beds on PIT night: 107
- Veterans beds on PIT night: 32
- Total Year round ES beds: 209
- Total Year round TH beds: 168
- Total Year round PSH beds: 624
- Total Year round OPH beds: 514
- Total Year round RRH beds: 64
- Total PIT night Beds: 1374
- Total Year round beds: 1579
- Total bed utilization for 2022 PIT night: 87%

2022 COC OVERVIEW

In 2022, St. Louis County Continuum of Care (SLC CoC) participated in the HUD FY2022 Continuum of Care Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The total SLC CoC grant award for the FY2022 NOFO was \$3,620,728.00. St. Louis County received full funding for 28 renewal projects and Center City Housing Received a new project award for their Garfield Square Project. These applications were included in the CoC Collaborative Application submitted to HUD.

SLC CoC submitted a Collaborative Application for HUD's Special NOFO on Rural & Unsheltered Homelessness, SLC CoC did not receive funding. See the next page for funding breakdown.



2022 COC FUNDING

Organization Name	Project or Award Name	FY 2022 Award Amount
AMERICAN INDIAN COMMUNITY HOUSING ORGANIZATION (AICHO)	• GIMAAJII MINO-BIMAADIZIMIN	• \$141,663
	• BILL'S HOUSE	• \$46,029
	• RENTAL ASSISTANCE VIRGINIA YOUTH FOYER	• \$59,967
ARROWHEAD ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AGENCY (AEOA)	• RURAL ST. LOUIS COUNTY PERMANENT HOUSING PROJECT	• \$154,786
	• YOUTH FOYER OPERATIONS	• \$80,513
	• GARFIELD SQUARE	• \$110,738
	• MEMORIAL PARK	• \$54,037
CENTER CITY HOUSING CORP. (CCHC)	• SAN MARCO	• \$62,968
	• SHEILA'S PLACE	• \$37,925
	• STEVE O'NEIL APARTMENTS	• \$114,684
	• TRANSITIONAL HOUSING	• \$128,703
CHURCHES UNITED IN MINISTRY (CHUM)	• RAPID REHOUSING	• \$125,379
	• ST. FRANCIS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	• \$307,567
HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH, MN (HRA)	• COORDINATED ENTRY	• \$85,610
	• ALICIA'S PLACE/NEW SAN MARCO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	• \$69,745
HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER (HDC)	• RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (RAP)	• \$155,978
INSTITUTE FOR COMMUNITY ALLIANCES (ICA)	• MN HMIS ST LOUIS COUNTY	• \$61,071
LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICE OF MINNESOTA (LSS)	• RENAISSANCE 2022	• \$42,466
MINNESOTA ASSISTANCE COUNCIL FOR VETERANS (MACV)	• MACV DULUTH SIL	• \$46,797
	• MACV DULUTH VETERANS PLACE	• \$81,288
	• IVY MANOR PROJECT 2022	• \$38,056
RANGE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, INC. (RMHC)	• RENTAL ASSISTANCE COMBINED GRANT 2022	• \$436,058
	• HOMELESS YOUTH OUTREACH	• \$38,809
RANGE TRANSITIONAL HOUSING, INC. (RTH)	• PERMANENT HOUSING CHRONIC HOMELESS PROJECT	• \$283,241
	• PERMANENT HOUSING PROGRAM	• \$455,726
	• BOIS FORTE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING	• \$59,954
ST. LOUIS COUNTY (SLC)	• COC PLANNING PROJECT APPLICATION FY2022	• \$105,849
THE SALVATION ARMY	• CATHERINE BOOTH RESIDENCE	• \$109,635
	• RAPID REHOUSING TSA	• \$125,486

FAMILY HOMELESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Goals:

- Prevent homelessness
- Minimize the number of people who experience homelessness
- Eliminate repeated episodes of homelessness.



Community discussions determined FHPAP funds will be spent on deposits, rent and utilities to stabilize households who have experienced a crisis that led to housing instability.

Assistance is accessed through United Way 211 and referrals are made to community partner housing agencies across St. Louis County including Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), The Salvation Army-Duluth, Life House, CHUM and Legal Aid Services of Northeastern MN (LASNEM).

St. Louis County uses the FHPAP grant administrator funds to provide training opportunities for community partners and members to attend national conferences, MN Homeless Day on the Hill, and other trainings that would not be possible otherwise.

IMPACT

10/1/2021-3/31/2023:

Coordinated Entry System Calls to United Way 211 for Homeless and Prevention Assistance - 2,474

Prevention Households served - 351

Rapid Re-Housing Households served - 112

Success Story:

Single parent, 23 years old needed to stay in a shelter because they left an abusive relationship. They were able to move into the Life House Northern Lights Apartments (a program for Safe Harbor youth). They accessed assistance from St. Louis County Emergency Assistance and accessed FHPAP Rapid Re-Housing Direct Assistance Funds to cover the remaining amount needed to move into their apartment. They have been stably housed for 5 months. Since moving into their apartment, they have connected with the Life House Health and Wellness Program to get help with their mental health and the trauma that they experienced. They also started working a part-time job and should be getting their Section 8 voucher in the near future.

This success story highlights the collaboration in St. Louis County utilizing Life House FHPAP Support Services and Direct Assistance and County Emergency Assistance to fully resolve the crisis. Additional programming to connect them with resources to address health concerns will increase the likelihood of ongoing housing stability for this young family.

HOUSING SUPPORTS & CLI GRANT

HOUSING SUPPORTS

- SLC currently has 23 board and lodge sites and 13 Long Term Homeless Supportive Providers which provides housing for 911 individuals.
- The LTH Program continues to expand. May of 2022 SLC had 261 beds. We currently have 302 beds and should be adding approximately 124 new beds within the next year or two.

COMMUNITY LIVING INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT

Award Amount: \$986,175

Here's where it went:

- 3 Housing Resource Navigators at HDC, RTH and FRT
- 1 staff at RTH to organize LTH clients on CE list.
- LTH CE referral and list management support
- \$330,000 in direct assistance (spent down by mid-March 2022)
- 1 Housing Support Administration staff at SLC

IMPACT

- 157 individuals moved into permanent housing
- 967 LTH eligible individuals were on the CE list as of July 1 2022. Due to CE list management capacity increases, nearly 300 were exited in HMIS in 4 months. Now, providers have an accurate referral list to work from and can move individuals into housing more quickly.
- Direct Assistance: 244 Individuals were assisted with rent, security deposits, essential furnishings and/or utility set up fees. We hope to get additional funds with the next round of funding in January of 2024.
- SLC staff have developed an onboarding process for new housing support providers, are meeting with people served through HS to incorporate their feedback and have developed a training schedule for providers. Every Board and Lodge and LTH program is met with two times each year for a file review.
- 580 individuals outreached; more than half agreed to navigation services

CNT, HSS, & SLC HOUSING COLLECTIVE

COST NEUTRAL TRANSFER (CNT)

Award Amount: \$1,7484,491.66

Here's where it went:

Emergency Shelters through 6 providers across SLC

This funding comes from recaptured rate 2 beds that were unused and converted to actual dollars to support shelter expansion and operations.

HOUSING STABILIZATION SERVICES (HSS)

We currently have 9 agencies providing HSS.

HSS is a Medical Assistance benefit that helps people with disabling conditions and seniors find and keep housing.

SLC HOUSING COLLECTIVE

We are a collective based in relationships to co-create and implement a unified, holistic, human-centered and action oriented strategic plan where everyone has a place to call home.

We are working to co-create a framework rooted in justice and equity that will incorporate and build from the work that is already happening as well as identify gaps and co-create action plans to address those gaps.

We hosted one Collective world café to start hearing what this looks like in St. Louis County and will be following up with a symposium to capture all the amazing work already happening. From here we will identify where to build and what we're missing to then create action plans with clear communication loops and follow up. Stay tuned and plug in!

RACIAL EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEADERSHIP TEAM (REAP)

Our REAP Leadership team is comprised of nine individuals from across St. Louis County who are currently serving as our CoC's community advisory and action group to help ensure that racial disparities in the homeless response system are reduced and ultimately ended.

Members:

Justin Reid, John Williams, Jerald Mitchell, Babette Sandman, Jordon Johnson, Louisa Eckstine, Nathaniel Coward, Salaam Witherspoon, and Seraphia Gravelle



"If we are going to help people in transition, we need to have them in the room so that their voices are heard loud and clear." - Member, John Williams



IMPACT



In 2022, the REAP team scored projects for the 2022 Special NOFO and advised projects on furthering racial equity standards. Members of the REAP team attended the National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference to learn about practices that increase equity and work to end unsheltered homelessness. Now the team, with HUD technical assistance, is currently working on developing a racial equity assessment tool that will support projects in our CoC to identify and address racial disparities.



Babette Sandman and Louisa Eckstine hosted a World Cafe table at this year's Housing Summit where community members explored commonalities we all have as humans. These conversations help set the tone and direction for housing efforts in our county moving forward.



"Not only did we speak our truths, face our fears, but we had a attendee to the Housing summit find their first Mentee."

- Louisa Eckstine



ACRONYM GUIDE

Acronym	Definition
CE	• COORDINATED ENTRY
CNT	• COST NEUTRAL TRANSFER
COC	• CONTINUUM OF CARE
DV	• DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
ES	• EMERGENCY SHELTER
FHPAP	• FAMILY HOMELESS PREVENTION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FY2022	• FISCAL YEAR 2022
HHAC	• HEADING HOME ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HHP	• HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS
HIC	• HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT
HSS	• HOUSING SUPPORT SERVICES
HUD	• THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
NOFO	• NOTICE OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
PH	• PERMANENT HOUSING
PIT	• POINT IN TIME COUNT
REAP	• RACIAL EQUITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY LEADERSHIP TEAM
RRH	• RAPID REHOUSING
SO	• STREET OUTREACH
SH	• SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
SLC	• ST. LOUIS COUNTY
SPM	• SYSTEMS PERFORMANCE MEASURES
TH	• TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
PH	• PERMANENT HOUSING
PIT	• POINT IN TIME COUNT