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# Lived Experience Council

# Dane County Lived Experience Council

"Everything about US starts with US"

Overview

LEC

Who we  
are ?

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Ask

# Overview



On August 21, 2020, the Homeless Service Consortium Board of Directors approved the request for a Lived Experience Committee (LEC) as a standing committee of Dane County Continuum of Care (CoC).



# Lived Experience Council

LEC is a passionate group of individuals who have lived through homelessness and came together with the same mission in mind: collectively figuring out how to dismantle barriers to housing for those experiencing homelessness.





# Who are we?



Single moms



Single Dads



Two Parents  
Households

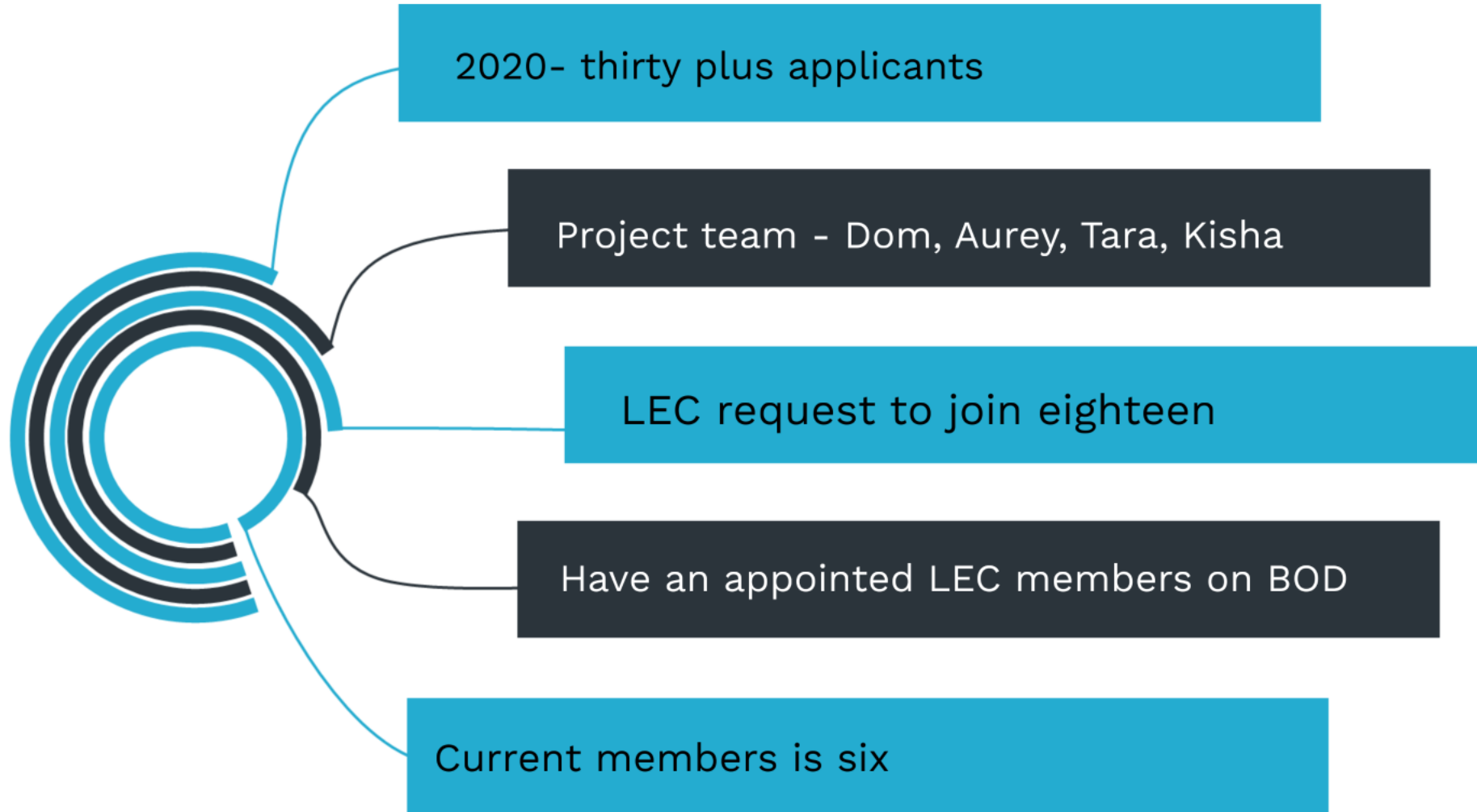


Single Female



Single Male

# Members overall



# Specific Ask



- ▶ Focus groups of all sorts and to host focus groups.
- ▶ Behavioral health focus groups to support new initiatives.
- ▶ CoC Funding Review.
- ▶ Participation in the City of Madison funding process.
- ▶ United Way projects and initiatives.
- ▶ Local CoC funded agencies internal projects.



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Policies

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# Eligible Individuals



- The person identifies as having lived experience of homelessness.
- The person holds a “Lived Experience” or “Youth Action Board” seat on the HSC Board of Directors or is a member of the HSC Lived Experience Committee (LEC).
- The person has completed an IRS W-9 form for the HSC Board’s Fiscal Sponsor, the Center for Community Stewardship.
- The person is not already being compensated for their time (e.g. as an employee of a homeless services agency or by another employer) during qualifying activities.





➤ Instead we started looking like this....



# Policies



- Purchasing and creating tech policies
- Creating policies around missed meetings
- Child care
- Mileage and gas logs for in person meetings
- Equipment and retrieval logs
- Purchasing and managing software for all LEC members
- And the list goes on and on.....





# Where at now...



- Bring to the table diversified perspectives
- Real life knowledge of the HRS
- Understanding of the systemic failures offhand
- Inclusion & Diversity



# In addition



Empower

Equity

Sense of belonging

leadership roles and diversity

Safe space to heal together

Social inclusion

Mutual support

Promote community engagement

Professional development

Provide leadership opportunities






- Supported creation of compensation policy
- Outreached to local agencies who received funding from the CoC to enlist support and help with recruitment and possible sponsoring of 1-2 clients past or present homelessness.
- Helped to identify priorities for this year.
- Created and implemented various document and form that would allow easier and equitable access and understanding for those who are new coming into the HSC.
- Collaborated with Homebase as an LEC to share what homeless looked like for us in this community using an equity lens.
- Presented and working on new advocacy initiatives.
- Taking up task and delegated work in various standing committees and sub committees.


And many more.....



# Links to valuable information



 <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Paying-People-with-Lived-Experience-and-Expertise.pdf>

 <https://files.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/COVID-19-Homeless-System-Response-Guidance-Recruiting-Hiring-Retaining-People-With-Lived-Experience-Expertise-of-Homelessness.pdf> (Kisha work)





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Purpose

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# Purpose



The purpose of this committee was to make sure those impacted the most by systemic barriers will also have a space at the decision table when conversations are being had in regards to programs, implementation of new policies and procedures in our community.



# Mission



- To collectively figure out how to dismantle barriers to housing for those experiencing homelessness; while also closing the social inclusion gap. EQUALITY



# Vision

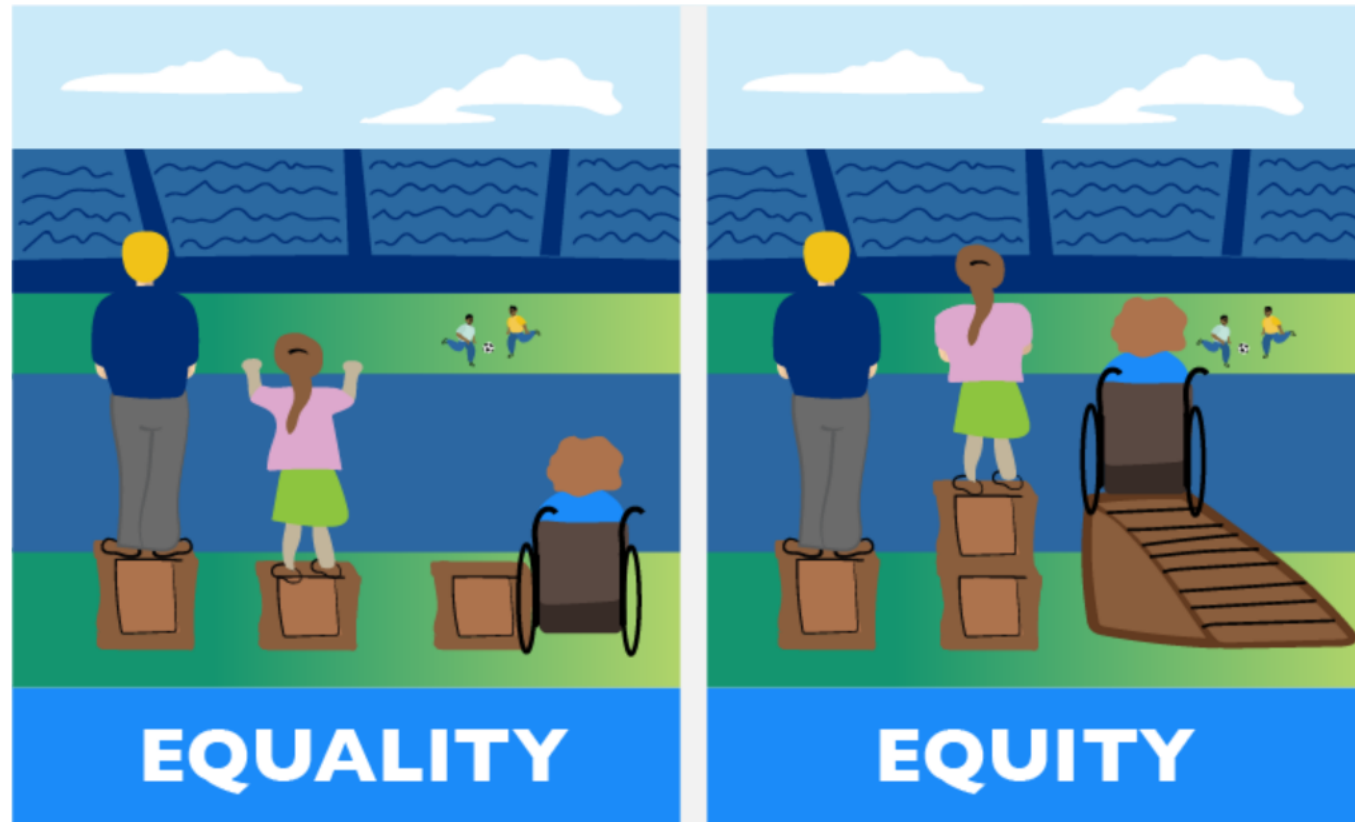


- To ensure that there is equal representation and diversity in our CoC while creating leadership amongst our most vulnerable populations in Dane County.

# Taken from the CPC presentation.





## Equality vs Equity meaning



# Links to notable work



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# Conclusion and Future Goals

Spending

Future  
goals

Conclusion



# 32 month spending period



State ESG CV	City ESG CV	Remaining	Sep 2020 - Apr 2023 Monthly Average	Jan 2023- Apr2023
28,941.52	42,609.04	7,390.96	2,235.96	3,072.48

Meeting Software

500.00 ---> 1,000

Gift Cards for outreach/childcare/etc.

8000.00 ---> 8,000

LEC training facilitator

10,000.00 ---> \$3,000

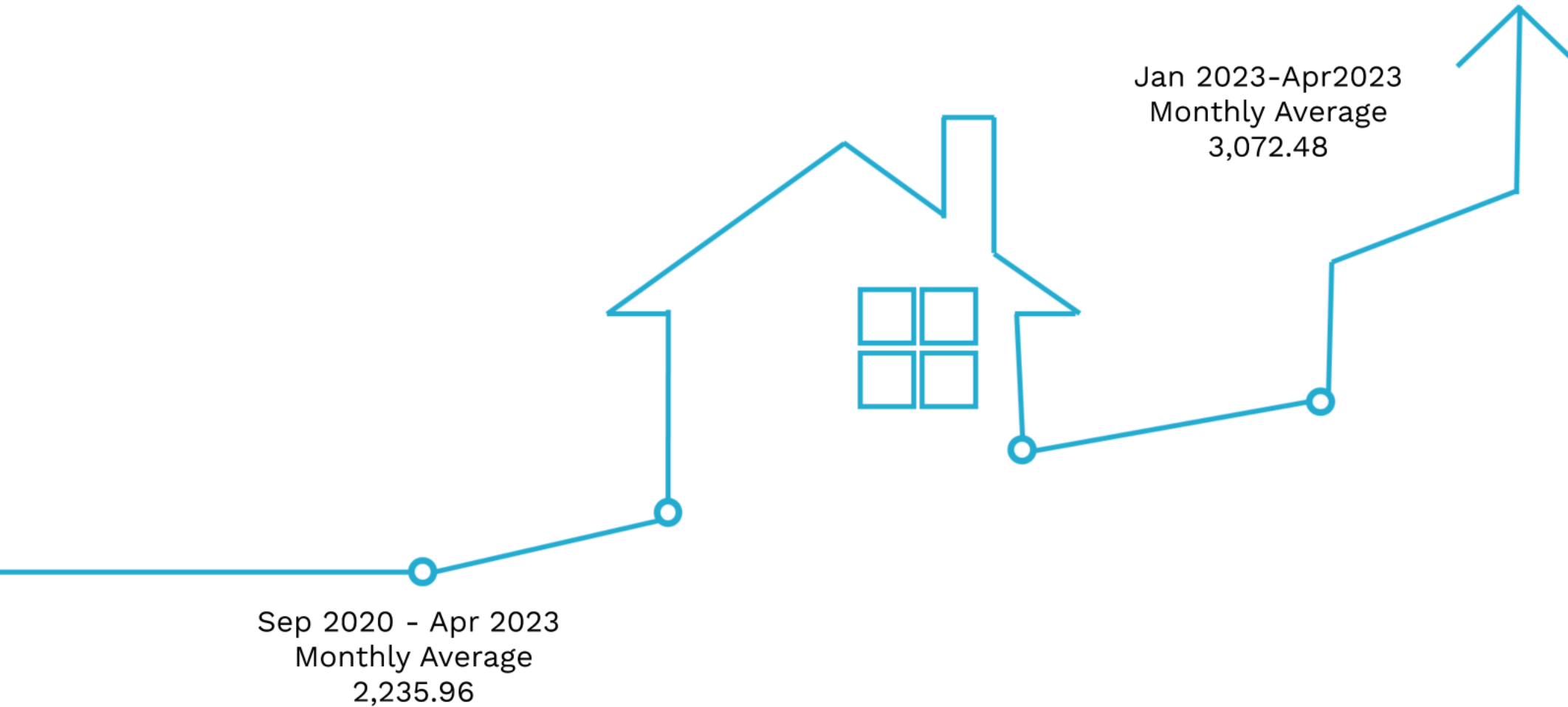
Marketing/Awareness

5000.00 ---> 0

Tablets/Laptop for LEC Admin

2,500.00 ---> 2,500

# Monthly participation Averages



# Future Goals



Expand LEC in the community in hopes of providing direct support for CoC funded agencies

Ask funded agencies if they are willing to sponsor a person of LE to be able to attend



# Possible Partnerships



- ▶ Provide services as a trauma informed way. We will like to do more than provide ideas/suggestions/etc.
- ▶ Project lead who main role would be to support others of lived experience by providing extra support.
- ▶ LEC to support those specifically with housing search of those doubled up.

# Conclusion



The community should have a budget that includes equitable compensation for people of lived experience of homelessness. We can achieve this with more funding and support which will expand not only equity in the HRS but alongside the agencies that provide the direct service.

Questions?





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