DOUBLED UP UPDATES

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POPULATION

- Worked with Dane County Planning & Evaluation
  - Created methodology to count how many households were experiencing doubled up homelessness
    - Living status
    - Poverty threshold
- Began attending additional meetings with providers to better understand data collection methods.
  - Housing and Service Providers
  - Schools
  - Early child hood
- Solicited HMIS for custom data reports to capture how many households reported doubling up
  - Limited to the night before project entry

All data sources have their own individual methodology for collection inclusion

POPULATION

Local numbers and gap data is needed to justify program continuance and solicitation of future funding support.

U.S. Census
5,267

Looking towards creating and implementing a shared system for monthly data reporting

HMIS
709

Expansive definition of doubling up to be more inclusive of the nature of services and collection methods.

More explanation of the data

Dane County Public K-12

▶ Careful use of numbers and inferences.

▶ A new partnership with the County's Planning & Evaluation team expected fall/early winter 2023.

985

POLICY

- Solicited HSC Board and membership to include a new doubled up data point on individuals as they enter shelter and outreach programs

  - In the last 12 months, have you had to temporarily live with someone else for any number of days to avoid spending a night on the street, in a car, or at a shelter?

  - In the last 12 months, have you had to self-pay at a hotel/motel for any number of days to avoid spending a night on the street, in a car, or at a shelter?

- County pilot program

  - Structured to provide assistance to households with children who are in vulnerable living situations while experiencing doubled up homelessness.

FUNDING EXPLORATION

- Researched the County's ability to secure third party funding awards
  - All foundations and most non-profit, or corporate opportunities require 501 c3 status
  - Barriers cited among providers: capacity and lack of data
  - One proposal submitted to competitive opportunity
    - Awarded to existing community program
- Internal funding opportunities
  - Barriers cited among providers: capacity and communication around eligibility or requirements
    - New County procurement website
    - Improve communication to provider group

ERA Doubled Up Pilot

- Full county coverage
  - Two vendors and multiple referring partners
- Goal of serving 60 households with children
  - 12 months of assistance through progressive engagement
    - Application fee, security deposit, and rent
    - Limited arrears
  - Prioritizes households at or below 50% CMI
- Expected operationalization date: October 1, 2023
  - Funds must be expended by September 30, 2025
- Assessment created to prioritize households with a high risk of abuse, poor health outcomes, school interference, sub-standard living conditions, and literal homelessness.

PERFORMANCE: ERA Doubled Up Pilot

▶ Contracted Goals

  ▶ Increases to income > 5%

  ▶ >75% of households contributing to household costs by month 6

  ▶ >50% of households maintain or increase contribution by end of program

  ▶ >30% of referrals come from community partners

▶ Data Collection

  - Demographics   - Domestic violence

  - Zip codes   - Parenting status

  - Eviction history   - Language barriers

  - Income levels   - Previous cat. 1 homelessness

  - Avg. need   - Total population (connected)/Service gap

PROJECTS

- Resource Map (in progress)
- Section 42 Housing List
- Data collection
- Sub committees/work groups