

# Houseless and Behavioral Health Services Update

July 16, 2024



## 1. Funding update

## 2. Activity updates

- Ledding Library extended hours cooling center
- City's behavioral health program and library outreach services
- Pilot rental assistance program administered by Clackamas Service Center
- County-run stabilization center on McBrod Ave
- Coordination with Providence Milwaukie
- Proposed warming shelter at St. John's Church

## 3. Questions/discussion



## Funding update

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- City funds 1 behavioral health specialist in the police department
- Library staff and events/emergency management coordinator also support this work as part of their general funded scope
- All other efforts currently require grant funding



## Funding update

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- In April 2024, applied for funding from Clackamas County's Notice of Funding Opportunity for City-led Homelessness Initiatives
- Five proposals submitted
  - Three with City as grantee
  - Two on behalf of partners
- Two selected by County for funding; IGAs/contracts still in development
  - Extended hours cooling center
  - Pilot rental assistance program through Clackamas Service Center
- Additional proposal submitted in June 2024 on behalf of St. John's Church for emergency warming shelter
  - No update yet

# Activity Update: EXTENDED HOURS COOLING CENTER

- \$30,000 in grant funding authorized by BCC for two-year pilot (IGA/contract in progress)
- Mobilization criteria
  - When heat risk is Major or Extreme as defined by the National Weather Service
  - When we have sufficient staffing available (currently require three employees, at least one of whom is a manager)
- First operational stretch: July 5 – July 9
  - 65 total people through the doors (avg of 13 a night)
  - Leading Library community room and lobby open until 10 p.m.
  - Water, popsicles, snacks, chargers provided



# Activity Update: CITY SUPPORT AND OUTREACH SERVICES

- Glen Suchanek, Behavioral Health Specialist, funded by the city
  - County did *not* approve request to fund part of these costs
  - City negotiated separate agreement with County to fund housing support position dedicated to Milwaukie in 2022; currently not being provided. City in ongoing negotiations with County to restart this.
- Glen works frequently with partners from LoveOne to provide housing assistance and other support services to people in need
- The Milwaukie Ledding Library support for community members experiencing housing or behavioral health challenges
  - In last year:
    - 33 social service referrals
    - 1,200 granola bars
    - 72 bus passes
    - Hosts monthly Probation and Parole monthly outreach clinics
    - Hosts weekly outreach events with MPD, 4D Recovery, and LoveOne



# Activity Update: PILOT RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

- County approved funding for two-year pilot program
  - Money to go directly to Clackamas Service Center (CSC)
- Funding will support:
  - Service Navigation Personnel co-located at Clackamas Service Center - 1.0 FTE; \$75,000
  - Program Director - .30 FTE \$20,000
  - Program materials/supplies - \$30,000
  - Short- and long-term rent assistance allocation - \$275,000
  - Nutritional Support Personnel - .25 FTE \$15,000
  - Food Box Delivery - \$25,000
  - Organizational Management and Administration - \$10,000



# Activity Update: STABILIZATION CENTER

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- County-led project
- To be housed at the County-owned facility on McBrod Ave
- Communications workgroup has been meeting periodically to develop the communications and community engagement plan in anticipation of project launch
- Update to Board of County Commission on July 30
- County to give City Council an update on August 6



# Activity Update: PROVIDENCE COORDINATION

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- Peer support specialist ask not funded by the County
  - County having separate conversations with Providence about how best to support coordination needs
- MPD leadership, City Manager, and Providence leadership meeting quarterly
- August 13 site visit



# Activity Update: WARMING SHELTER AT ST. JOHN'S

- Funding ask submitted on behalf of St. John's, LoveOne, and Father's Heart to the County in June
- If grant approved:
  - St. John's will work with the Father's Heart to provide overnight shelter space for up to 20 guests
  - Funds to be used for building modifications



**QUESTIONS OR  
COMMENTS?**

