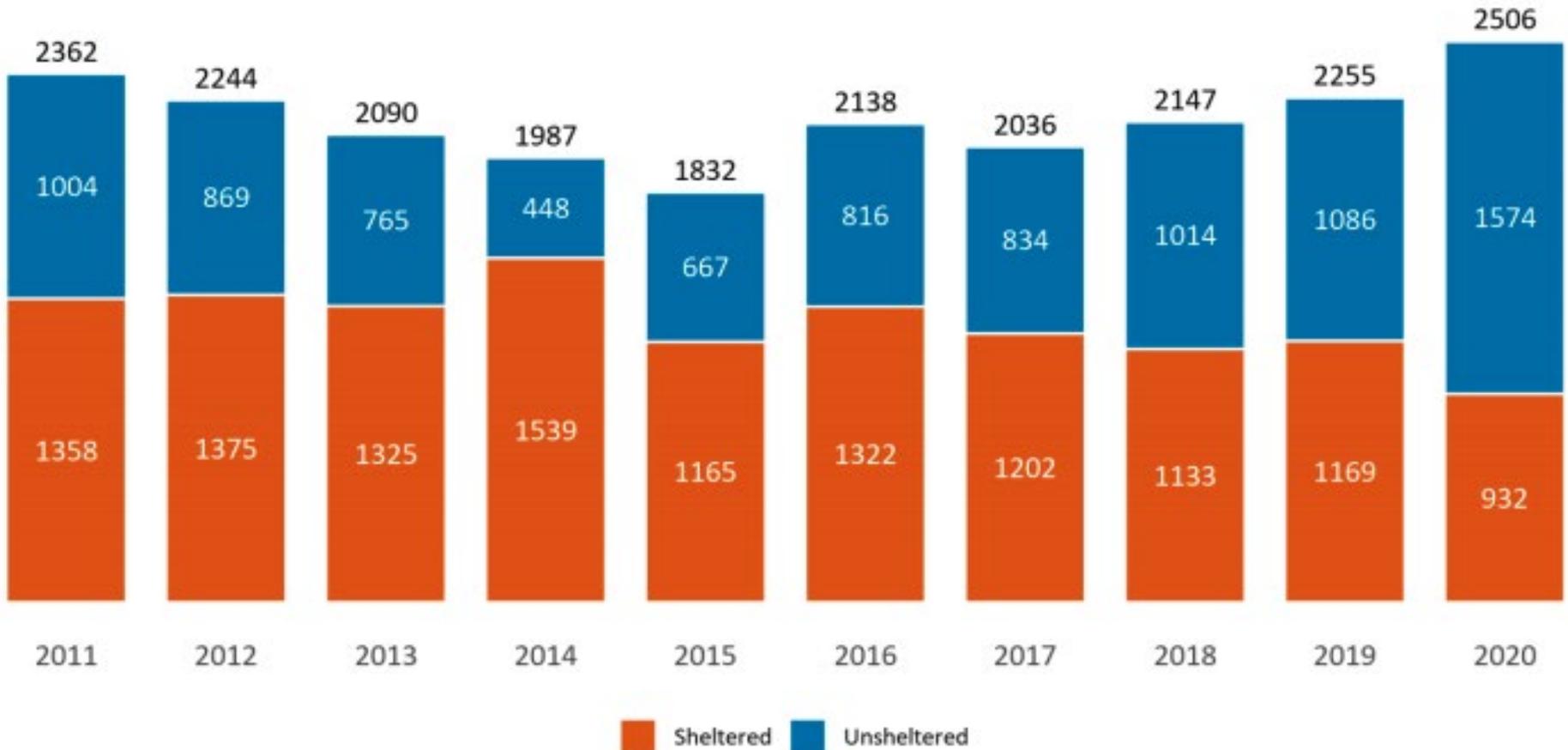


DOWNTOWN HOMELESSNESS ACTIVITY

**DOWNTOWN COMMISSION MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021**

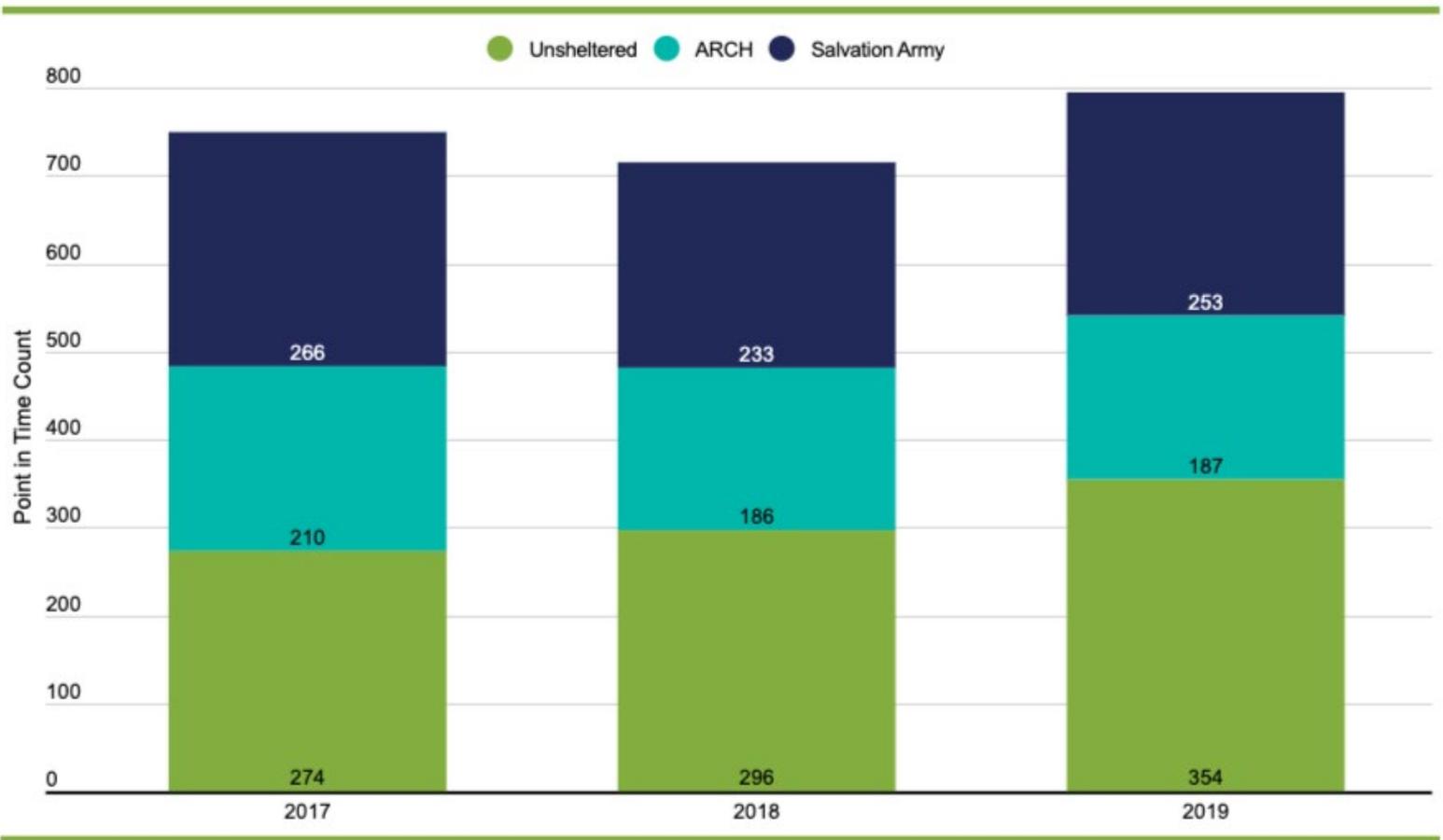
POINT-IN-TIME COUNT DATA

Persons Experiencing Homelessness in Austin/Travis County 2011-2020



DOWNTOWN PIT TREND

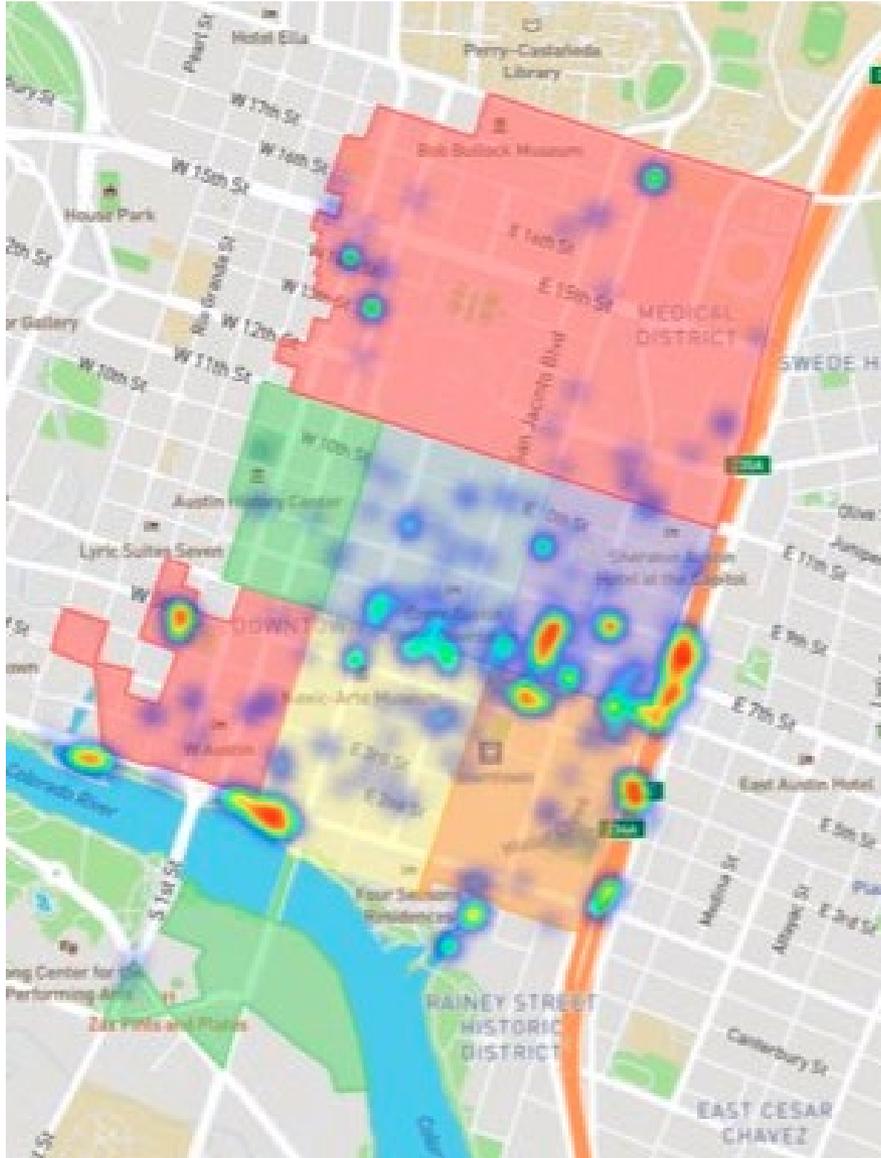
Downtown Area Homeless Point In Time Counts



Source: Ending Community Homeless Coalition, 2019

UNSHELTERED ESTIMATE APRIL 2021

DOWN AUSTIN TOWN ALLIANCE



- Unsheltered individuals = 289
- Tents or other structures = 260
- Vehicles = 12
- Datapoints collected = 561
- Estimated unsheltered total = 742*

*Based on HUD multipliers for number in tents/structures and vehicles at 1.75 ppl/structure and 1.66 ppl/vehicle

HEALTHCARE FOR THE HOMELESS



WHAT: A new program/partnership to provide housing-focused behavioral healthcare for people experiencing homelessness

WHO: Downtown Austin Alliance, Integral Care, Downtown Austin Community Court, HOST

GOAL: To provide housing-focused healthcare to 100-150 people per year

WHERE: Downtown PID/Community Court area

SERVICE HUB: Terrace at Oak Springs Clinic

YEAR-1 COST: \$520,000 (Downtown Alliance/City of Austin)

HOMELESSNESS SUMMIT



Date:

March 19-April 12

Purpose:

To create a System Implementation Strategy to address unsheltered homelessness

Participants:

More than 200 from nonprofit, public and private sector

Outcomes:

Short and long-term goals set

Proposed System

Rehouse 3,000 in 3 Years and Set a Course to Reach Equilibrium

Our overarching, initial implementation goals

1

Unlock 3,000+ Homes in 3 Years

- **Secure 2,300 rental units** in the market using landlord incentives (hold fees and risk mitigation fund)
- **Develop 1,000 units** of PSH (234 units in pipeline)

2

Fortify Provider Capacity

- **Add 200 staff** (case managers / outreach / housing navigators)
- **Add new culturally-reflective providers**

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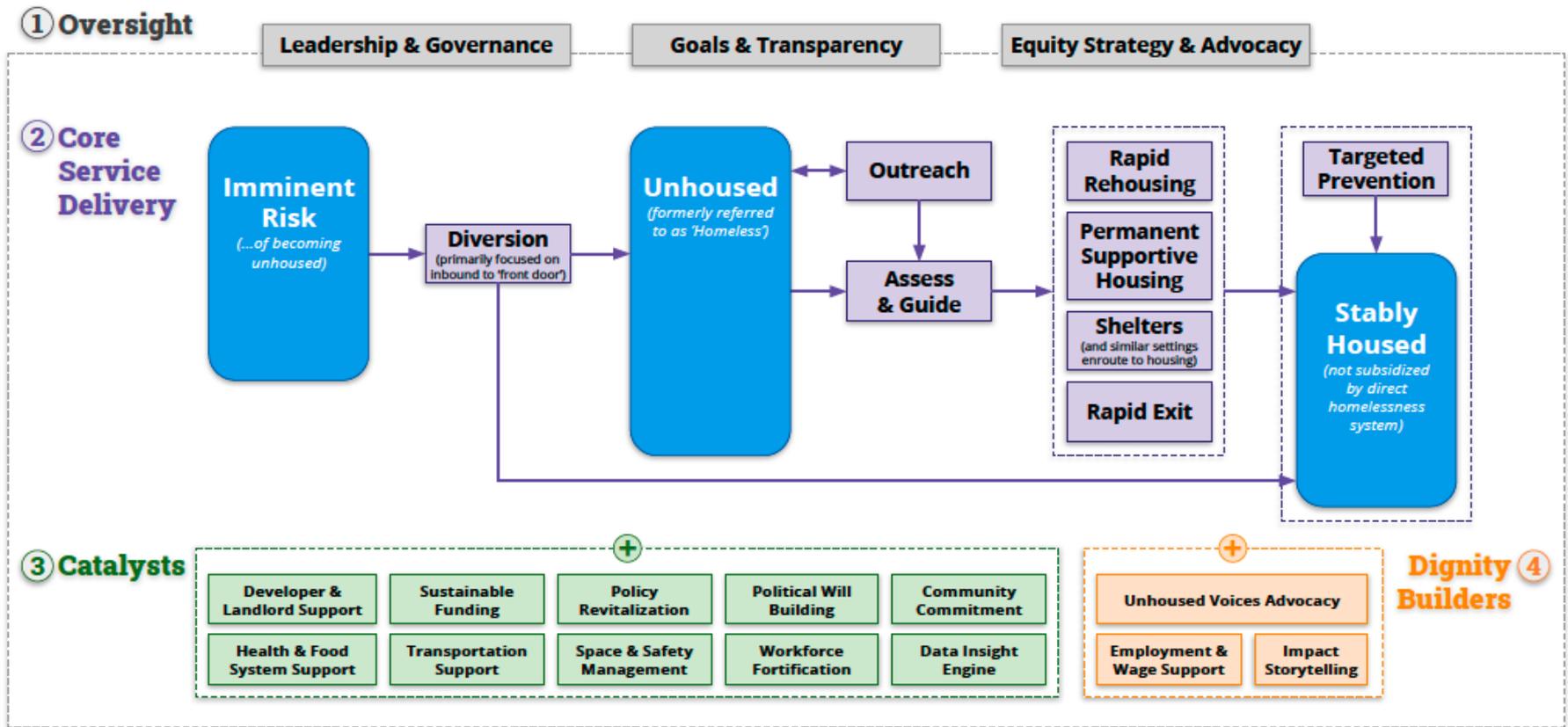
Rehouse Encampments Equitably

- **Repurpose, expand and retrain outreach teams**
- **Initiate Encampment Rehousing Activiations** steered by committee of equity and lived-experience advocates

PROPOSED SYSTEM

REHOUSING

Austin's Homelessness ~~Response~~ System Vision



SUMMIT - NEXT STEPS & MILESTONES



Immediate Next Steps:

- Develop organizational structure and formalize strategy

Milestones:

- June 2021 – Rehouse 100 people
- August 2021 – Rehouse another 100 people
- December 2021 – Rehouse another 200
- April 2024 – Rehouse total of 3,000

WHAT'S CHANGED

- Downtown shelters are operating at 50% or below capacities
- Increasing number of people are living unsheltered downtown and across the city
- Proposition B passed reinstating city camping, aggressive solicitation and sit/lie ordinances
- City Council resolution to explore sanctioned encampments
- Bills being considered at the State Legislature
- ARPA funding and increased private sector interest create unprecedented opportunity

QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

