

HOMELESS STRATEGY DIVISION BRIEFING

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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TODAY'S AGENDA

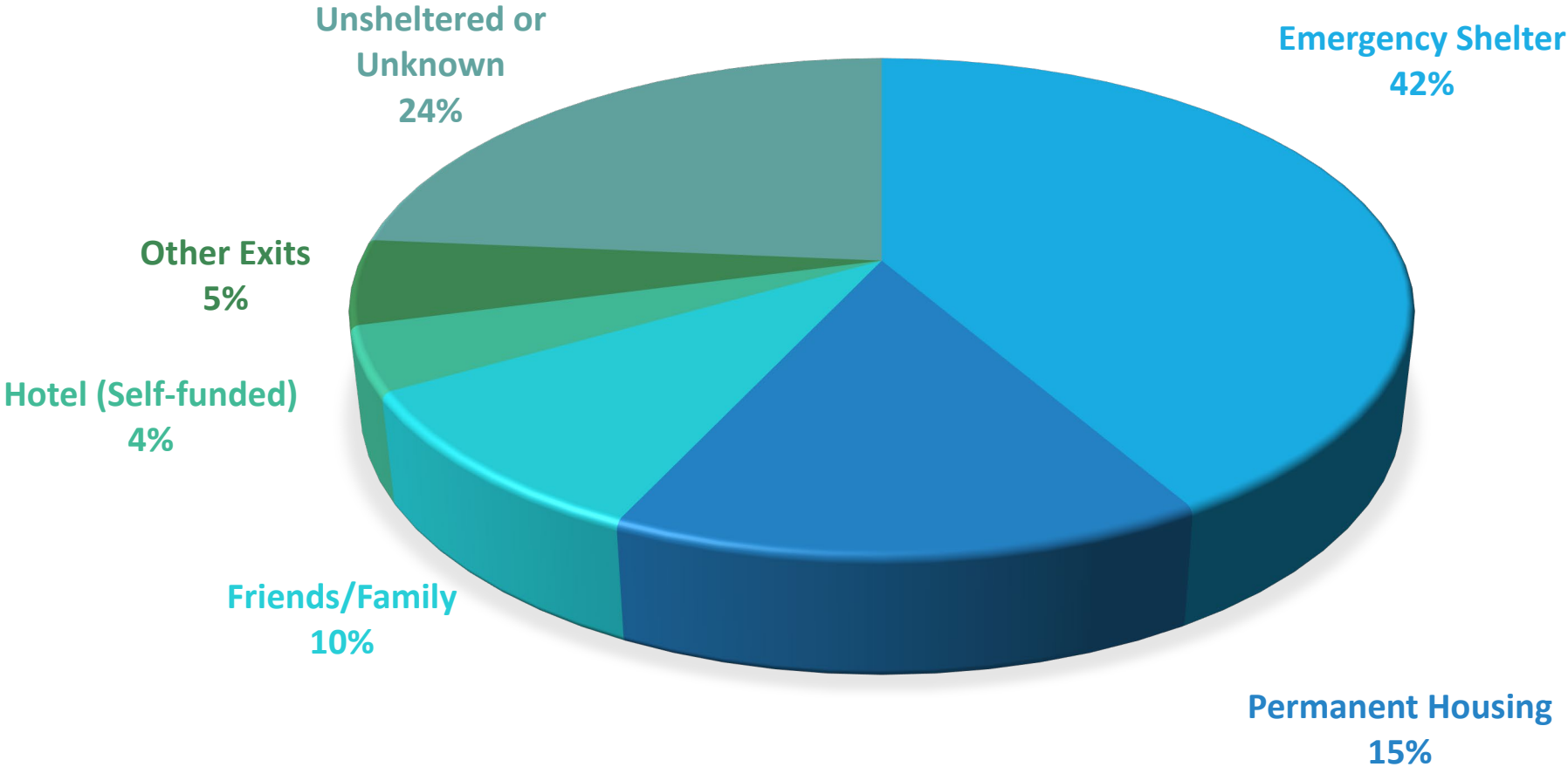
- Shelter Updates
- ARPA Investment Plan
- Capacity Building Program
- Upcoming Items

THE SALVATION ARMY DOWNTOWN SHELTER CLOSURE

- At February 17th, 97 clients
- As of April 3rd, 11 clients remained
- All guests have been offered placement
- Closure date on or before April 15th, 2023

DOWNTOWN SHELTER CLOSURE

EXITS FROM THE SALVATION ARMY (2/17 – 4/5)



SHELTER SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW

In August of 2022, City Council directed staff to undertake a shelter assessment process:

- Comprehensive assessment of **year-round** general homeless shelter system, with additional planning for **weather-based** shelter.
- Recommendations will focus on **bed capacity, service quality, and city contracting**
Create vision and priorities for the future of our shelter system.
- Recommendations to be made **prior to the re-solicitation of contracts** for operations of the ARCH and Southbridge shelters (which currently end 9/30/23)



SHELTER SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

People Experiencing Homelessness

- 7 focus group opportunities, 31 participants
- 23 one-on-one interviews
- February- March

Service Provider Partners

- Small team conversations
- 1:1 interviews
- 6 engagement opportunities as of 4/7/2022
- March - April

Other Service Providers & Advocates

- Small group conversations and interviews.
- April: to be scheduled

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

HOMELESSNESS INVESTMENT PLAN

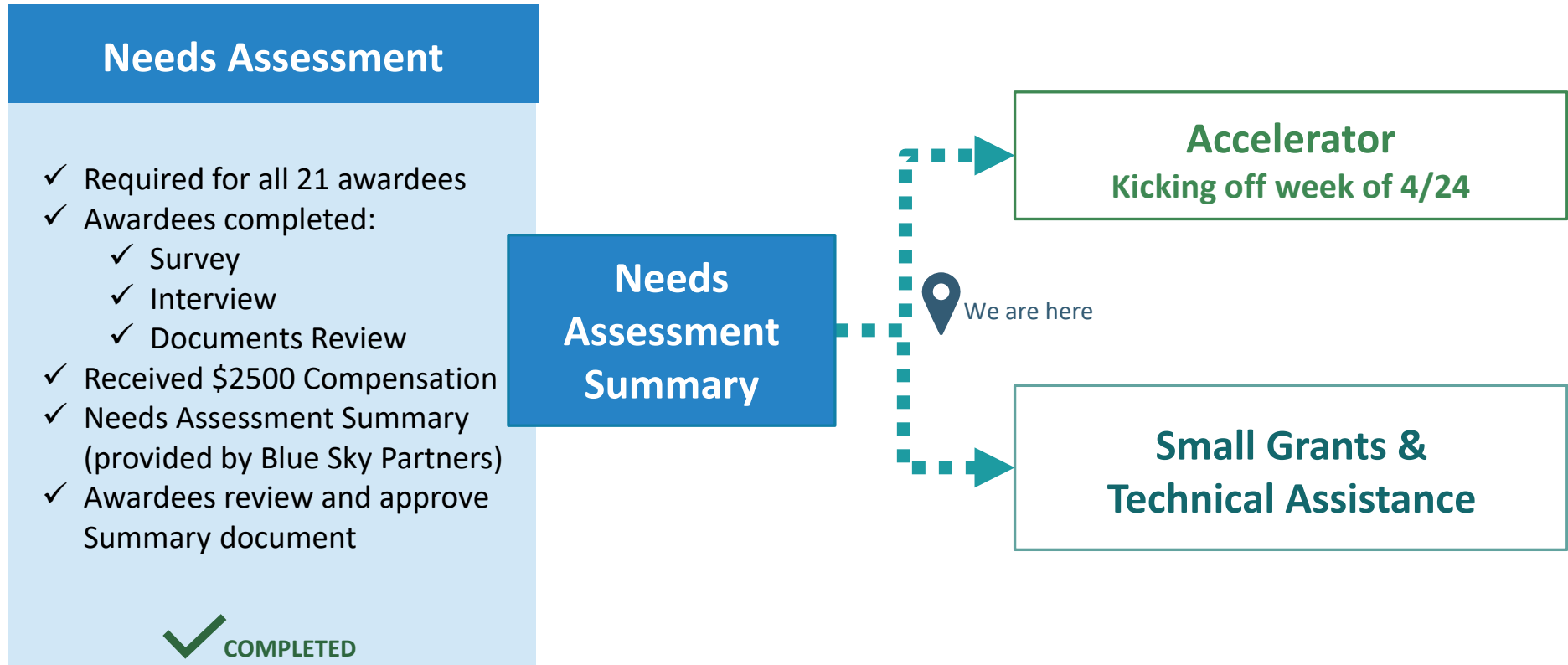
As of March 23, 2023

| ARPA Investment Plan Category | Council Approved Allocation | Spent | Commitments (Encumbered or Authorized) | Balance |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|--|----------------|
| Shelter & Street Outreach | \$10.0M | \$1.9M | \$8.1M | \$0M |
| Permanent Housing (RRH, Prevention, Landlord Incentives, Navigation) | \$55.0M | \$2.5M | \$43M | \$9.5M |
| Other Social Services (Employment, Behavioral Health, Benefits) | \$7.0M | \$0.7M | \$6.1M | \$2.2M |
| System Capacity Building | \$9.2M | \$0.5M | \$2.2M | \$6.5M |
| Capital Investment (Housing Units) | \$25.5M | \$5.2M | \$5.2M | \$15.1M |
| TOTAL | \$106.7M | \$10.7M | \$64.6M | \$31.3M |

Notes:

- Rounding may impact column totals
- \$11.4M in HOME-ARPA funds in the Capital Investment category cannot be committed until they are formally received by the City from HUD, and have specific limitations on use

CAPACITY BUILDING INITIATIVE HOMELESS RESPONSE SYSTEM



- Collaborating with Black Leaders Collective to ensure alignment of curriculum with principles of equity and inclusion
- Accelerator runs for 10 weeks, culminates in Community Showcase

ON THE HORIZON

- Targeted Prevention Solicitation (\$2.5M)
- Shelter Assessment: Findings & Recommendations
- Potential ARPA Investment Plan Reallocation
- Housing Pipeline Update
- Human Trafficking Resolution