

HOMELESS STRATEGY DIVISION BRIEFING

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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June 14th, 2023



TODAY'S AGENDA

- HEAL Initiative Update
- Shelter Assessment
- Marshalling Yard RFP
- Downtown Shelter Re-Opening
- ARPA Funding update

HOUSING-FOCUSED ENCAMPMENT ASSISTANCE LINK (HEAL)

More Than 480 People Moved to Shelter

Since HEAL began in June 2021, the initiative has compassionately closed 12 high-acuity encampments and moved 486 unhoused residents into bridge shelter



The time from shelter intake to housing move-in is generally about 7 months.

Encampments That Have Received HEAL Intervention

1. Terrazas Branch Library
2. Menchaca / Ben White Blvd.
3. Lady Bird Lake / Buford Tower
4. 183 / Oak Knoll
5. Old San Antonio Road / Slaughter Creek
6. IH-35 Frontage Road / St. Johns Avenue
7. West Bouldin Creek
8. Adjacent St. John Neighborhood Park
9. Gillis Park
10. Roy Guerrero Park
11. Gustavo "Gus" Garcia District Park
12. Pack Saddle Pass / Ben White Blvd.
13. Ongoing- Gaines Creek



Data as of May 30, 2023
Source: HMIS

SHELTER SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

OVERVIEW

In August 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, geographic dispersion, and cost estimates expected in July 2023
- 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 September 30, 2023)



SHELTER ASSESSMENT

EMERGING THEMES

Shelter Capacity Increases

Increased Capacity
General Population

Special
Populations:
Women, Medical,
LGBTQ

Geographic
Diversity

Shelter System Efficiencies

System Wide Referral,
Prioritization (e.g.
access points, wait list,
bed management)

Diversion/Rapid
Exit Services at all
System Entry
Points

Monitor
Performance of
Shelter Outflow

Shelter Operation Improvements

Housing Focused,
Low Barrier Shelter

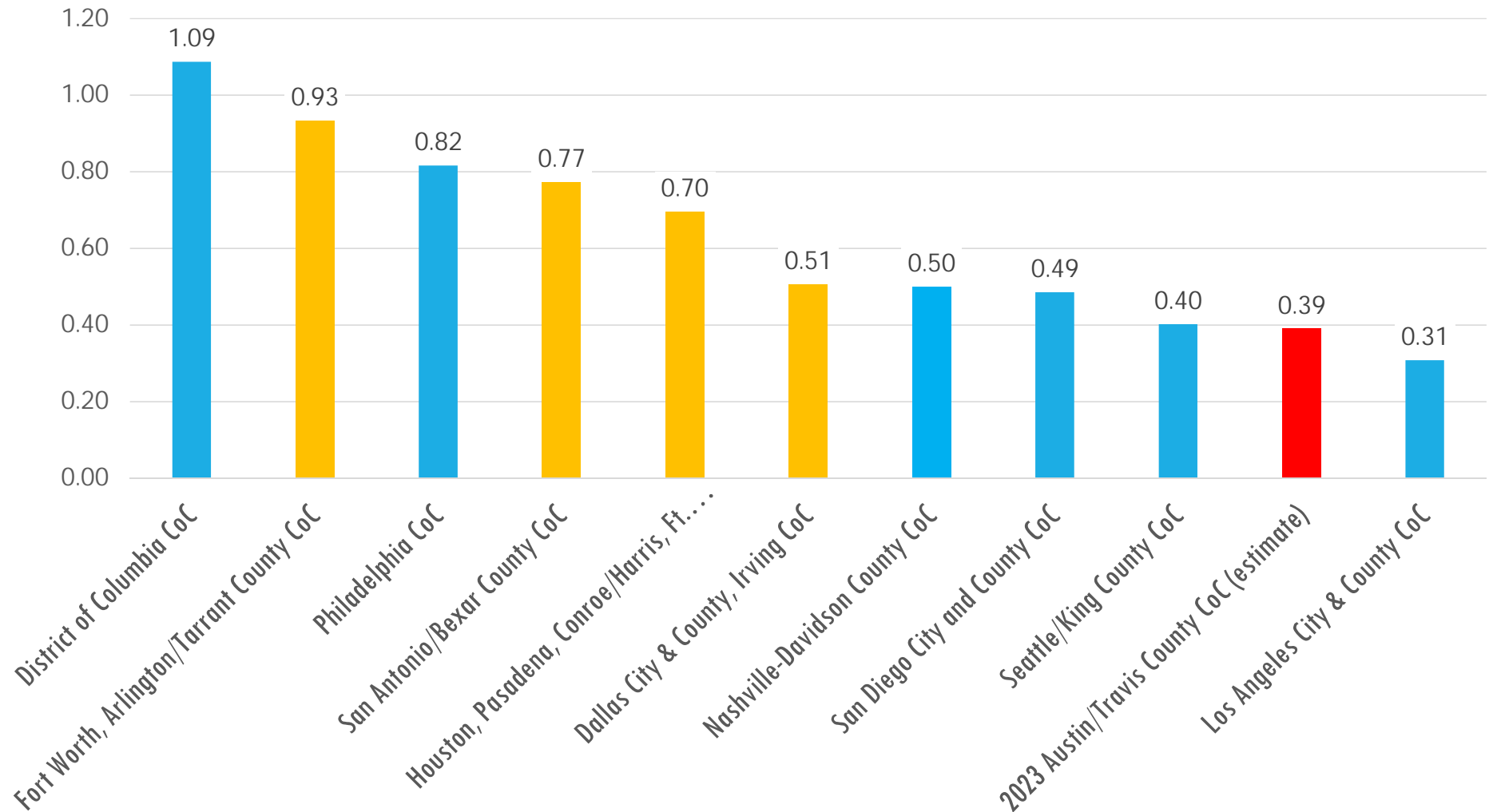
Consistent Shelter
Services Delivery

Staff
Compensation and
Training

PEER CITY COMPARISONS

AUSTIN RANKS NEAR THE BOTTOM OF PEER CITIES

RATIO OF SHELTER BEDS TO PERSONS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, HUD POINT-IN-TIME COUNT



MARSHALLING YARD TEMPORARY SHELTER

RFP Issued: Friday, May 12, 2023

Proposal Due Date: Thursday, June 1, 2023

Expected Council Agenda Date: July 20, 2023

RFP Amount: \$9,140, 000 ARPA funds

Services Solicited: 24-hour Emergency Shelter with up to 300 beds.

Meals, mobile showers/toilets, laundry, case management/supportive services, security and safety resources, coordination of communication, outreach, and transportation.

Anticipated Term of Agreements: Term of 12 months, beginning August 1, 2023.

Community Engagement:

Community Meetings held May 17, 18, 20

Speak Up! Frequently Asked Questions:

[Marshalling Yard Temporary Emergency Shelter - PublicInput \(speakupaustin.org\)](https://speakupaustin.org)

RESTORATION OF DOWNTOWN SHELTER CAPACITY

TSA LEASE & URBAN ALCHEMY CONTRACT



Approved at June 8th Council Meeting

Facility

- Lease of The Salvation Army's former Downtown Shelter and Service Center facility, 501 East Eighth Street
- One Year Term, anticipated 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
- \$1,268,256 NNN Lease
- Repairs required before building is operational

Operation & Services

- Amendment to current Urban Alchemy contract (ARCH) for 1 year operation at 501 E. 8th Street
- 150 Beds, Populations TBD
- Contract negotiations underway for up to \$4.5M



ARPA INVESTMENT PLAN - HOMELESSNESS REALLOCATION FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

Investment	Original ARPA Investment Plan	Reallocation	Revised ARPA Investment Plan
Capital Investment: Housing Development	\$14,100,000	(3,000,000)	\$11,100,000
Targeted Prevention	2,500,000	(100,000)	2,400,000
Emergency Shelters and Crisis Services	10,000,000	15,188,466	25,188,466
Rapid Rehousing	45,000,000	(2,467,486)	42,532,514
Supporting Providers	5,200,000	(3,200,000)	2,000,000
Landlord Engagement & Move In	5,000,000	(3,500,000)	1,500,000
Other Homeless Supportive Services	9,500,000	(2,372,506)	7,127,494
Homelessness System Support	4,000,000	(548,474)	3,451,526
TOTALS*	\$95,300,000		\$95,300,000

*Does not include HOME ARP allocation of \$11.4M; total City allocation is \$106.7M.

ARPA INVESTMENT PLAN

STATUS OF FUNDING

ARPA SLFRF Homeless Investment Plan		
Spent	\$11,208,113	11.76%
Encumbered	\$28,643,687	30.06%
Authorized FY24 Contracts	\$30,377,879	31.88%
RFP/Contracts in Progress	\$ 9,140,000	9.59%
Direct Staffing/Program Expense	\$ 3,831,603	4.02%
Total Committed	\$83,201,282	87.30%
Balance to Commit	\$ 3,649,654	3.83%
Grand Total	\$86,850,936	91.13%

Thank you!