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2019 Point-In-Time Count Results

The annual count of people experiencing homelessness is required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Nearly 500 volunteers canvassed the County on Thursday, February 28, 2019. The results of the count: **1,650 people** were homeless of those **672 people** did not have shelter.

2019 Results:

- ❖ 8% decrease in overall homelessness
- ❖ 13% decrease in Veterans facing homelessness
- ❖ 5% increase in unsheltered homelessness

Progress since 2014:

- ❖ 15% decrease in overall homelessness
- ❖ 38% decrease in unsheltered homelessness
- ❖ 37% decrease in Veteran homelessness
- ❖ 35% decrease in chronic homelessness
- ❖ 36% decrease in unaccompanied youth homelessness
- ❖ 37% decrease in family homelessness

560 In 560

Tampa/Hillsborough County Continuum of Care's (CoC) plan to address unsheltered homelessness and some of the top causes of homelessness by providing housing opportunities to 560 people in 560 days beginning June 2019 through December 2020.

In order to truly address homelessness, the community must simultaneously address the top causes of homelessness:

- ❖ Lack of Affordable Housing
- ❖ Poverty
- ❖ Mental Illness
- ❖ Unemployment
- ❖ Low Wages
- ❖ Substance Abuse



1. Hillsborough County Expungement Clinic

In a partnership with the State Attorney's Office 13th Judicial Circuit (SAO) and the Hillsborough County Commission on the Status of Women, Tampa Hillsborough Homeless Initiative (THHI) conducted the inaugural Hillsborough County Expungement Clinic in September 2018; over 1800 people registered. The clinic offered county residents who had been charged with a crime the opportunity to have one criminal record sealed or expunged. The expungement of a charge improves residents' opportunities for housing, employment and education. Three clinics were conducted in August, September and November. To date, over 300 people have been assisted, a savings of over \$750,000 for Hillsborough County residents.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 900 people
- ❖ Target Population: People with criminal charges, but no convictions
- ❖ Frequency: Bi-monthly (9 clinics)
- ❖ Total Cost: \$70,000 (for 900 application fees)



2. Second Chance/ Re-Entry Job Fair

THHI will coordinate with community organizations and leaders to implement the Second Chance/Re-Entry Job Fair. In Hillsborough County, during the 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time Count, 32% of the adults reported they have been charged with a felony in the past.

The job fair will focus on providing employment opportunities for people with criminal records who are experiencing homelessness or recently emerged from homelessness. The Second Chance/Re-Entry Job Fair will feature employers with current job openings willing to hire residents that are unemployed/under employed due to their criminal record.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 600 people
- ❖ Target Population: Ex-offenders seeking employment
- ❖ Frequency: 3 Events
- ❖ Total Cost: \$10,000 (set-up, venue, incentives)

3. Hot Spot Mobile Outreach

Based on the February 2019 Homeless Point-In-Time Count, 47% (672 people) of those experiencing homelessness were reported as unsheltered, in places not meant for human habitation (parks, benches, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, car, tent encampment areas, etc.)

To address the issue of unsheltered homelessness within several “hotspots” that are experiencing high rates of homelessness, THHI will collaborate with housing service providers and the current outreach teams to coordinate Hot Spot Mobile Outreach (HSMO). Mobile outreach teams in the past have provided basic on-site services (bus passes, snacks, water, blankets, etc.). By contrast, HSMO will be housing-centered. Mobile command centers will be established and remain at the hot spot locations for up to 30 days.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 200 people
- ❖ Target Population: Unsheltered, people sleeping in areas not meant for human habitation
- ❖ Frequency: Monthly (two locations per month)
- ❖ Total Cost: \$250,000 (hotel vouchers, mobile command centers, coordinated entry specialists)

4. Rapid Exit from Shelters

Rapid Exit was introduced in emergency shelters in 2016. Funding for Rapid Exit is provided directly to those agencies in an effort to expedite the process of securing permanent housing for people that need minimal assistance to become stably housed. In the past, emergency shelters, the domestic violence program and the CHSC would need to refer their clients to an additional program to obtain housing vouchers. As a result of Rapid Exit, 15% more people are leaving shelters to move into permanent housing.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 500 people
- ❖ Target Population: People with resources to sustain moving into permanent homes
- ❖ Frequency: On-going (Funding is available via the RFP process, once in every three years)
- ❖ Total Cost: \$2,000,000 (Funded by local, state and federal agencies)

5. Speed Leasing

Speed Leasing is a formalized matchmaking process which provides financial incentives to landlords who rent to residents that are experiencing housing barriers. The goal is to bring individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness together with landlords in a one-day event.

At each event, landlords will be able to exhibit available units and screen potential tenants; potential tenants will have the opportunity to meet with several landlords. Service providers will provide the short-to-mid term rental and utility assistance needed for securing housing.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 270 people (90 households)
- ❖ Target Population: People with resources to sustain permanent housing
- ❖ Frequency: Quarterly (6 events)
- ❖ Total Cost: \$45,000 (leasing incentives for landlords, \$250 for move-in and \$250 after 6 months)

6. Operation: REVEILLE

Operation: REVEILLE is a housing-first initiative aimed at rapidly re-housing Veterans and developing a system of care to ensure that a Veteran never sleeps on the streets again.

Each year on Veterans Day, THHI in partnership with the member agencies of the Continuum of Care (CoC) and in conjunction with local, state, regional and national partners provide Veterans with keys to their very own homes. Each home is pre-furnished and stocked with food and household supplies.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 75 people (50 households)
- ❖ Target Population: Disabled Veterans
- ❖ Frequency: Annually, on Veterans Day
- ❖ Total Cost: \$250,000 (furniture, deposits, food, supplies, etc.)
funded primarily with corporate donations



7. Housing Is Healthcare

Stable housing is a critical component to a person's health, especially for those experiencing chronic homelessness and chronic illness. In an effort to streamline the treatment process for participants and to increase the number of housing vouchers in our community, THHI proposes to partner with the Hillsborough County Healthcare.

Housing Is Healthcare will replicate the successful collaboration of housing and health care demonstrated at the Cypress Landing complex. Residents experiencing chronic homelessness have HUD vouchers for housing and receive case management and treatment via the Hillsborough County Healthcare Plan. This realignment would increase permanent housing vouchers by nearly 40%.

- ❖ Proposed # of persons served: 120 disabled people
- ❖ Target Population: People with a disability and experiencing homelessness
- ❖ Frequency: Ongoing (Cost for case management)
- ❖ Total Cost: \$3 million, annually (Proposed funding via the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan)

8. Community-wide Affordable Supportive Housing (CASH) Program

The Community-wide Affordable Supportive Housing (C.A.S.H.) Program is a method of increasing access to housing for people emerging from homelessness and are unlikely to obtain housing without assistance. The C.A.S.H. Program has four components: Developer Incentive, Risk Mitigation, Set Aside Units, and Rental Gap Incentive. This program will make 150 units available to persons emerging from homelessness.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 150 people
- ❖ Target Population: People that are unsheltered and chronically homeless
- ❖ Frequency: Ongoing via RFP process
- ❖ Total Cost: \$3,000,000



9. Shared Housing

Shared Housing is one solution for many single people residing in shelters and homeless encampments. An efficiency apartment may not be obtainable even with income from low wage jobs or social security benefits.

THHI will work with developers/investors/local residents to purchase and rehab single family, 3 bedroom homes. THHI will also consider accessory dwelling units, tiny homes and manufactured homes.

It is common for people to develop a community and a support system while experiencing homelessness. Shared Housing will make housing affordable, keep those relationships intact and promote long term housing stability for those that may currently live together in shelters, encampments and parks. Shared Housing will not only help those experiencing homelessness, it will have an even greater impact on the community by improving the housing stock in low-income neighborhoods, provide opportunities for job training related to construction and provide opportunities for investment properties for local low-income residents.

- ❖ Proposed # of Persons Served: 50 units (150 people)
- ❖ Target Population: Low income individuals emerging from homelessness
- ❖ Frequency: Once
- ❖ Total Cost: \$7,000,000

10. The B.E.A.C.H. House

The Beginning of the End to Abolish Chronic Homelessness (B.E.A.C.H.) House is aimed at addressing chronic homelessness in Tampa/Hillsborough County. Those experiencing chronic homelessness are considered the most vulnerable population and represents 27% of the total homeless population.

The B.E.A.C.H. House would provide a friendly and safe environment for chronically homeless individuals who are the most visible, the most vulnerable and who would never be able to maintain their own living space due to physical or mental disabilities. THHI proposes to establish three houses. Each house would accommodate 15 severely chronically homeless people. Each person would have their own bedroom and bathroom with shared common areas. Long term case management will be included.

- ❖ Proposed # of people served: 45 people
- ❖ Target Population: Severely disabled/chronically homeless
- ❖ Frequency: Once for construction & annually for operations/case management
- ❖ Total Cost: \$11,000,000 (\$9,000,000 for construction for 3 communal living homes and \$2,000,000 for operation and case management)

Summary

Making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring is a daunting and complex task. Homelessness is a community issue that requires a community response. **560 In 560** is an aggressive and lofty plan. However, the goals are achievable. Continuous collaborations with our current community partners are required, but developing new collaborations and resources are critical.

Building affordable housing is not the only solution because it is a slow and expensive process. Most people experiencing homelessness will not only need housing, but will require some sort of voucher or subsidy to even obtain affordable housing. **560 In 560** tackles this difficult merger of resources.

560 In 560 is an aggressive and lofty plan:

- ❖ Over 3,000 people will receive assistance.
- ❖ Nearly 700 people will receive housing assistance.

Outcomes



A.	B.	C.	D.
560 In 560 Components	*Estimated # of Persons to be Served	Vouchers to be Created	Beds to be Created
Hillsborough County Expungement Clinic	900	0	0
Second Chance Job Fair	600	0	0
Hot Spot Mobile Outreach	200	0	0
Rapid Exit from Shelters	500	500	0
Speed Leasing	270	0	270
Operation: REVEILLE	75	0	75
Housing is Healthcare	120	120	0
C.A.S.H. Program	150	0	150
Shared Housing	150	0	150
The B.E.A.C.H. House Project	45	0	45
TOTAL	3010	620	690