Background and Scope

Definitions and Data

Background

Defining Homelessness

- Homeless –
  - Literally homeless – place not meant for human habitation, temporary shelter, or exiting an institution where resided for 90 days or less (in emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation prior); or
  - Imminent Risk of Homelessness – forced from residence within 14 days, no other resources/supports available; or
  - Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence
- Chronically Homeless –
  - Literally homeless individual (or head of household); and
  - Documented disability; and
  - Continuously homeless for 12 months or experienced 4 episodes of homelessness over the last 3 years with a combined total of at least 12 months.
- Sheltered – residing in an emergency or transitional shelter, or currently receiving permanent housing assistance or permanent supportive housing assistance through grant funds designated for homeless.
- Unsheltered – residing in a place not meant for human habitation

Background

Defining Housing Types

- **Emergency Shelter**-facility based, temporary shelter for less than 6 months
- **Transitional Housing**- 6 months to 2 years with a service component
- **Affordable Housing**-rent/mortgage within 30%-39% of a households income
- **Permanent Housing**-no time limit, long-term housing
- **Permanent Supportive Housing**-continuous housing with services provided on site (traditionally for chronically homeless, veterans, elderly, and persons with disabilities)
- **Tenant Based Rental Assistance**-(HUD and PHA)-rental assistance that moves with the tenant (can be permanent or transitional)

Background

2015 Homeless Count Totals
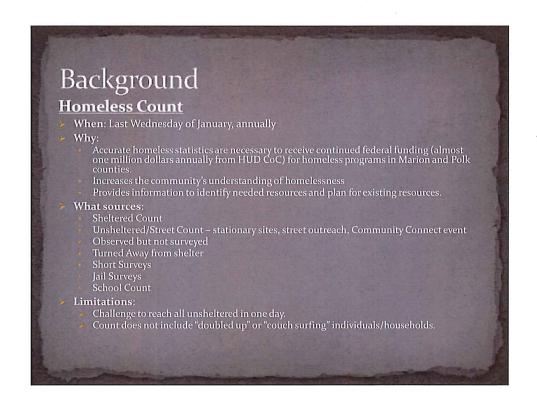
Total Homeless: _1,660_

Total Chronically Homeless: _308_

Sheltered and Unsheltered:

Location	TOTAL
Marion County	39
Polk County	21
City of Salem	619
City of Keizer	95
Data not gathered by location	263
TOTAL	1,037

Jail and School:

Location	Jail	School
Marion County	107	434
Polk County	25	57
TOTAL	132	491

Background

2015 Homeless Count

	TOTAL
Veterans	116 (13%)
Victims of Domestic Violence	163 (18%)
Families	72 (8%)
Health Conditions (Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Physical, Chronic Health Condition, Developmental, HIV/AIDS)	623 (69%)

Background

Homeless Count

➤ **When:** Last Wednesday of January, annually
➤ **Why:**
  • Accurate homeless statistics are necessary to receive continued federal funding (almost one million dollars annually from HUD CoC) for homeless programs in Marion and Polk counties.
  • Increases the community's understanding of homelessness
  • Provides information to identify needed resources and plan for existing resources.
➤ **What sources:**
  • Sheltered Count
  • Unsheltered/Street Count – stationary sites, street outreach, Community Connect event
  • Observed but not surveyed
  • Turned Away from shelter
  • Short Surveys
  • Jail Surveys
  • School Count
➤ **Limitations:**
  ➤ Challenge to reach all unsheltered in one day.
  ➤ Count does not include "doubled up" or "couch surfing" individuals/households.

Background

Current Housing Stock

➤ **Total Affordable Units Known**: 3,866
  (see Housing Inventory List)

➤ **Vouchers** – Available for Leasing
  ✓ Marion County (1,182 total, 1,749 waitlist)
    ✓ Leased as of 02/01/2016: 1,006
  ✓ Salem (2,909 total, 5,971 waitlist)
    ➤ Leased as of 02/01/2016: 2,882
  ✓ West Valley (703 total, 549 waitlist)
    ➤ Leased as of 02/01/2016: 718

➤ **HUD** – Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)
  ➤ Emergency Shelter bed inventory: 250
  ➤ Transitional Shelter bed inventory: 292

➤ **Other TBRA**: 200-300 annually
  (HOME, ESG, CoC, SSVF, OHOP)

Scope-Panelist Discussion

• Why is there not enough permanent housing?

• What barriers are there?

• Should there be a focus on a subset?

Background

Poverty Info

➢ ALICE-Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed

Owner-Occupied	% Owned by HHs Below ALICE Threshold	Housing Burden: % Owners pay More than 30% Income	Renter Occupied	% Rented by HHs below ALICE Threshold	Housing Burden: % Owners pay More than 30% Income	Additional Rental Units Needed
67,175	35%	52%	45,153	67%	49%	18,945

• **Family of four (2013)**
  ➢ U.S. Poverty Level: $23,550
  ➢ ALICE Threshold: Marion County $51,360/Polk County $51,396
  ➢ ALICE Hourly Rate: Marion County $25.68/Polk County $25.70
• **Single Adult (2013)**
  ➢ U.S. Poverty Level: $11,490
  ➢ ALICE Threshold: Marion County/Polk County $19,032
  ➢ ALICE Hourly Rate: $9.52

Background

Current Service Providers

➢ **Public**

➢ **Non Profit**

(See Service Provider List)

Housing Needs Assessment

➢ **Number of Units Needed:**

6,400 housing unit deficit for households that earn less than $25,000 annually (Salem MSA)

➢ **Types of Issues to Address:**

employment, housing policy and strategies, dedicated local funding resources, regulatory reform, create incentives for private development of permanent affordable housing

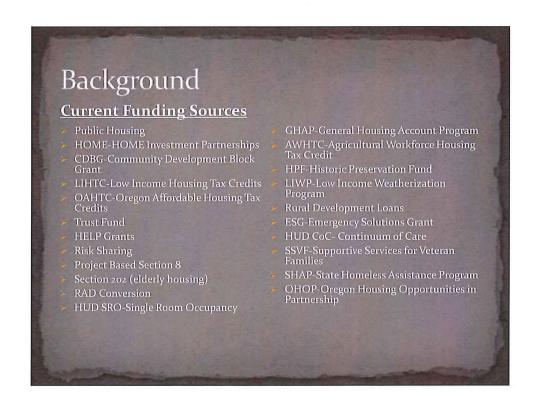## Scope-Panelist Discussion

- Should we expand current services or try a new approach?

- What strategies have you seen that work?

Background

Current Funding Sources

- Public Housing
- HOME-HOME Investment Partnerships
- CDBG-Community Development Block Grant
- LIHTC-Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- OAHTC-Oregon Affordable Housing Tax Credits
- Trust Fund
- HELP Grants
- Risk Sharing
- Project Based Section 8
- Section 202 (elderly housing)
- RAD Conversion
- HUD SRO-Single Room Occupancy

- GHAP-General Housing Account Program
- AWHTC-Agricultural Workforce Housing Tax Credit
- HPF-Historic Preservation Fund
- LIWP-Low Income Weatherization Program
- Rural Development Loans
- ESG-Emergency Solutions Grant
- HUD CoC- Continuum of Care
- SSVF-Supportive Services for Veteran Families
- SHAP-State Homeless Assistance Program
- OHOP-Oregon Housing Opportunities in Partnership

Scope-Panelist Discussion

- How are these funds used together?

- Can these funds be used for incentives to private investors?

- What other sources are there (private or public)?

- How can funding provide long-term operational capital?