

## **MIDD 2 Initiative RR-01: Housing Supportive Services**

*How does the program advance the recommended MIDD policy goals?*

This initiative impacts the recommended MIDD policy goal of “divert individuals with behavioral health needs from costly interventions, such as jail, emergency rooms, and hospitals.”

This initiative provides housing support services to chronically homeless adults. Individuals that have previously been unsuccessful in housing due to lack of stability and/or lack of daily living skills become successfully housed with the assistance of housing support specialists. Housing stability reduces use of criminal justice and emergency medical systems.

### **1. Program Description**

#### *◇ A. Service Components/Design (Brief)*

Housing supportive services includes assistance to help the individual meet the obligations of tenancy, i.e., rent payments, abide by landlord rules, cooperate with neighbors, keep the apartment clean and safe; assistance with learning the daily living skills to live independently, i.e., shopping, cooking, budgeting, cleaning; coordination with behavioral health treatment providers and health care providers; and helping individuals get to medical appointments. Housing support services assist individuals in moving from homelessness to housing stability. Services are provided primarily at the individual’s housing site and in the surrounding community by housing support specialists.

#### *◇ B. Goals*

The goal of this initiative is to increase the number of housed individuals with mental illness and chemical dependency who are receiving supportive housing services, leading to increased housing tenure and housing stability. Housing stability is a key determinant in increasing treatment participation and in reducing use of criminal justice and emergency medical systems.

#### *◇ C. Preliminary Performance Measures (based on MIDD 2 Framework)<sup>107</sup>*

##### *1. How much? Service Capacity Measures*

This initiative had capacity to serve 690 people in 2016. Capacity could grow over time, as new annual awards are included.

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<sup>107</sup> Throughout 2017, review and refinement of Results-Based Accountability (RBA) performance measures for MIDD 2 initiatives will be conducted whenever applicable, in consultation with providers. Updates to performance measures that may result from this collaborative process will be reported in the next MIDD Annual Report in August 2018.

2. *How well? Service Quality Measures*

- Increased use of preventive (outpatient) services
- Improved wellness self-management
- Increased housing stability

3. *Is anyone better off? Individual Outcome Measures*

- Reduced unnecessary incarceration, hospital, and emergency department use
- Reduction of crisis events

◇ *D. Provided by: Contractor*

2. **Spending Plan**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2017	Continued housing supportive services for individuals with behavioral health conditions.	\$2,050,000
<b>2017 Annual Expenditure</b>		<b>\$2,050,000</b>
2018	Continued housing supportive services for individuals with behavioral health conditions.	\$2,096,712
<b>2018 Annual Expenditure</b>		<b>\$2,096,712</b>
<b>Biennial Expenditure</b>		<b>\$4,146,712</b>

3. **Implementation Schedule**

◇ *A. Procurement and Contracting of Providers*

The King County DCHS Housing and Community Development (HCD) program administers and oversees funding for housing stability and services programs. MIDD 2 funding was allocated to the HCD in January 2017. HCD distributes MIDD Housing Supportive Services as part of the annual Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) RFP process.

◇ *B. Services Start date (s)*

Services continued on January 1, 2017.

#### **4. Community Engagement Efforts**

The Housing and Community Development Program follows an existing stakeholder process to notify potential applicants of available funding. Typically, fund availability is announced in May of each as part of the Combined Funders NOFA. This NOFA is distributed to multiple email distributions lists, is posted on the HCD website, and is distributed by All Home. For targeted fund sources such as MIDD, HFP and BHRD staff may do focused outreach to providers to ensure that competitive applications are received as part of the RFP process.