

CoC Annual Meeting

Resolving homelessness, together.

July 2025 | Day 2



SACRAMENTO
STEPS FORWARD

Welcoming Remarks

From Joseph Smith & Lisa Bates

Community Agreements

- We commit to **identifying where we are aligned and building collaboratively**, giving equal power to every voice in the space and acknowledge and respect that in our group, there are differing political analyses, theories of change, and organizational structures.
- Power shows up in many different ways: **Be aware of how you might be unconsciously using your privilege and power.**
- We will choose to **lean into discomfort.**
- Step up and Step Back. **We will be mindful of taking up too little or too much space.**
- We will call each other in with **love and support and hold each other accountable.**
- We recognize that this is not a whole space—people, voices, and perspectives missing. We hold ourselves accountable as a collaborative to **elevate and empower folks who have been historically under resourced and underrepresented.**
- We **emphasize relationship-building** especially and we **agree to move only at the speed of trust.**
- We commit to **bringing our whole selves and fostering a brave space.**

2025 CoC Annual Meeting Agenda

July 9, Day 1

8:00 – 8:10

Welcome & Purpose

Joe Smith, Lisa Bates

8:10 – 8:30

Current Efforts to Address Homelessness: What We’re Doing Now

Ayanna McGee, Hannah Bermejo-Castro, Neil Kurtz, Amanda Rehn, Sheri Green, Ya-yin Isle

8:30 – 8:55

Where is the System Now? Service Data and Implications for Regional Plan Strategies

Trent Simmons

8:55 – 9:55

Updating the Regional Plan

Ayanna McGee, Peter Bell

July 10, Day 2

9:00 – 9:35

Welcome & Recap

Joe Smith, Lisa Bates

9:35 – 10:00

Day 1 Feedback & Reflections

Joe Smith, Darrell Rogers, Tara Turrentine, Ayanna McGee

10:00 – 10:45

Partners With Lived Expertise Committee Panel: Accomplishments, System Improvements & Recommendations

Partners With Lived Expertise Committee

10:45 – 11:45

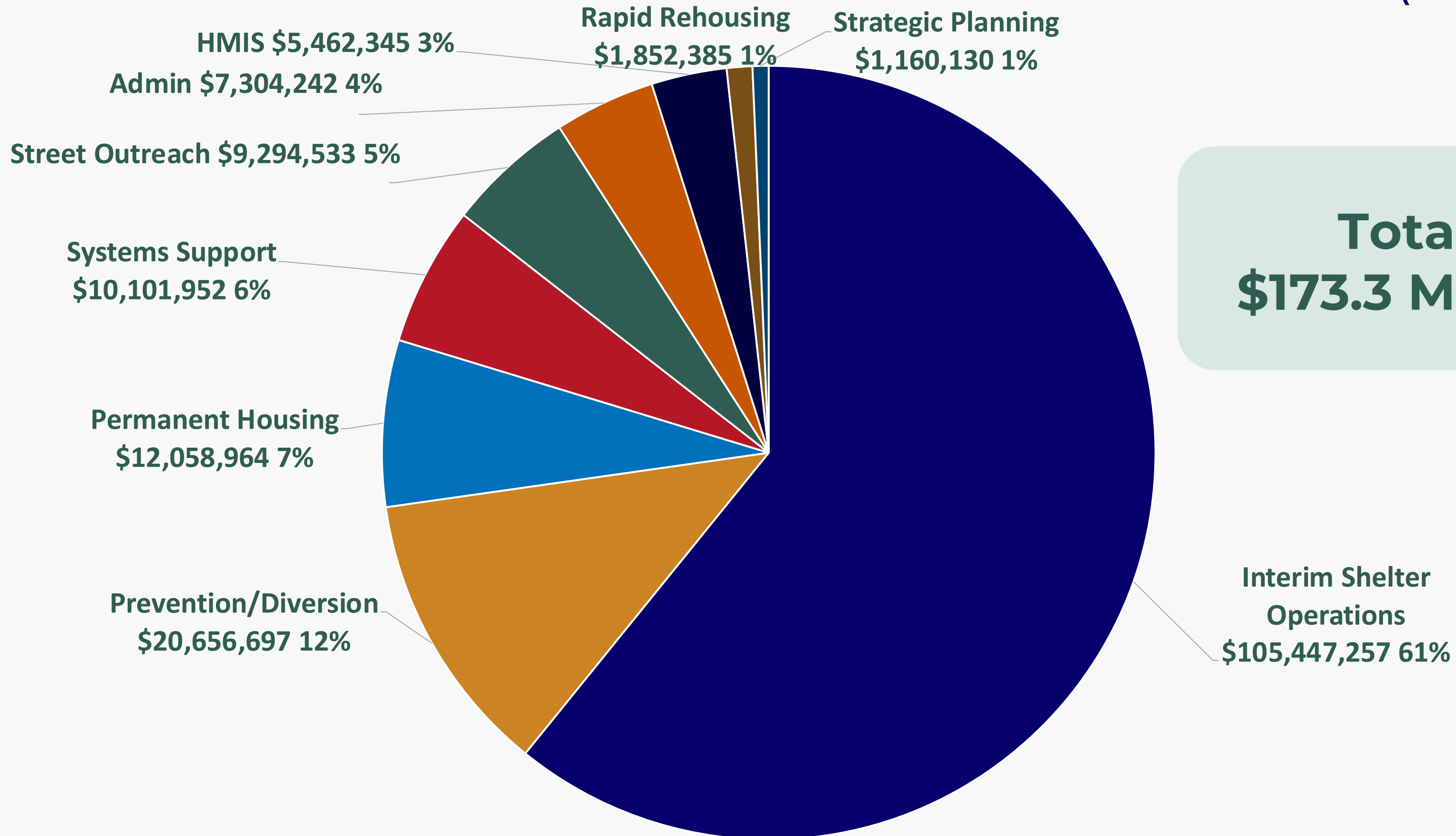
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Recap

From Ayanna McGee

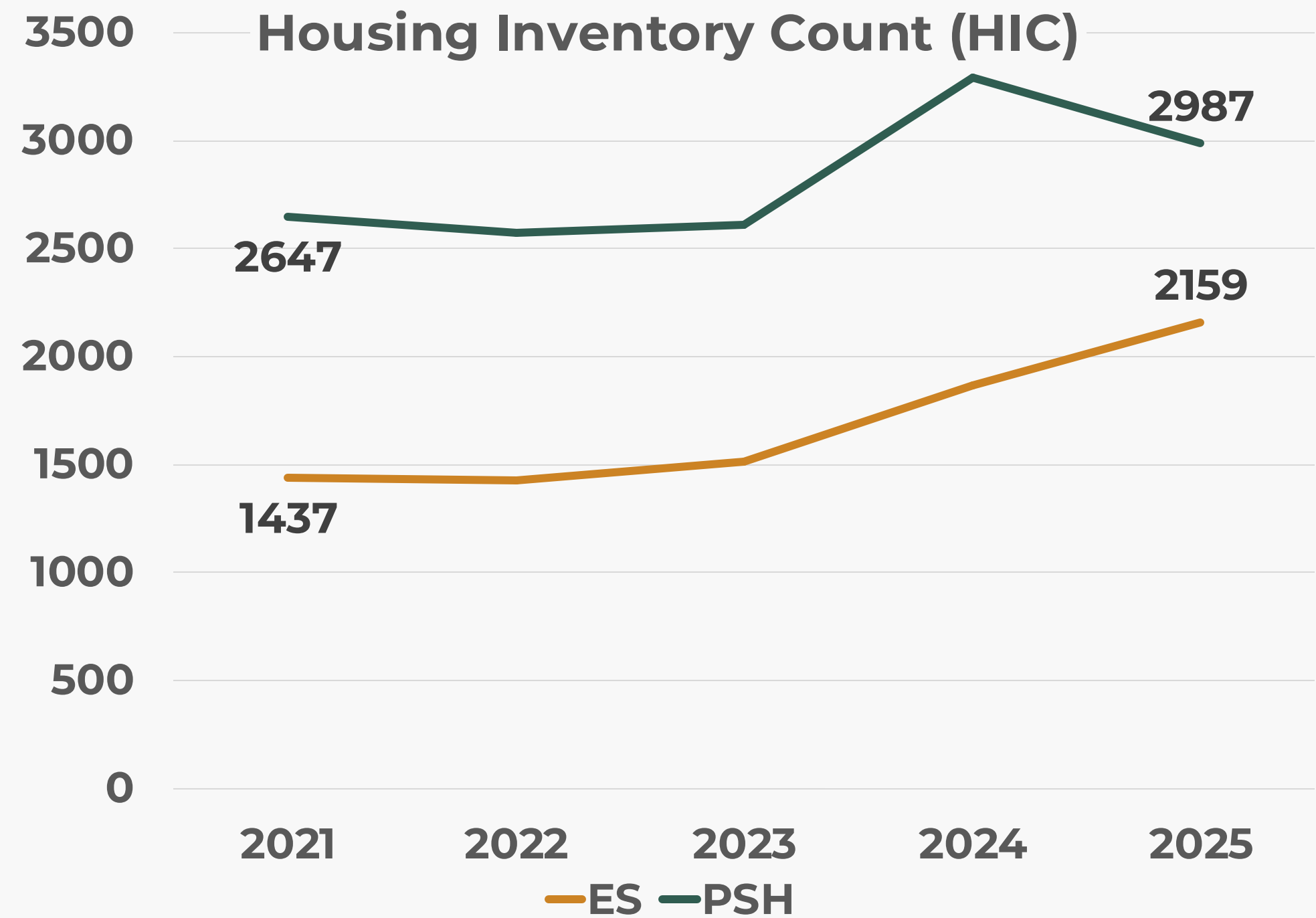
City, County, CoC: HHAP Investments

Rounds 1–5 (2020–2028)



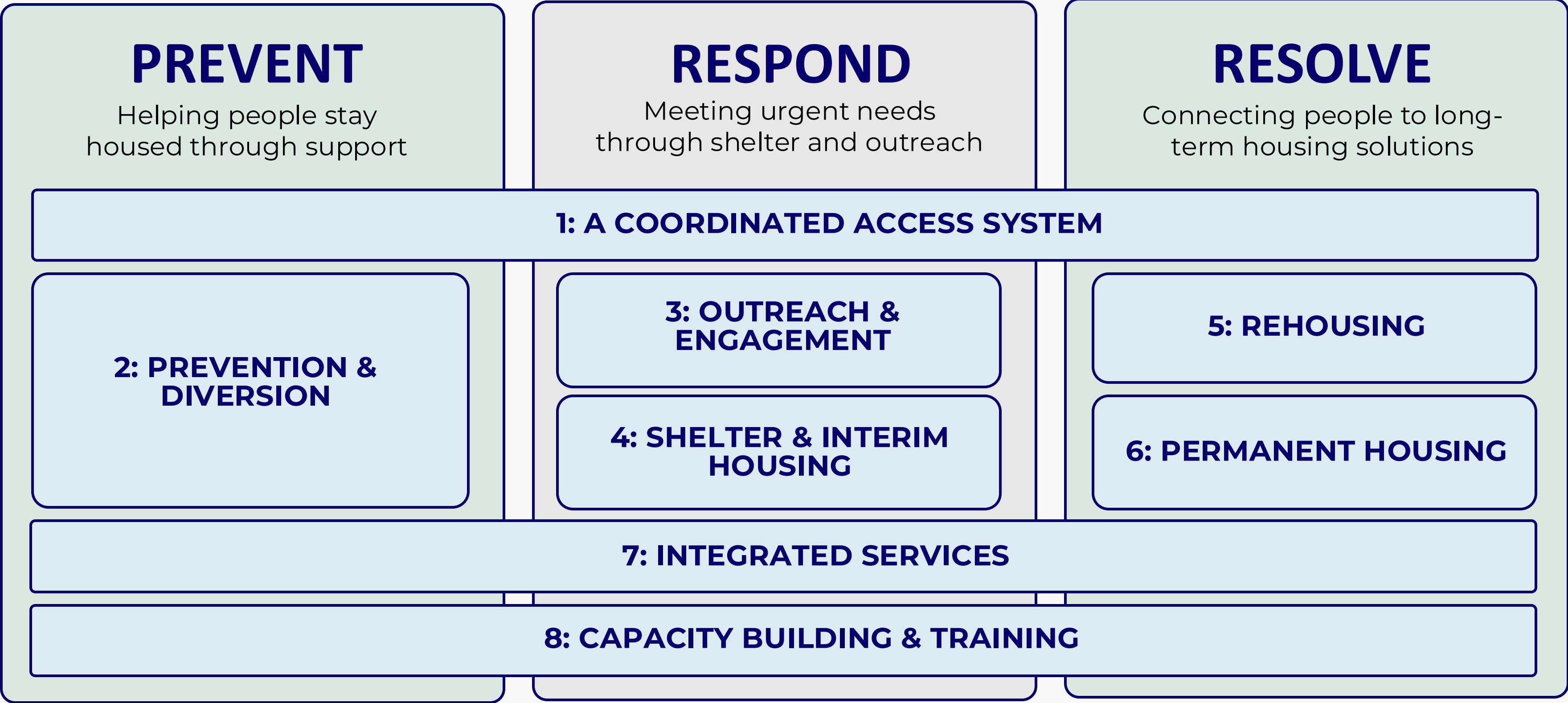
Total:
\$173.3 Million

Investments Have Led to More Inventory



Sacramento's Homelessness Response Framework

Learn more at sacramentostepsforward.org/rchap



What is the "All In Sacramento" Regionally Coordinated Homelessness Action Plan?

When

2025-2028

What

A framework and commitment toward preventing and ending homelessness

Where

Sacramento County

Who

Developed in partnership among:

- Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF)
- The Sacramento City and County Continuum of Care (CoC)
- The City of Sacramento
- Sacramento County
- The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA)

Why

Serves as a “North Star” for our collective network of partners, projects, and services in homeless response

Background

Builds upon progress of Local Homeless Action Plan, representing priorities and actions articulated as part of HHAP-5 state funding

RCHAP in Context

Environmental Factors

Including:

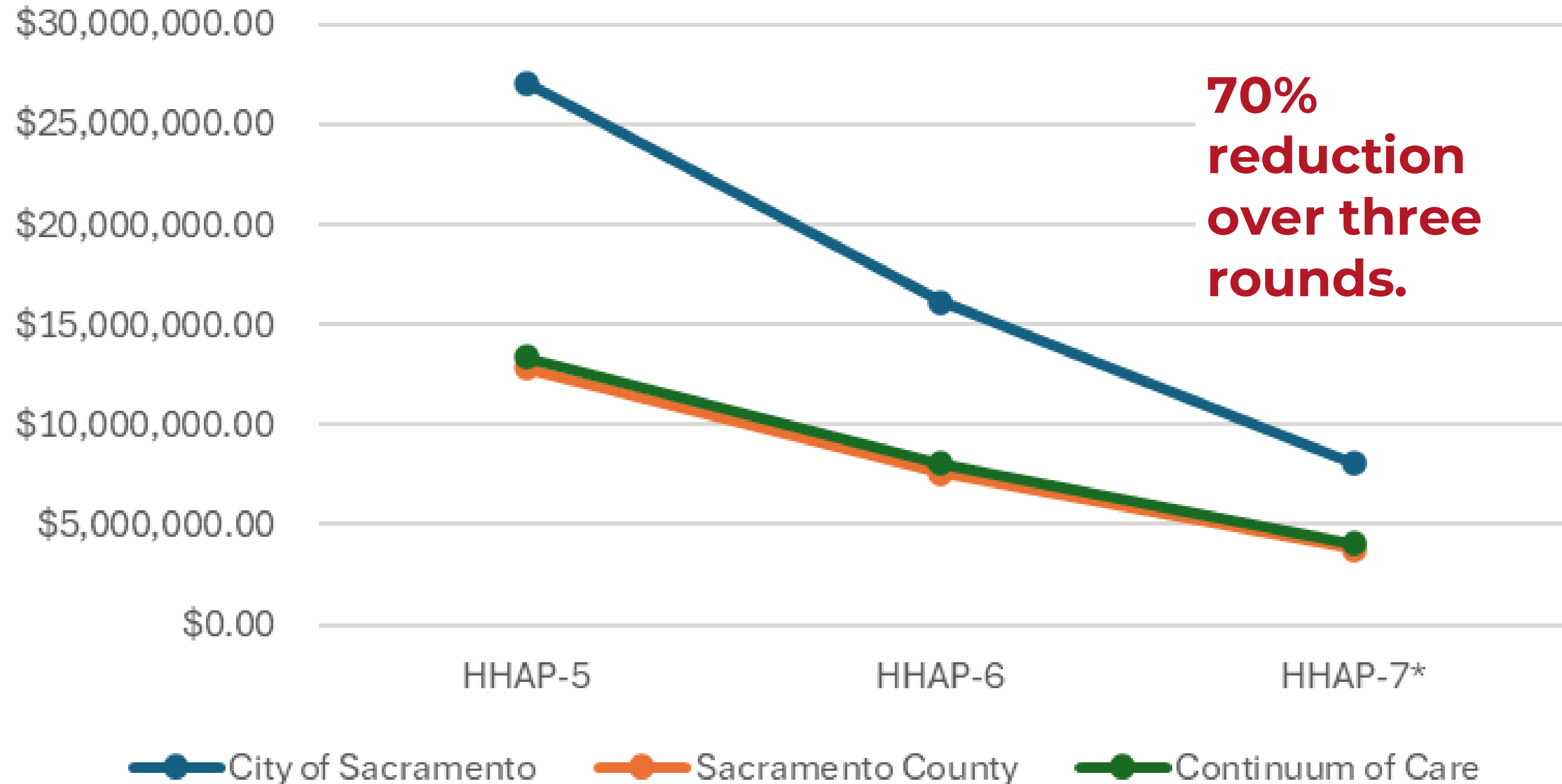
- Fluctuations in rents, evictions, and vacancies
- Shifts in behavioral health policy and funding
- Implementation of CalAIM
- Court rulings, such as Grants Pass v Johnson
- HUD budget changes

Assumptions for Next Year

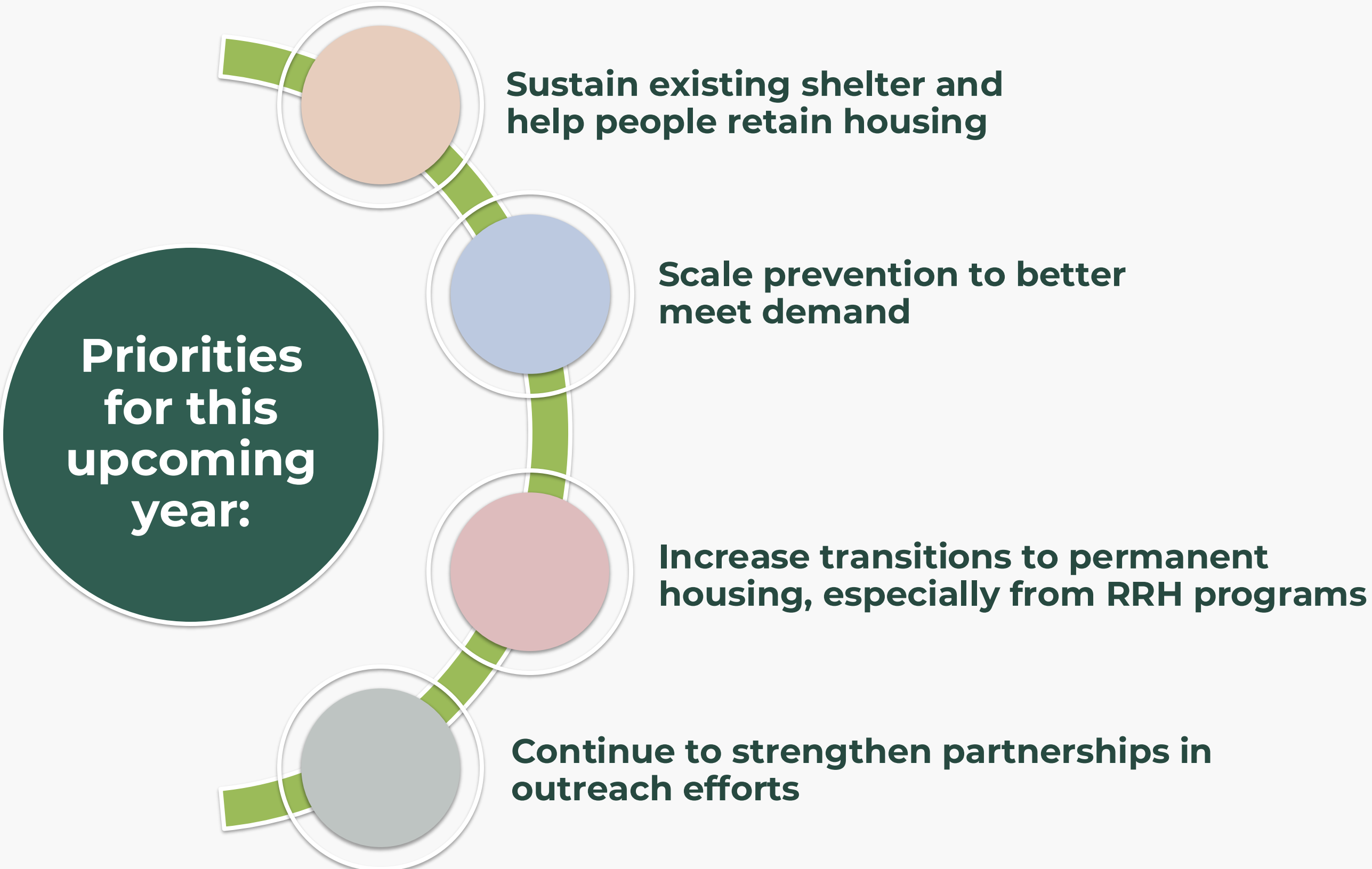
Including:

- HHAP funding reductions
- Local budget cuts
- Increased investments in behavioral health
- Limited vouchers

Dwindling HHAP Allocations (Rounds 5–7)



**HHAP-7 is currently proposed as a 50% reduction and slated for the FY26/27 budget. Actual allocations will be set by the State.*



CoC Proposed HHAP-6 Funding Recommendations

Allowable Activity	Allocated Amount	Percentage
Permanent Housing Operating Subsidies	\$4,010,616	50%
Prevention and Diversion	\$2,600,000	32%
Youth Sheltering <i>(administered by The City of Sacramento)</i>	\$806,173	10%
Admin	\$564,321	7%
HMIS	\$80,617	1%
Total	\$8,061,726	100%

Prevention Activities

Convene partners to support in designing and implementing county-wide prevention approach

Develop prevention-specific screening tools, assessments, and processes

Scale-up PSAPs and LEAP-HP capacity to meet projected demand (1,600 households)

Response Activities

Continue to implement Street to Housing Pilot Program

Enhance encampment response coordination between the City, County, and CoC through implementing sanctioned encampments and launching a HMIS outreach module

Open Watt Ave Safe Stay, offering 225 new shelter beds

Implement pilot veterans outreach program using VA rehousing resources

Improve completion rate of client-focused housing plans among CAS Assessors

Resolution Activities

Improve use of the by-name-list (BNL) and case conferencing

Coordinated housing stabilization and after-care services

Implement a flex pool of funding for coordinated rehousing assistance with infrastructure for systemwide landlord engagement

Establish a family-focused RRH program to support transitioning clients for family shelter programs

Sustain existing permanent housing units

Crosscutting System Activities

Expand and publicly market CAS access points

Identify opportunities to use CAS to refer clients into **specialized services**

Evaluate early outcomes of Housing Conversation Tool and determine if updates are necessary

Develop a plan for supporting and housing people with **medical vulnerabilities**

Improve **discharge planning** from hospitals, jails, and other institutions focused on employment

Improve outreach **coordination with local law enforcement** agencies

Develop training and technical assistance focused on improving RRH performance

Increase community understanding of homeless response system resources and **uplift successes**

Regularly convene providers to inform system improvements and forge stronger partnerships

Create a workgroup for recommendations on workforce recruitment, retention, and development

Day 1 Feedback and Reflections

Key Takeaways: Strategies That Resonated

Prevention

Expanded access to prevention assistance resources

Upstream collaboration with K-12 for families who are doubled up

Eviction assistance

Rapid Rehousing

Housing retention support, such as Ready to Rent

Integrated Services

Law enforcement and criminal legal system partnership

Wraparound supports for substance use disorders, mental health, income, and case management

Holistic healthcare supports, including behavioral health services

Job development

Key Takeaways: Biggest Challenges



Limited housing availability



Limited voucher availability, leading to more people spending time homeless



Decreases federal and state funding across the homeless response system and other systems of care



Lack of flexible funding sources



Political climate, especially SB 802



Lack of community trust



Staff turnover, especially among case managers



Changes to Medicaid and Medicare eligibility

Key Takeaways: Ways to Strengthen the Plan

- **Community-wide education** about the plan
- **Advocacy and collaboration** on plan strategies, including with elected leaders
- **Accountability and evaluation mechanisms** that ensure follow through on strategies
- Focus on **client sustainability**, including life skills workshops for individuals transitioning from unsheltered homelessness to shelter or housing
- **Language accessibility**
- **Better service supports** in shelter and transitional housing settings
- **Focus on youth supports**

Key Takeaways: Innovation and Collaboration

- **Integration** of volunteers, neighborhoods, faith-based organizations, and general public
- **Engagement** of business community
- Greater **visibility** into community resources among providers and partners
- Provider **involvement** on the impacts of CAS referrals
- CalAIM **Community Supports** and justice-involved population **resources**
- Data **sharing and accessibility** to promote warm handoffs, especially across systems of care
- Housing **retention** efforts, such as connections to job support and benefits
- More case management **capacity** and deeper **connections** with case managers
- **Collaborative** partners to provide parallel services to clients in shelter
- Capacity building and **resourcing** for small organizations

Reflections

As we look at the feedback from yesterday:

- What resonates most from your perspective?
- Was any of this feedback surprising or unexpected?

Recognizing the role of the CoC:

- How can we bring this feedback into our collaborative efforts?
- What are we getting right and how do we build on it?

Partners with Lived Expertise Committee Panel:

Accomplishments, System Improvements & Recommendations

The Roles of the PWLEC

LIVED EXPERIENCE LEADERSHIP

PWLEC members are leaders with direct experience navigating housing instability.



SYSTEM STRATEGY & DESIGN

They advise SSF staff on inclusive program design and systems change grounded in lived expertise.



COMMUNITY VOICE & ENGAGEMENT

They ensure authentic community voice is present in decision-making and design.



COLLABORATION & ACCOUNTABILITY

They reduce barriers to access and strengthen outcomes through trusted partnership.



Some of
**The Faces
Behind
the Work**



Panel Discussion: **PWLEC Impact**

Panel Discussion:
Impact in Sanctioned Encampments

Closing Message:
From the PWLEC

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"I used to think my story was just pain. Now I know it's also power — and that power is helping other people get what they need."

"I've been through the system, and now I get to help change it. That means everything."

"This committee gave me purpose. I'm not just surviving anymore — I'm building something better with people who actually listen."

"Before this, I felt invisible. Now, when I speak, I see people writing it down. That's the first time I've felt heard in a system that failed me."

"Helping shape the ombuds process felt like justice — not just for me, but for everyone who gave up trying to be heard."

"When I helped co-lead a training, I felt proud of myself in a way I haven't in years. I felt like a leader again."

"We don't just give feedback; we build it with you. That's power."

Break

Survey on SB 802: **bit.ly/sb802survey**

Specialized Topic Discussions

RCHAP Activity Focus Groups

1. **Momentarily, you will have the opportunity to participate in a breakout session of your choice.**
2. **With your group, you will be able to dive in deeper on an activity outlined in our regional plan. A facilitator and notetaker will be present to help guide the discussion and capture your feedback.**
3. **In your group, a “reporter” will be identified to present key themes from the discussion to the full group once breakout sessions close.**
4. **Feedback from the session notes will be reviewed for integration into this year’s updated RCHAP.**

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Workforce development supports

HCT assessment early results and implications for process improvement

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Prevention: Screening and prioritization approaches for best serving prevention-eligible households

Provider focused feedback approaches

Housing: Exploring options to best fit unique client needs

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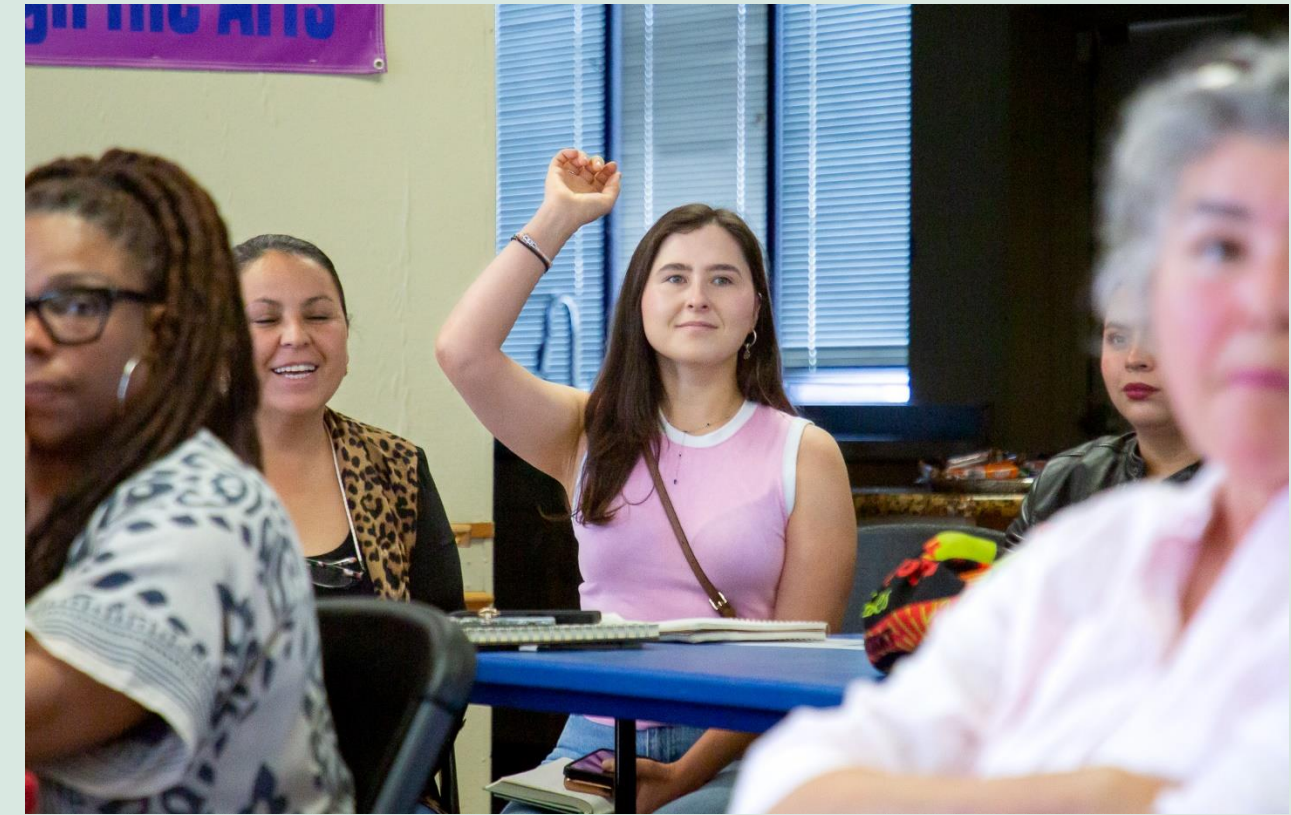
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Ways to Stay Involved

- **Recurring CoC Meetings to Join:**
 - CoC Board Meeting
 - Coordinated Access System Committee Meeting
 - HMIS & Data Committee Meeting
 - Point-in-Time Count Meeting
 - Community Accountability Committee Meeting
 - System Performance Committee Meeting
- **Frontline Learning Collaborative**
- **Housing Families First Collaborative**
- **Case Conferencing**
- **Training Opportunities**
- **....and More!**

What collaboration or networking opportunities would you like to share?

Drop them in the chat!



A large group of people are seated at round tables in a spacious, industrial-style hall with high ceilings and exposed pipes. They are all clapping, suggesting a celebratory or appreciative gathering. The room has a brick wall on the right and a large American flag. The lighting is warm and the atmosphere is positive.

THANK YOU!

Our community will only be able to resolve homelessness if we go all in, together.

Learn more about our community's work to resolve homelessness at: **sacramentostepsforward.org**