

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 4, 2021

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Office of Homeless Solutions – American Rescue Plan Act Provider Listening Session Results**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide the City Council with an update concerning the results of the OHS provider listening sessions used to identify our American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) projects and spending goals.

OHS Strategy Sessions

Per the [May 7th Memorandum](#) to City Council, OHS sent out a survey to direct services providers to identify gaps in the homeless services system and prioritize discussion topics for listening sessions concerning OHS goals and projects for anticipated ARPA funding. Using the topic areas sourced from this survey, provider listening sessions were held on May 21st and May 25th. This feedback will be presented at the June 7th Citizens Homelessness Commission (CHC) meeting and the June 8th Housing and Homelessness Committee meeting. The presentation may be viewed by clicking this [link](#).

In order to capture input from the community and unsheltered residents, OHS is scheduling two additional rounds of listening sessions. Councilmembers are kindly requested to send recommendations for community partners to participate in a survey to identify discussion topics, followed by a listening session. The second session will focus on those who are unsheltered or recently unsheltered residents of Dallas via the Continuum of Care's (CoC) Homeless Alliance Forum. Should further strategy sessions prove necessary, OHS will schedule them at that time.

At the conclusion of all listening sessions, OHS will use the feedback received to identify goals and present recommendations for consideration by the CHC, Housing and Homelessness Solutions Committee (HHS), and the City Council. Those presentations are expected to begin shortly after the City Council's July summer recess.

This is an ongoing process with continued updates planned to keep you informed of this important initiative as we continue to address homelessness in our community.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or Christine Crossley, Director of Office of Homeless Solutions.

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