

United Way of Anchorage Housing Programs

Assembly Committee on Housing & Homelessness

February 2024

Eviction Diversion Program

Alaska Court System - Eviction Diversion Program

- Started in March 2023
- Offers free mediation to landlords and tenants
- Referral to UWA if the eviction is due to non-payment of rent

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- Provides one-time rental assistance for past due rent
- Connect tenants to community resources if needed
- 47 evictions prevented since March 2023

Landlord Housing Partnership

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Works to expand the number of long term, stable housing opportunities available to those who are experiencing homelessness.

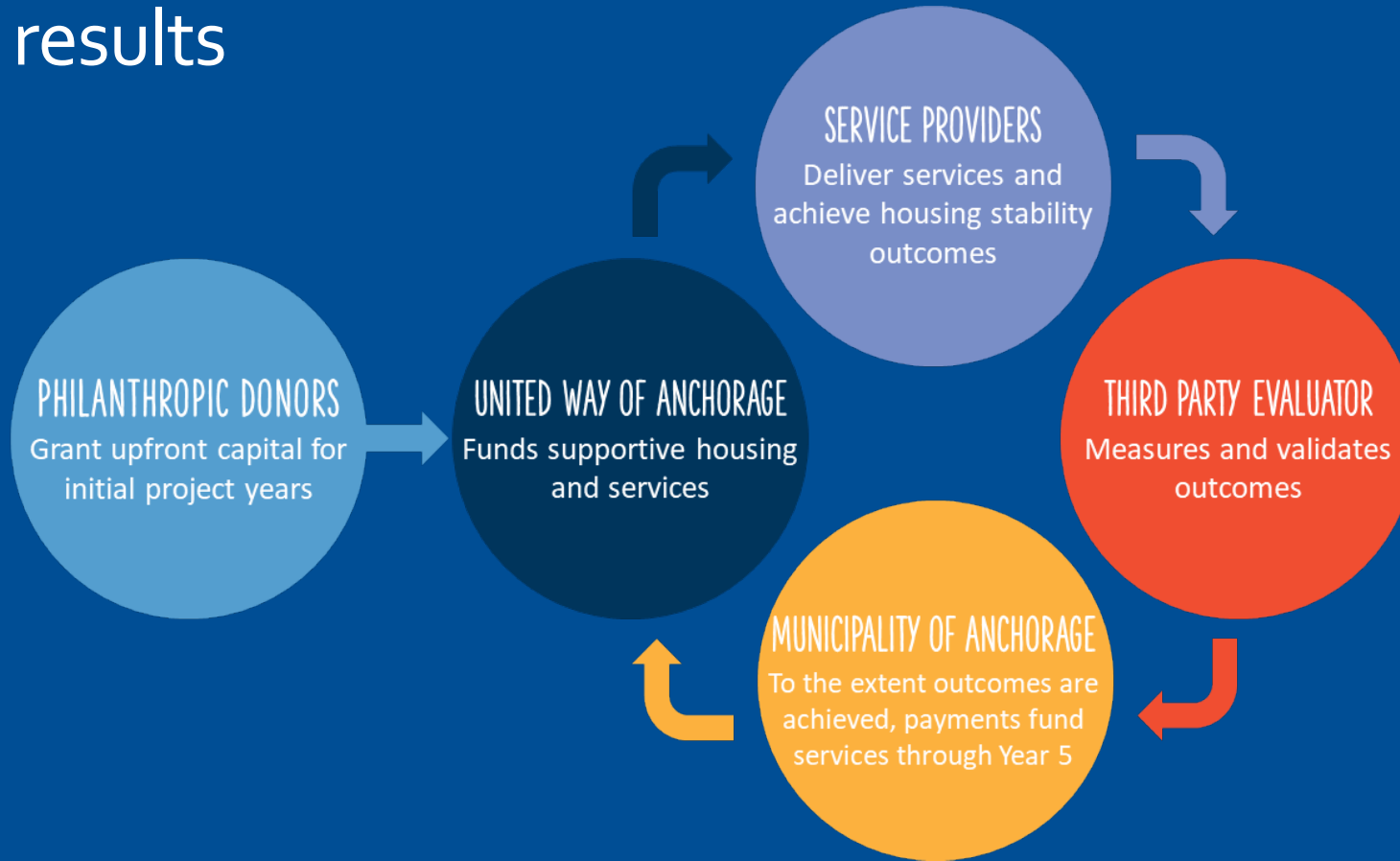
- PadMission – web-based housing search platform built for organizations serving individuals experiencing homelessness
- Landlord Incentives
 - At lease signing
 - Tier I: \$1,000
 - Tier II: \$1,500
 - After 3 months of tenancy, \$500 retention incentive

88 households have been housed with landlord incentives to date

- Risk Mitigation Funding – reimbursement for damages caused by tenants

Home for Good Anchorage

Home for Good uses Pay for Success financing to tie payments to results



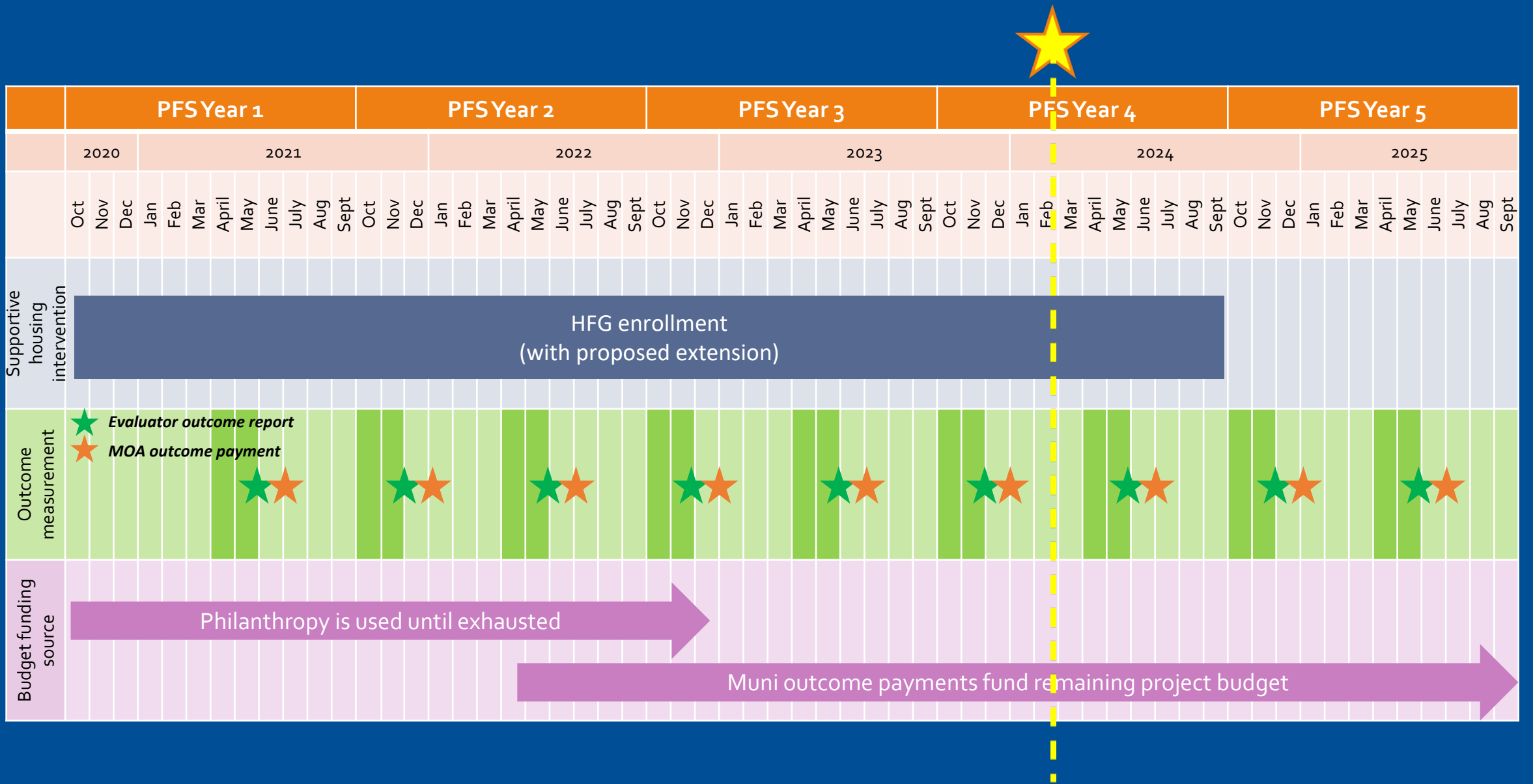
Philanthropy provides initial funding and then government takes over financial support in later stages, so long as outcomes are achieved.



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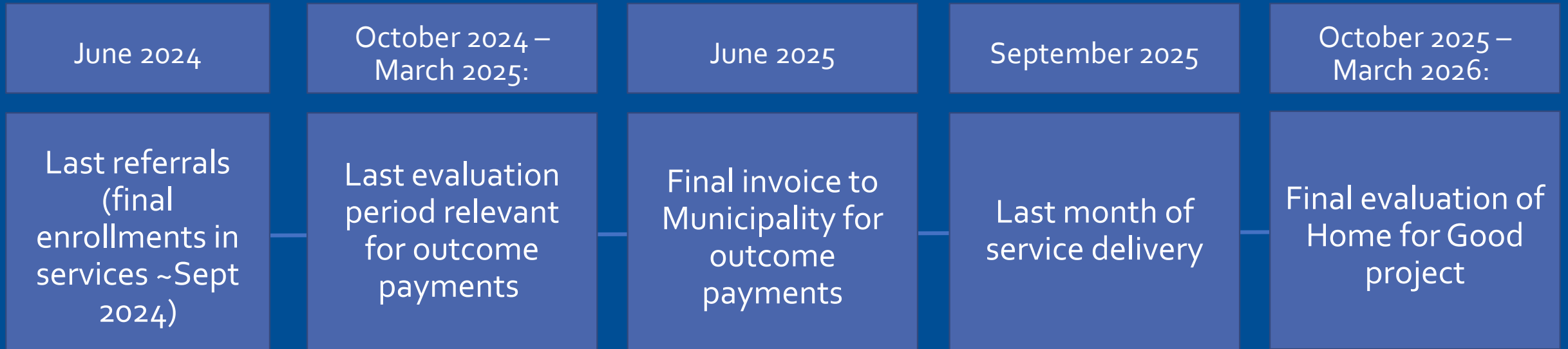
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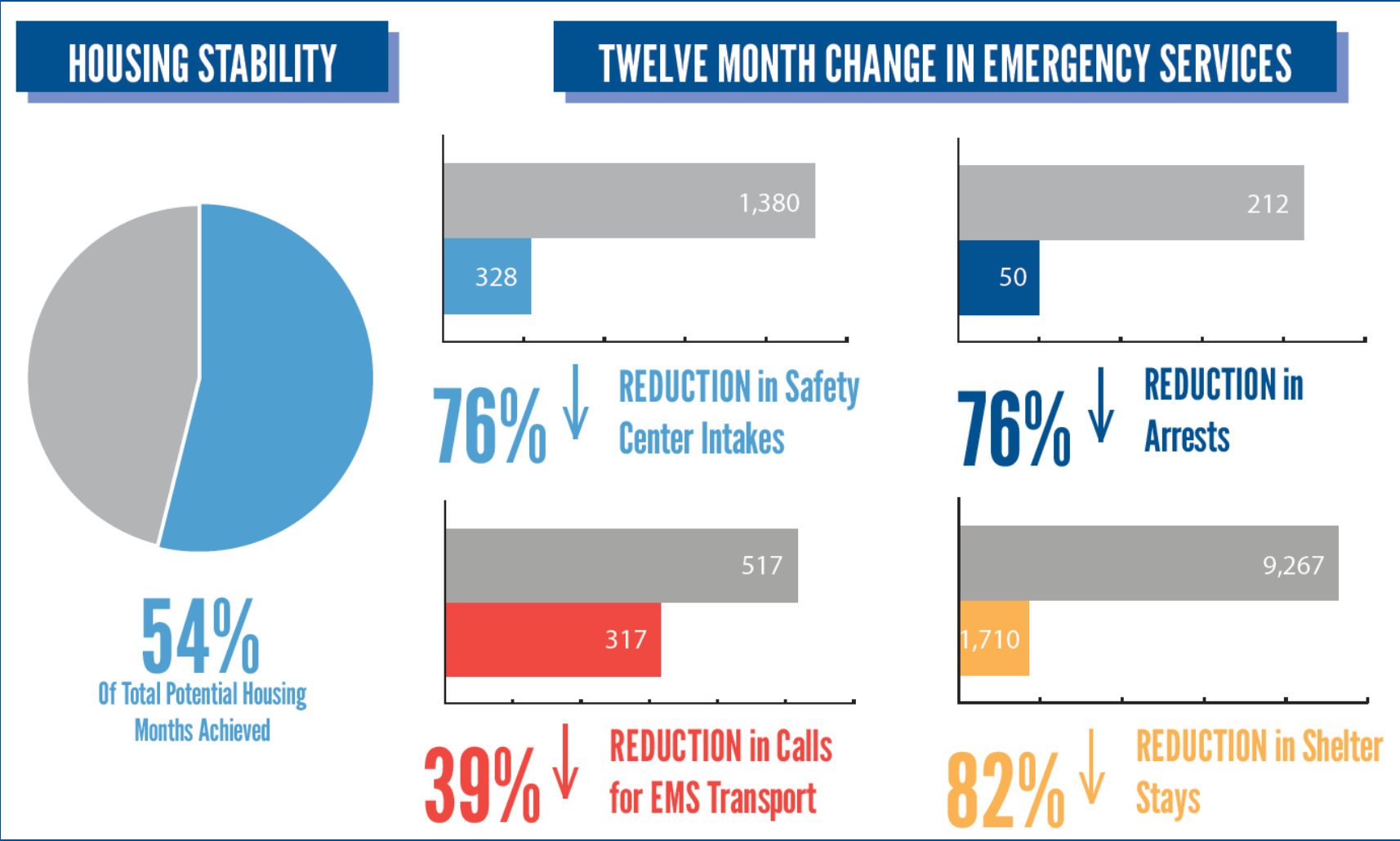
Timeline details



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Outcomes for participants through 9/30/2023



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Recent success

87 participants housed as of 2/23/2024

A cohort of Home for Good participants housed between October 2022 and March 2023 achieved housing stability close to 90% at their six-month mark.

Blocks of units supported stability by:

1. Shortening the time between a when an individual was referred and placed into housing
2. Allowing service providers to more easily visit participants in one setting
3. Including on-site tenancy support



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Challenges

1. Housing Vouchers

- Long wait times
- Difficult process to navigate

2. Units

- Low vacancy rates
- Affordability

3. Staffing

- Hiring challenges in the community affect service provider staffing, often limiting ability to accept new referrals



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Questions?

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