

Emerging Research on Unsheltered Homelessness

INNOVATIONS & SOLUTIONS
for Ending Unsheltered Homelessness

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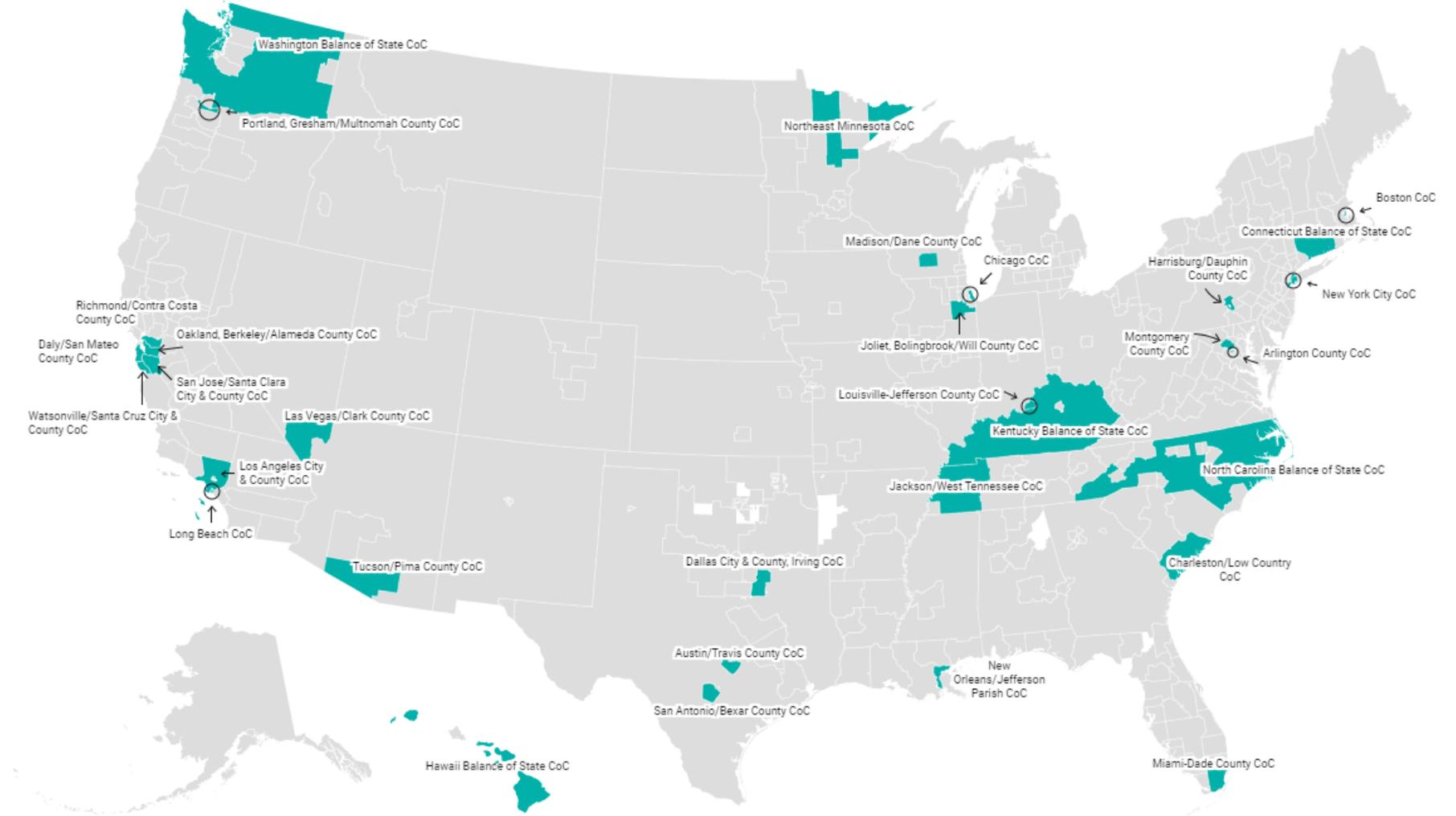
Public narratives about unsheltered homelessness are often dominated by perception, not facts. Research can inform our understanding of who is enduring unsheltered homelessness and the toll these experiences take. It can also teach important lessons about the interventions that do and do not work to address unsheltered homelessness. In this session, researchers will share recent findings and their practical applications.

Recipients of HUD Special Funding to
Address Unsheltered Homelessness

Early Implementation & Implications

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\$420 million to 32 communities



About the research

This study

- **Methods:**
 - Analysis of application & spending data
 - Interviews with CoC staff in 24 CoCs
- **Products:**
 - Report
 - Website linking to related work including an interactive map

Future work

- 1-year implementation report
- Special topic briefs

How funds are being spent

■ Permanent Supportive Housing ■ Rapid Re-Housing ■ Transitional Housing - Rapid Re-Housing
■ Supportive Services Only - Street Outreach ■ Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry ■ Supportive Services Only - Other ■ CoC Planning + HMIS



How funds are being spent



Expand street
outreach



Focus on the
transition to
housing



Invest in
permanent
housing



Enhance
services

How funds are being spent:

Expand street outreach



- Outreach to all populations across a jurisdiction
- Standardizing & coordinating outreach
- Building out expertise on teams
 - Hiring people with lived experience
 - Expanding access to healthcare while unsheltered
 - Incorporating housing-focused personnel
- Responding to encampments with housing & support

How funds are being spent:

Focus on the transition



- Expanding the reach & accessibility of coordinated entry
- Hiring staff (like housing navigators) to remove barriers to program take-up
- Intentionally pairing investments in street outreach + housing
- Adding a bridge option during transition to permanent housing

How funds are being spent:

Invest in permanent housing



- Addressing the need for long-term housing and supportive services
- Lowering barriers to initial housing move-in:
 - Use RRH as a bridge to PSH
 - Master leasing
 - Accelerated moving events

How funds are being spent:

Enhance services



- Understanding who is experiencing unsheltered homelessness & their unique needs
- Ensuring sufficient staffing
- Increasing healthcare access through housing

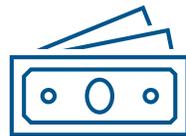
Early implications



Collaboration



Policies



Funding