



Affordable Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing Best Practices

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Direction

Direct staff to:

- Develop a community engagement guide with neighborhood outreach, engagement strategies and relationship building
 - Work with providers for on-site services using the funding process and agreements when the City is a funding partner
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Background

- Staff was directed by council at the August 2nd meeting to evaluate best practices for PSH:
 - Neighborhood outreach, engagement and relationship building
 - Evaluating on-site supportive services based on populations served

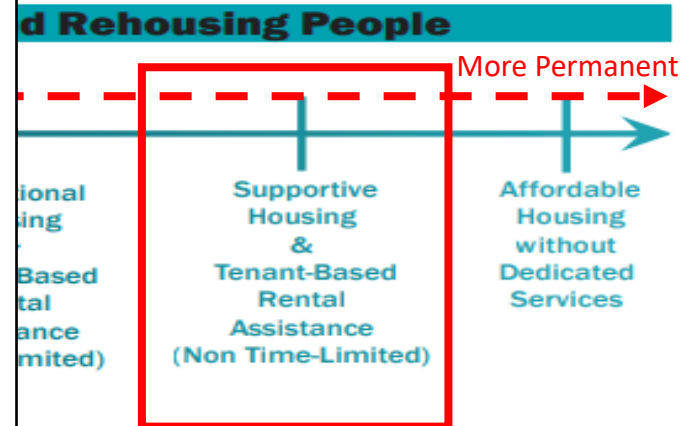


August Wilson Place (LIHI), 57 low-income units

Context

- What is Permanent Supportive Housing?
 - Permanent
 - Provides social and medical support
 - Housing first

R.C.W. 36.70A.030: *...subsidized, leased housing with no limit on length of stay, paired with on-site or off-site voluntary services designed to support a person living with a disability to be a successful tenant in a housing arrangement, improve the resident's health status, and connect residents of the housing with community-based health care, treatment, and employment services.*





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Community Engagement



Findings

- Seattle and Bellingham require community engagement:
 - Seattle: Notification within 500 feet and at least one neighborhood meeting.
 - Bellingham: Operations plan with a community outreach component
- City and County of Denver: Engagement guide focused on the interaction between PSH developers or providers and neighborhoods





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On-Site Supportive Services



Best Practice Findings



- Land use code requirements for minimum on-site services were not found for cities of comparable size
- Services vary based on individual needs at each facility
- On-site supportive services resulted in higher rates of remaining in stable housing

Typical On-site services





Staff Recommendations



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- Develop a Community Engagement Guide for PSH outside of the Land Use Code to include neighborhood outreach, engagement strategies and relationship building
- Work with PSH providers for on-site services when the City is a funding partner for the services



Supportive Housing Neighborhood Engagement Guide

This guide is a resource for neighbors and housing teams to constructively engage with each other and address homelessness by growing the supply of affordable supportive housing in Denver, Colorado, and beyond.



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