

DATE: April 28, 2023 –Homeless Prevention Advocacy Project

Problem/Issue: Historic Record Number of Families and Individuals Getting Evicted in Tarrant County and becoming homeless.

Desired Outcome (s) for Client: Prevent clients from getting evicted and becoming homeless; Rapid-Housing options; Supportive Housing for Seniors and Disabled; Transitional Housing Options.

Ultimate Social Justice- Related Outcome (s) for Society: Provide a safety net to prevent evictions and homelessness and increase transitional housing options for those falling into homelessness.

Resources (col. 1)	Tasks (col.2)	Short-term Outcomes (col.3)	Medium-term Outcomes (col. 4)	Long-term Outcomes (col. 5)	Ultimate Social-Justice Related Outcomes for Society (col. 6)
Government Prevention Funding - Grants Social Agency Social Worker	Use the grant money to prevent evictions. Search for funding through grant opportunities.	Begin using grant money to immediately support clients that are at risk of eviction & homelessness. Work with families to develop skills and resources to be financially stable and meet rent requirements.	Establish community partnerships with agencies to identify potential clients and support the needs of the community. Develop programs to support financial stability.	Support clients with financial planning, budgeting, income sources/employment, and education through case management and resources that lead to financial stability.	Decreased the number of families and individuals evicted leading to fewer homeless individuals.
Tarrant County Homeless Coalition	Partner with the agency to increase the number of transitional housing units.	Ability to support recently homeless or evicted clients with immediate housing solutions.	Develop greater opportunities for supportive and affordable housing.	Clients are able to utilize transitional housing through the program and progress to no longer needing services.	Increased community/county awareness and generate additional opportunities/partnerships for expanding housing solutions.
Room Share Programs – and complexes.	Promote room sharing concept – help with legalities. Partner with an agency that works with apartment complexes to share ideas to help expand reach.	Individuals or families have housing while feeling supported and socializing with others. Living expenses are split in half.	Potential long-term housing program that can have a greater impact on the community. Stronger relationships with other apartment complexes.	Individuals or Families are not at risk for eviction. Housing options for individuals and families to consider.	Community collaboration and families/individuals’ living conditions are stable. Collaboration with apartment complexes can be expanded, and this program can be offered at other apartment complexes as a model to reduce evictions within the community.

Non-Profits and Faith Groups helping the community	Support the Faith Groups by promoting special city-wide fundraising events. Encourage partnership and collaboration between Faith Groups. Communicate and update Faith Groups with new developments.	Provide Financial support to qualified callers to prevent eviction. Create a network of Volunteer Faith Community Groups working together to help the community. Add Volunteer Faith Community Groups to offer financial eviction prevention.	Create a well-established safety net of volunteer agencies to help support families and individuals struggling due to life-changing events.	Prevent clients from getting evicted and becoming homeless.	Provide a safety net to prevent evictions and homelessness.
Existing infrastructure – Low Vacancy Hotels	Negotiate with Hotel Chains – Lease their Properties for a three-year term. Buy room nights as a wholesaler at a discounted rate.	Quickly and efficiently add transitional housing to prevent homelessness and consequent health distress.	Create a versatile transitional housing inventory to support the community as needed.	Provide transitional housing options without incurring scarce investment.	Increase transitional housing options for those falling into homelessness.
Benefit Cliff	Propose Incentives for families and individuals to transition to permanent housing. Research Benefit Cliff solutions in other areas	Generate a program designed geared towards promotive incentives and provide remedies in exchange for lost welfare benefits	Support families and individuals Develop programs to support financial stability	Support clients with financial planning, budgeting, income sources/employment, and education through case management and resources that lead to financial stability.	Decreased the number of families and individuals relying on welfare due to benefits cliff.
Low-Cost Housing s	Introduce low-cost housing used in other cities and nations as an alternative to increasing cost of new construction	Advocate for policy change within the Arlington City Council and Building Codes to allow transitional and permanent housing options.	Support families and individuals Develop programs to support financial stability	Support clients with financial planning, budgeting, income sources/employment, and education through case management.	Decreased the number of families and individuals living in older unsustainable structures with newer lower-cost building construction.