



# Washington County Homeless Plan Advisory Committee

Shelter Siting Subcommittee

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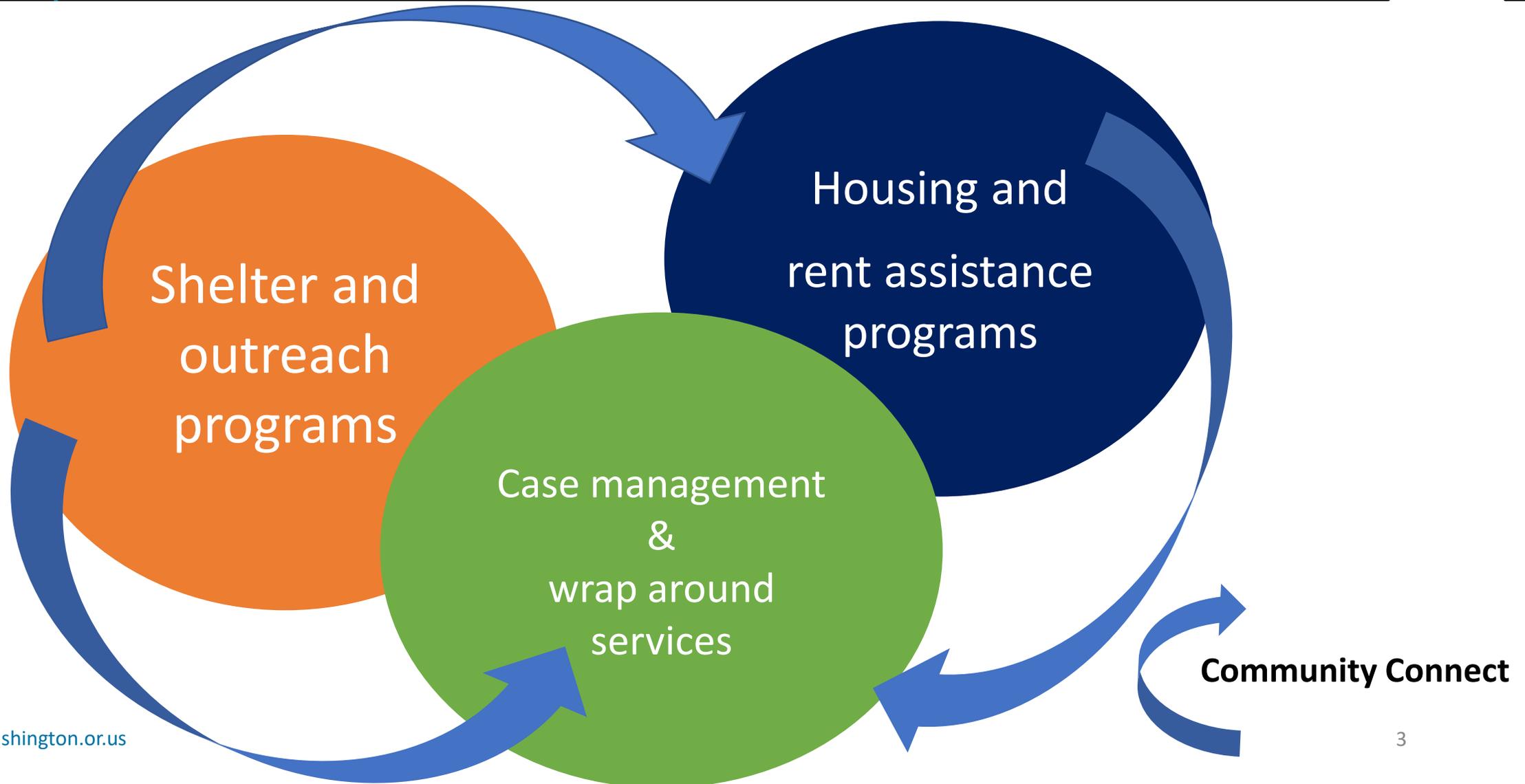
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# System of Care

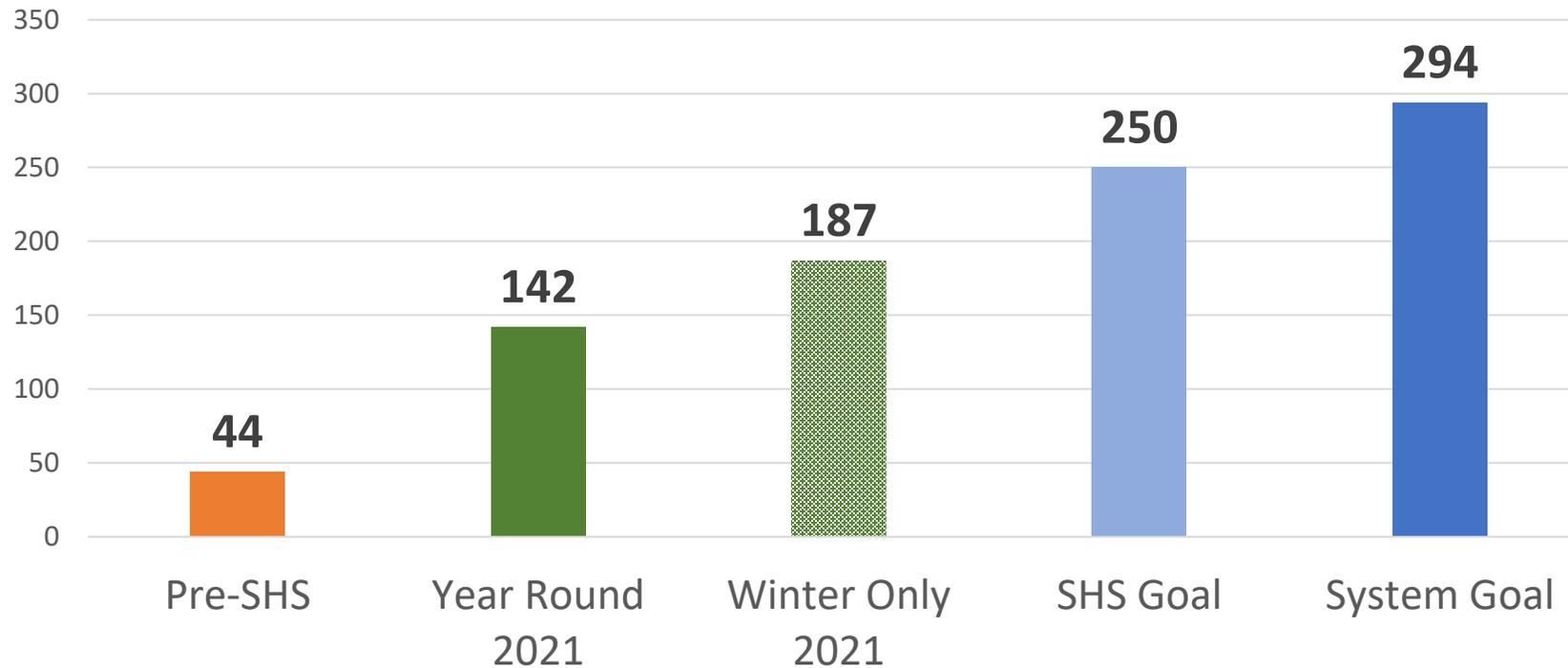




# Building a system of care



## Shelter Capacity:





# Shelter Siting Work



- Community Guidelines Approved 3/12/22:
  - Summary -
    - *Address unmet needs in the community*
    - *People need access to support*
    - *Shelters should be safe*
    - *Diverse shelter system options*
    - *Community should be involved*
- One of the next steps:
  - The **Community Guidelines** for shelter program expansion will help inform program implementation as staff work to create new shelter programs over the coming years. These guidelines will provide a framework of best practices that will be revisited and continuously improved with stakeholders and further community guidance as they are utilized.



# Shelter Siting Sub-committee ask



- Creating an oversight group to fill that space-
  - 8 member committee: 4 appointed from HPAC and 4 community stakeholders
  - 2 year time frame with request for 1 year commitment
  - Committee's role will be to support the property search group, the progress of located sites, and the community engagement process as sites are identified



## HPAC Shelter Siting Guidelines Subcommittee

### Scope of Work

This committee will fill the role from the approved Shelter Siting Community Guidelines that asks for continued community involvement as well as oversight over the implementation of the guidelines. The subcommittee's role will be to support:

- the property search group as they explore viable site options for diverse shelter models
- the engagement process as sites are identified and feedback is sought from the surrounding community
- the progress of located sites as rehabilitation work commences and programmatic decisions are made
- revisiting and improving the guidelines as they are utilized in the above work

### Sub-committee Members and Staffing

This sub-committee will have a total of 8 members. 4 nominees will be appointed from HPAC members, and the other 4 nominees will be community stakeholders who have participated in Supportive Housing Services (SHS) shelter work through the Local Implementation Plan or the Shelter Siting Community Engagement Series. Sub-committee membership will seek to represent the whole community, nominating members to ensure inclusive and diverse representation from stakeholders, those with lived experience, service providers, and jurisdictional representatives. This committee will be staffed by a member of the SHS team who is dedicated to shelter siting work, as well as a member of the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Community Engagement (OEICE) – currently, these roles will be held by Ty Schwoeffermann and Jessi Adams.

### Time Frame

This subcommittee will be needed throughout the shelter siting process as the county works toward the goal of 250 year-round shelter beds. Identifying and rehabilitating sites will be a years long process. The initial time frame for this subcommittee will be two years, with members being asked to serve one-year terms. Initial time commitment will be greater, starting with bi-monthly meetings, as the work will be more intensive in identifying sites and providers, and moving through community engagement processes. There will be a sub-committee specific meeting on the alternating months from the HPAC meeting, where an update on the committee work will be provided. Once sites begin to be launched, meetings will be less often. At the end of the two-year period, the continuing need for a shelter siting subcommittee will be reassessed.

