

# Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care

## CoC General Meeting

### NOTES

April 13th, 2022, 2:00-3:30 P.M.

Link to meeting recording: <https://thn.adobeconnect.com/pbel3ly5lu15/>

Attendees: see attached list of attendees

- I. 2:00-2:05 - **Welcome, Map of Attendees, and Introduction**  
Texas Homeless Network (THN) staff welcomed attendees
- II. 2:05-2:15 - **Data Snapshot – System Performance Measures**  
Director of Data Lindsay LaGrange presented changes in System Performance Measures (SPMs) from between FY 2020 and FY 2021. The COVID-19 pandemic and changes in immigration policy for migrants arriving at the southern border have had a significant effect on SPMs.
- III. 2:15-2:45 - **How we are Ending Homelessness – Emergency Housing Vouchers**  
Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Manager Allie Edmundson introduced the new EHV staff at THN, as well an overview of the new EHV program. Topics included as explanation of who is eligible for vouchers, the process for allocation of vouchers, and resources assistance for those seeking vouchers.
- IV. 2:45-3:15 - **Community Conversation**
  - a. **Barriers Fund**
    - i. Barriers Fund Coordinator Anja Taylor introduced the Barrier's Fund, and gave updates on progress towards distributing the funding, as well as the impact it has had on communities receiving the funding.
    - ii. Sarah Eckel, Housing and Development Director, Concho Valley Community Action Agency presented on how the CVCAA has administered their Barriers Fund program in collaboration with community partners. They have been able to continue the program through private funding by demonstrating the it's usefulness with the temporary funds they received through the Barriers Fund.
  - b. **Time for CoC general members to "address the CoC"**  
Director of Engagement, Mary Stahlke, opened the floor for any attendee to address the general members.
- V. 3:15-3:25 - **Announcements**
  - c. **CoC Board Update for November – Daphné Adams, CoC Board Chair**
    - i. In December, the board approved revisions to the CoC Governance Charter.



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- ii. In January, the board approved changes to the CoC Committees Policy. The changes describe the committee member nomination and election process. The board also approved changes to the CoC Board Requirements Policy that describe the nomination and election process for the board.
- iii. In February, the board approved a board action request from the Ending Youth Homelessness Committee to establish a Youth Action Board that will be a subcommittee of the Ending Youth Homelessness Committee. The Board Action Request also requested an amendment to the CoC Board Requirements Policy that would add one more seat to the board for a Youth Action Board member. The board also approved a board action request from the Community Investment Committee to transfer a CoC Program funding contract between two service providers that are merging.
- iv. In March, the board approved the release of the YHDP RFP, but when the NOFA came out earlier than anticipated, the board decided not to apply for YHDP in this round.

d. **New Staff Introduction**

Kyra Henderson, Director of Systems Change and Lindsay LaGrange, Director of Data introduced new Data, Planning, and Systems Change team members. New staff turned on their cameras to say hello to attendees.

e. **New CoC Board Members**

(see Announcements section below)

f. **LHC Conference Call - Repotting Relationships**

(see Announcements section below)

VI. 3:25-3:30 - **Next Meeting**

g. **Next meeting on June 8th, 2022**

Watch the [website](#) and [BoS Newsletter](#) for more information



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### Victim Services Provider Committee (VSPC)

No meetings held December through March.



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## Performance Evaluation Committee (PEC)

Recruiting members; if interested, complete this form: <https://forms.gle/ntoPDtYNjAZcVFCM8>

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## April 14, 2022, CoC General Meeting Attendees

Name	Company Name
Courtney Douangdara	City of Denton
Vicki Smith	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas
Daphne Jackson	A Servant's Heart-Texas LLC
Claudette Fette	Texas Woman's University
Carolyn Fernandez	Catholic Charities of SETX
Alyssa Paz	TTBH
Michaelle Wormly	Women Opting for More Affordable Housing Now, Inc
Tiffany Ross	Community Action Committee of Victoria, Texas
Angela Hernandez	TTBH
Perry Covington	Abilene Hope Haven
MECHELLE LINDSAY	Families in Crisis, Inc.
Beth Rolingson	Advocacy Outreach
Christy Plemons	The Salvation Army
TERESA FINCH	The Chosen Ones Outreach Ministries of Galveston, Inc.
Rebecca Bromley	Neighborhood Development Corp
Chesley Knowles	Community Healthcore
Anne Spanyers	Advocacy Outreach
Zulema Medelion	Families in Crisis
Daphne Adams	Christian Community Action
Gabrielle Garcia	Texas Homeless Network
Reverend Lawson	The Chosen Ones Outreach Ministries of Galveston, Inc
Rashawn Smith	City of Killeen
Debra Huffman	Neighborhood Development Corp
Lisa Griffin	Mid-Coast Family Services
Nicole Roberts	Denton co friends of the family

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Suzanne Kanon	The Salvation Army
Delisha Johnson	United Way of Denton County
Coz Lamore	Choices Interlinking Alliance
Valerie Bustos	Open Door Survivor Housing
Damian Clark	Advocacy Outreach
Kyle Knutson	The Salvation Army
Steven Lara	StarCare Specialty Health System
John Meier	West Central Texas Regional Foundation
Wallace Revalee	Community Healthcore
Janeal White	SETCH
Clarissa Villegas	TTBH
DEBRA WASHINGTON	The Children's Center, Inc.
sandy swan	Interfaith Ministries of Denton
Mark Richardson	PATH
Michelle Yates	La Posada
Carol Racz	Texana Center
Ruby Jones	Woman Inc.
Molly Thibodeaux	TCFV
Ethel Ellis	Advocacy Outreach
Betty Kay Schlesinger	The Salvation Army, Grayson County
Ashley Newell	Mounting Horizons, Inc.
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  - a. Next meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 2:00-3:30 PM  
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**Staff will be available on the webinar for 15 minutes after the meeting ends, for an open discussion on topics that attendees want to discuss.**

### Give your feedback!

Please complete the anonymous survey you will receive after the meeting ends, to let us know what was helpful and what would could be better for the next meeting.



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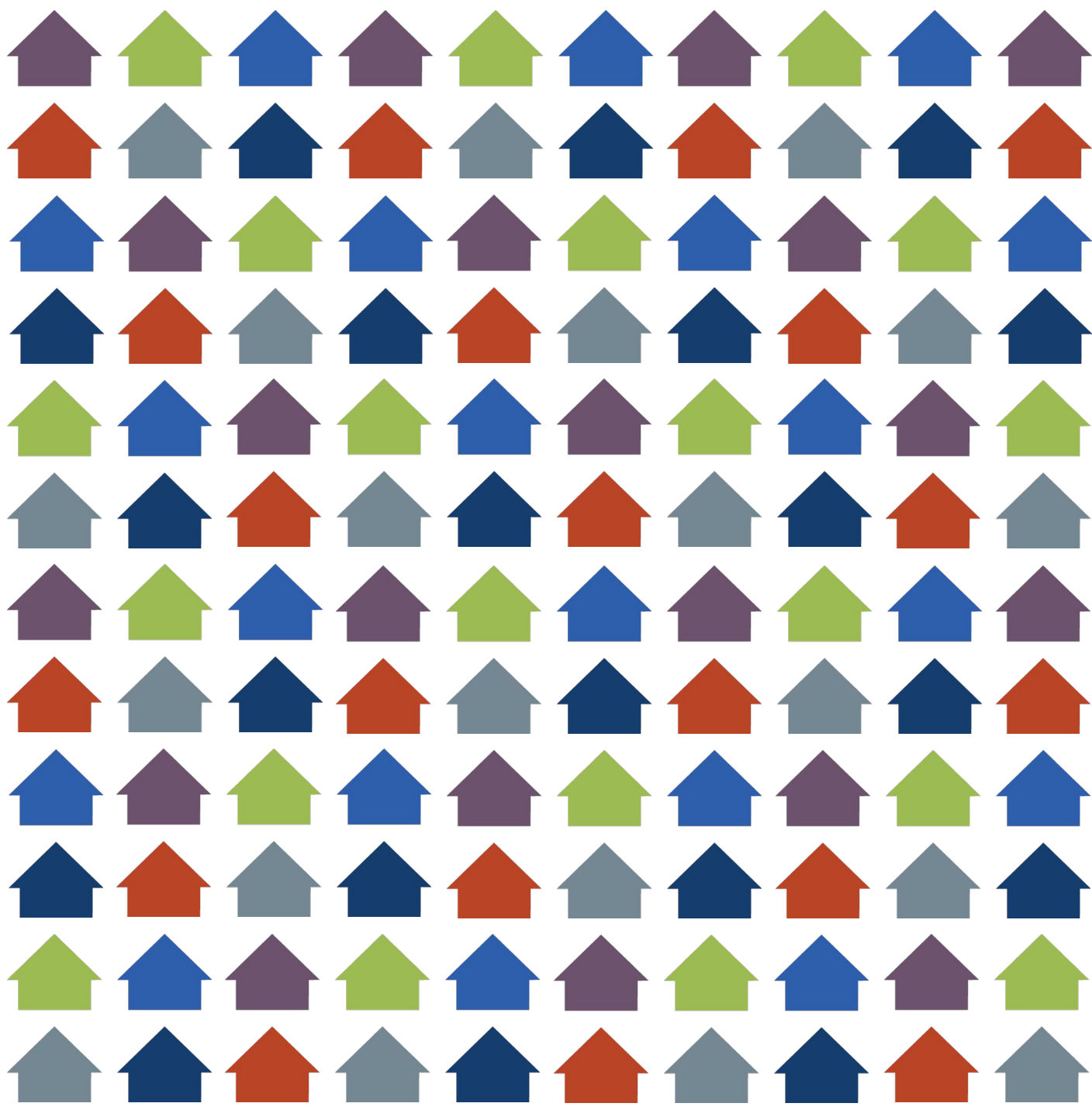
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# **April 13th TX BoS CoC General Member Meeting**

**Strategies For Change**

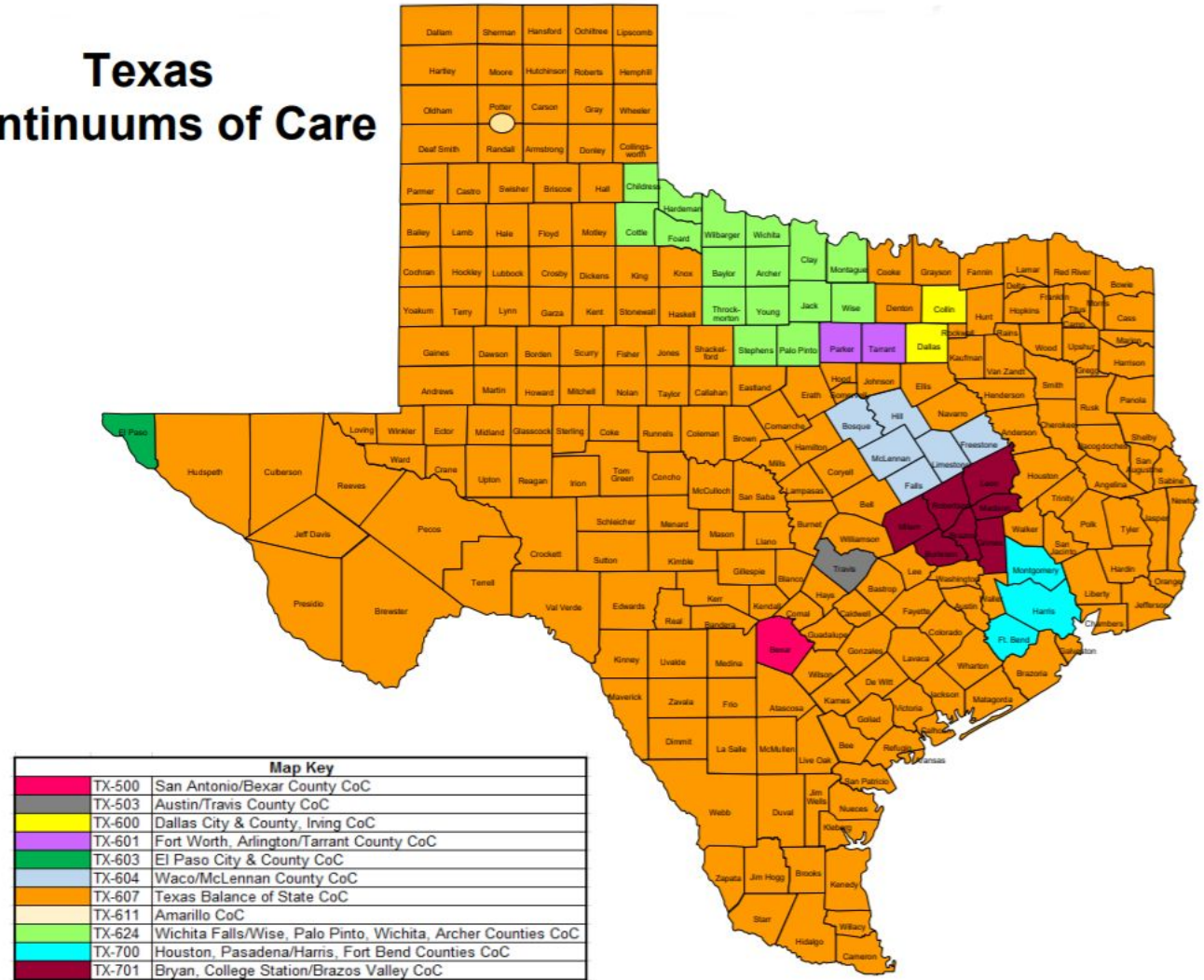
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# Welcome!

This a meeting for General Members of the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care. Anyone that lives or works in the TX BoS CoC is considered a member.

The TX BoS CoC develops system-level responses and coordinates local community strategies that strategically prevent and end homelessness and increase housing stability.

## Texas Continuums of Care





# Who should attend General Meetings?



Anyone is welcome and encourage to attend!

The information presented is likely to be most relevant to professionals working within homeless services in the TX BoS CoC.

The topics covered in this meeting relate mostly to the work being done by Program Managers or Directors, but may be of interest

to anyone wanting to learn more about the work of the TX BoS CoC.

Meetings often have content that is relevant to many different attendees. We hope that continue to attend!



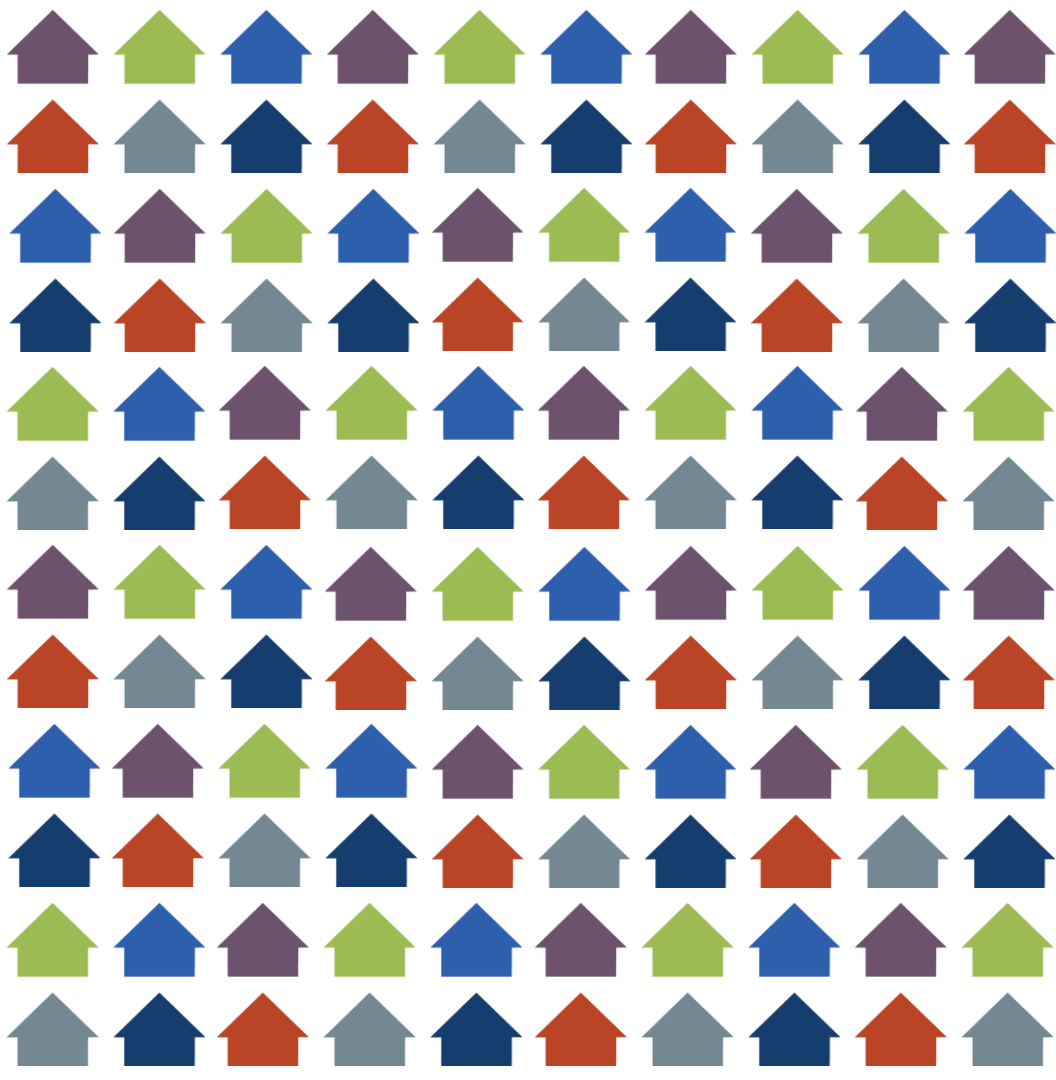
# More Information

For more information:

- Check out the [Texas Homeless Network website](#)
- Sign up for the [TX BoS CoC Newsletter](#) on the Texas Homeless Network website
- Attend the upcoming TX BoS CoC Orientation



*Thank  
You!*



# Data Snapshot April 2022

**Strategies For Change**

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# **System Performance Measures**



# What are System Performance Measures?



1. Length of time persons remain homeless

2. The extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing destinations return to homelessness

3. Number of homeless persons

4. Jobs and income growth for homeless persons in CoC Program-funded projects

5. Number of persons who become homeless for the first time

6. Homelessness prevention and housing placement of persons defined by Category 3 of HUD's homeless definition in CoC Program-funded projects

7. Successful housing placement



**Texas Homeless Network**  
**System Performance Measures Summary - Year to Year Comparison**

FY 2020: October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020 vs.

FY 2021: October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021

#	Measure Description	Desired Change	Year to Year % Change	System Trend
1a	Average Length of Time Persons Remain Homeless	↓	↓ 65%	Average number of days in shelters and transitional housing decreased from 63 days in FY2020 to 22 days in FY2021.
2	Return to Homelessness (total returns in 2 years)	↓	↓ 5%	The percent of persons who returned to homelessness decreased from 16% in FY2020 to 11% in FY2021
4.3	Change in total income for adult system stayers during reporting period	↑	↓ 6%	The percent of adult stayers who increased their total income decreased from 38% in FY2020 to 32% in FY2021
4.6	Change in total income for adult system leavers during reporting period	↑	↓ 15%	The percent of adult leavers who increased their total income decreased from 52% in FY2020 to 37% in FY2021
5.2	First Time Homeless (ES, TH, & PH with no prior HMIS enrollments)	↓	↑ 198%	The number of persons who became homeless for the first time increased from 7,256 in FY2020 to 21,626 in FY2021
7b.1	Successful Permanent Housing Placement (From ES, TH, and RRH)	↑	↓ 5%	The housing placement rate decreased from 30% in FY2020 to 25% in FY2021



# Emergency Housing Vouchers

Presenter: Allison Edmondson, THN EHV Manager at Texas Homeless Network



# What is an Emergency Housing Voucher?

The Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) program is a tenant-based voucher program funded through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). ARPA was signed into law on March 11, 2021, and included funding for approximately 70,000 EHVs. Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) was allocated 470 vouchers to be administered throughout **regions of the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC).**

Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs was awarded 470 voucher, and Texas Homeless Network is assisting with administer 380 vouchers across the balance of state.

# Who all is Involved?

Texas Homeless Network (THN)

EHV TEAM:

- Allison Jackson, EHV Manager
- Helen Garcia, EHV Referral Coordinator
- Billy Streu, EHV Service Coordinator
- EHV Accounts Payable Specialist

Texas Department of Community and Housing Affairs (TDHCA)

Agencies in our EHV Catchment Area



**YOU.**





# Who is Eligible to be Referred?

## Eligibility Categories

1. Homeless
2. At-risk of homelessness
3. Fleeing, or attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking
4. Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the family's homelessness or having a high risk of housing instability



# What is the EHV Process?

1. Submit a referral through THN's Referral Portal
2. Eligibility email
3. Prioritization
  - a. Additional prioritization factors to consider
4. THN Pre-application
5. TDHCA Voucher Briefings

## Priority Level A

- Recently Homeless Survivor
- Recently Homeless

## Priority Level B

- Literally Homeless Survivor
- Literally Homeless

## Priority Level C

- At-Risk of Homelessness Survivor
- At-Risk of Homelessness



# EHV Housing Search & Assistance

120 Days!

Eligible service fees costs:

- Security Deposit
- Application Fee
- Utility Deposit
- One-time moving expense
- Holding fee

Request for Proposals! Please submit interest to [billy@thn.org](mailto:billy@thn.org).





## EHV Resources

[THN.org/EHV](https://www.thn.org/EHV)

[Emergency Housing Vouchers Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) v.4](#)

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH2021-15.pdf>

Questions? Please email [txbosehvp@thn.org](mailto:txbosehvp@thn.org)





# **BARRIERS FUND PROGRAM REPORT**

What this report covers

# Agenda

1. Introduction to the Barriers Fund
2. Essential Project Elements
3. Community Partners
4. Service Coverage Area by County
5. Highlights & Key Program Updates
6. Barriers Fund Program Impact
7. Expenditure Rates & Cost Breakdown

# Introduction to the Barriers Fund

Through the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA), Texas Homeless Network was chosen as a recipient to receive and oversee approximately \$962,045 in CSBG State Discretionary (“CSBG-CV”) funding. Of these total dollars, \$489,970 was used to establish a Barriers Fund Program for the purpose of providing services to low-income households across the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care (TX BoS CoC) that are either homeless or at-risk of homelessness.

# Essential Project Elements

- The Barriers Fund Program shall be used as a **fund of last resort** and only be accessed when no other funding or resources are available in the community to ensure housing stability for people experiencing or at-risk of experiencing homelessness.
- CSBG-CV funds shall be used to prevent, prepare for, or respond to COVID-19.
- Eligible households affected by COVID-19 may receive assistance for basic needs and emergency services, such as utilities, medical costs, rent, transportation, food, and child or senior care.
- To be eligible for services, Texas households must earn no more than 200% of the Federal Poverty Level or 50% Area Median Income.



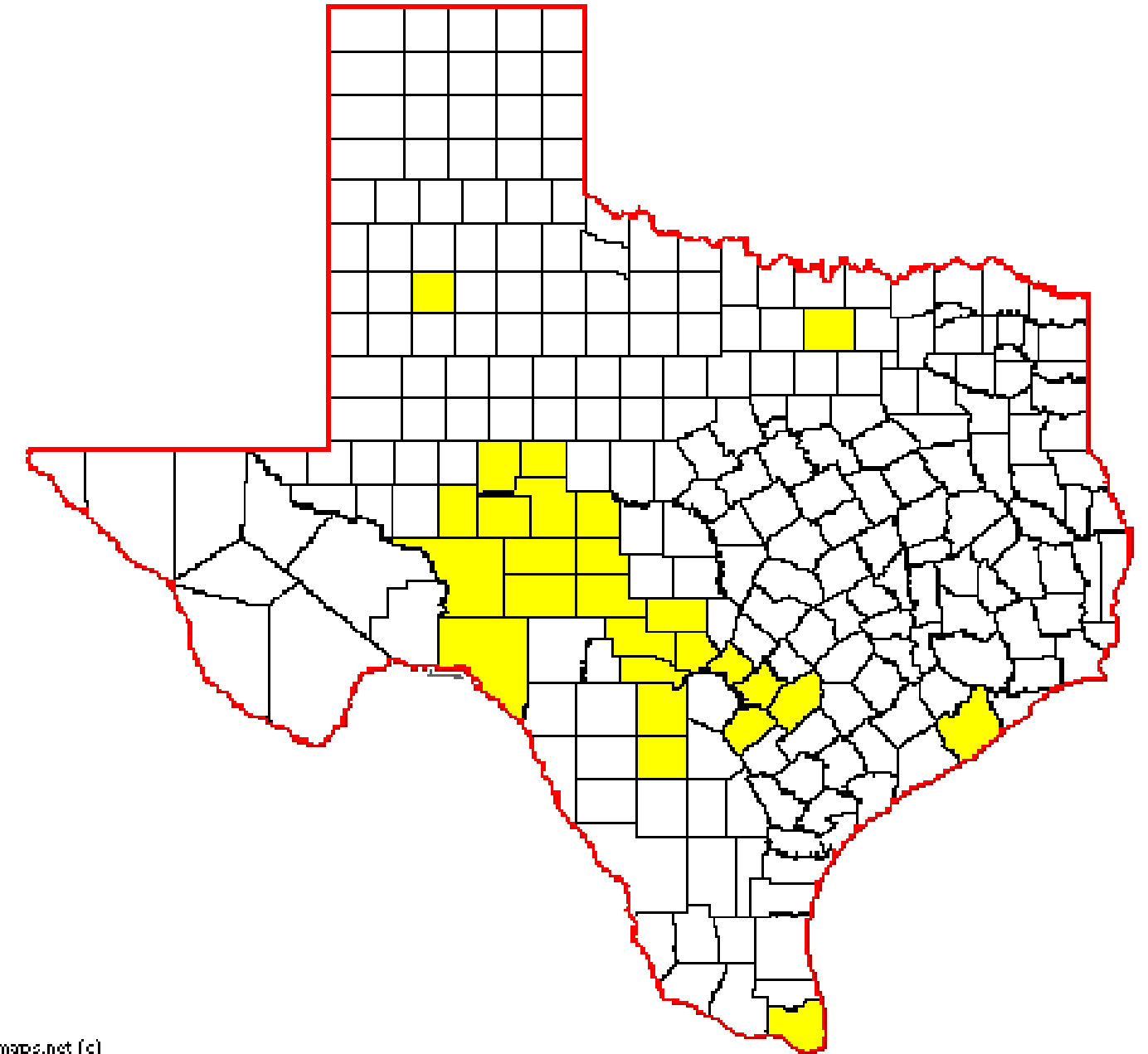
# Community Partners

- Catholic Charities of the Rio Grande Valley
- Concho Valley Community Action Agency
- Denton County MHMR Center
- Family Violence Shelter of Comal County
- Good Neighbor Settlement House
- Hilltop Recovery Ministries
- NB Housing Partners
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul
- The Salvation Army of New Braunfels
- United Way of Brazoria County
- United Way of Denton County

# Service Coverage Area by County

Emergency services are provided through the Barriers Fund Program in Bandera, Brazoria, Cameron, Coke, Comal, Concho, Crockett, Denton, Frio, Gillespie, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, Lubbock, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, Val Verde, and Wilson counties.

Barriers Fund Program Service Coverage Area by County



Source: diymaps.net (c)

# Highlights & Key Program Updates

82% of all Barriers Fund Program Funds have been expended as of February 28, 2022.

82% or \$414,251 out of the entire grant amount (\$501,970) awarded to CSBG-CV subrecipient agencies has been expended as of February 28, 2022.

347 unduplicated low-income households have received assistance as of February 28, 2022.

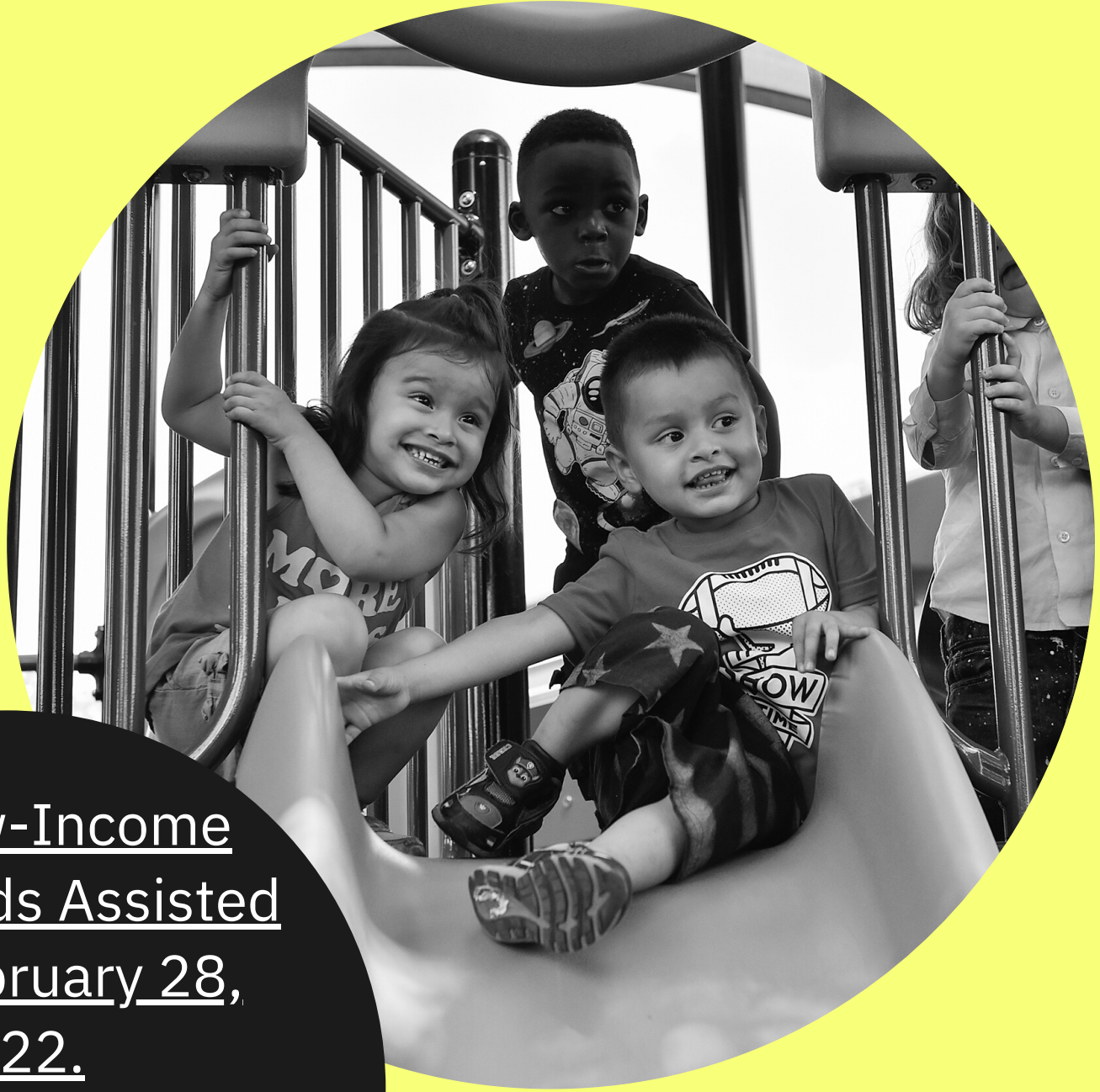
As of February 28, 2022, Texas Homeless Network, in partnership with CSBG-CV subrecipient agencies, have served 347 unduplicated households. This surpasses our initial commitment to serve 225 unduplicated low-income households by the end of the contract term.

30% of all technical assistance hours provided agency-wide in the last 6 months came from the Barriers Fund Program.

In the past six months alone, Texas Homeless Network has provided 517 hours of technical assistance to stakeholders across the TX BoS CoC. The Barriers Fund accounts for 30% of all TA provided & tracked in the last six months.



# TX BoS CoC Barriers Fund Program Impact



347 Low-Income  
Households Assisted  
as of February 28,  
2022.

Average Cost Per  
Household:  
\$1,058.18



# Expenditure Rates Per Quarter

**\$51,795.91**

**Q1 (April 2021 - June 2021)**

(+0% from previous quarter)

**\$112,812.75**

**Q2 (July 2021 - September 2021)**

(+118% from previous quarter)

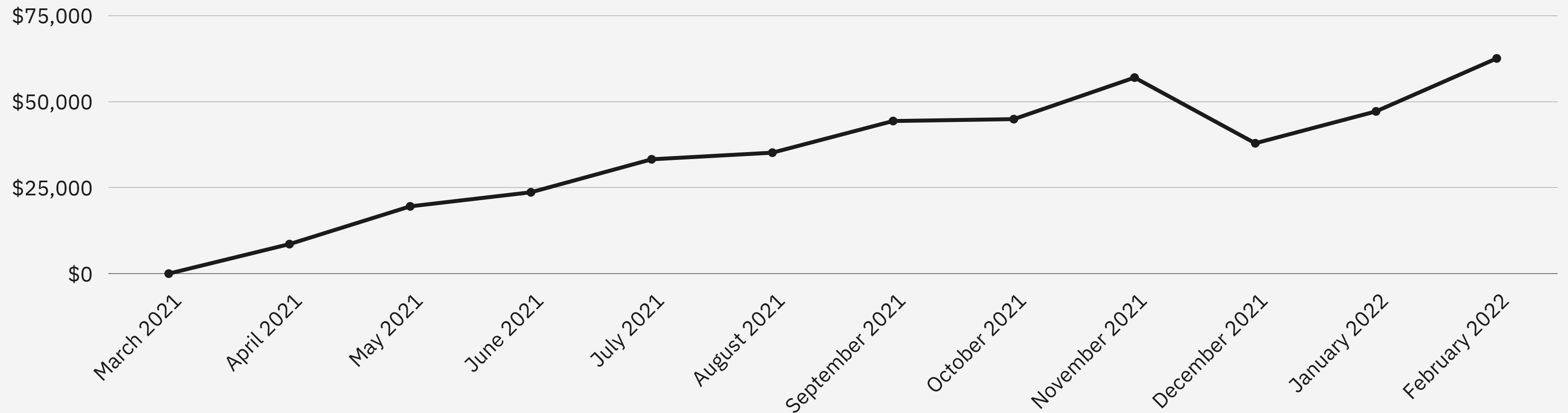
**\$139,863.88**

**Q3 (October 2021 - December 2021)**

(+24% from previous quarter)

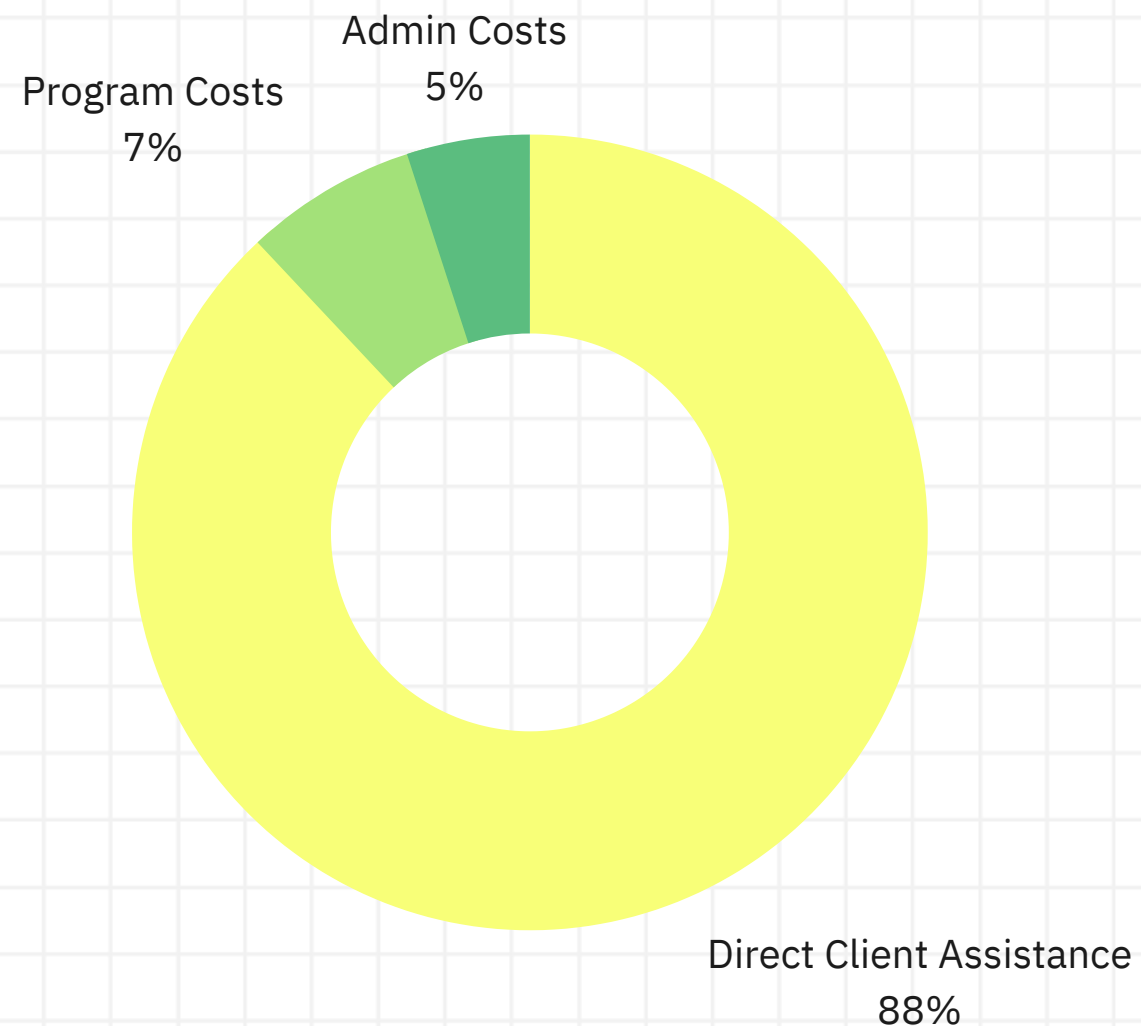
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# Cost Breakdown

\*\*As of February 28, 2022



**\$414,251.00**

Total Expenditures YTD

"HELPING PEOPLE, CHANGING LIVES"



# Concho Valley Community Action Agency





# **BARRIERS FUND IN THE CONCHO VALLEY**

Connecting the dots  
for stable housing





# How Barriers Funds Worked for the Concho Valley

- Outreach
- Partnerships (Referrals)
- Assessing Client Need
- Identifying Resources

An aerial photograph of a city landscape. In the foreground, a river flows through a park-like area with trees and a paved path. The middle ground shows a mix of greenery and urban development. In the background, a city skyline is visible under a clear blue sky, featuring a prominent building with a red roof and a tall tower. A semi-transparent green rectangle is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title and list items.

# Outreach & Partnerships

Education

Referral Platform

Case Management

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# Client Assessment

Conversations

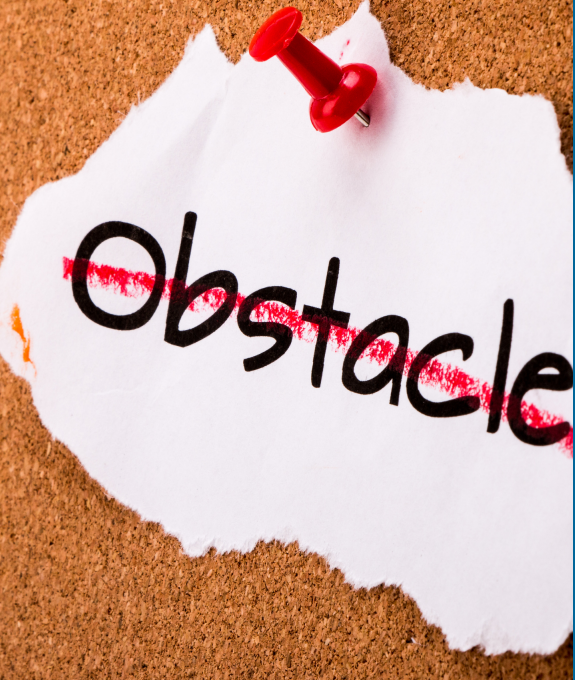
How will this make a difference?

Documentation

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# Identifying Resources

Setting Clients Up for Success



Keeping &  
Establishing  
Barriers Funds in  
Our Communities



# Thank You!

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