

# FUNDING COORDINATION

Seattle/King County, Washington



City of Seattle



King County



United Way of King County



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# INITIAL SITUATION

- Fullness of Funders
- Plethora of Providers
- Anarchy of Applications
- Travesty of Timing
- Aggressive Ambitions

## **Homeless Housing Funders Group**

- Convened and staffed by boundary-spanner
- “Implementer” Level – no relinquishment of authority
- Voluntary
- Inclusive (20-25 participants)
- Sharing Information
- Opportunistic Approach

## **Alignment of Resources**

- Local Housing and Services
- Philanthropic Contributions
- Housing Authority Resources
- State Housing Trust Fund
- Federal Tax Credits

## **JOINT NOFA**

- Coordination of priorities and requirements
- Common application form and date for capital funds and housing vouchers
- Common application form and date for service funding
- Common reporting form for capital funds
- NOFA design and awards reflect cross-system needs

## **KEY FUNDS AFFECTED**

- Local General Funds
- Seattle Low Income Housing Levy
- County Veterans and Human Services Levy
- County Mental Health and Drug Dependency Sales Tax
- Housing Authority Units and Vouchers
- Real Estate Document Recording Fees
- County Controlled State Funded Mental Health and Drug Dependency Funding
- Philanthropic Dollars

## **INDIRECT PARTICIPATION**

- Washington State Housing Trust Fund
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Washington State Finance Commission bonds

## **BACKGROUND TO THE NEXT STEP**

- Governing Board too high up to set policy.
- Interagency Council too affected to set policy
- Project Director's "Kitchen Cabinet" of key funders

## **TAKING THE NEXT STEP**

A formal, director-level Funders Group with participation by:

- City of Seattle
- King County
- Seattle Housing Authority
- King County Housing Authority
- Suburban Cities Representatives
- United Way of King County
- Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

## **FUNDERS GROUP PRIORITIES**

- Production (since 2005 we have opened 3,300 supported housing units and have 700 in the pipeline)
- Access to housing (subsidies and reduction of barriers)
- Coordinated entry for chronically homeless single adults
- Coordinated Entry for families
- HMIS

## COORDINATION (but not pooling)

- Joint Work Plans
- Joint Funding Planning – Pipeline Tracking
- Joint Reporting to Governing Board
- Complete Funding – Housing + Services
- Planning for Funding Cliffs
- Greater Accountability by Providers
- Greater Accountability by Funders

## NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY

Fall 2009

- **Capital Funding for New Affordable Housing** (\$24 million from 7 fund sources)
- **Operating Support, Rental Assistance & Supportive Services for New and Existing Housing** (\$17 million from 8 fund sources)



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