

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Here is my comment to support the expansion of the Survivors Services Program to prevent homelessness, providing life-saving support to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and other forms of interpersonal violence. The program offers a comprehensive network of services, including crisis support, transitional and permanent housing, and self-sufficiency initiatives that collectively address both immediate safety needs and long-term stability. I would like to support the new program components, specialized shelters, wage equity, and a centralized platform to streamline access and service delivery. This strategic approach will ensure SSP meets immediate needs and promotes long-term stability and safety for survivors such as;

- ? Crisis to Shelter: Aimed at survivors fleeing imminent danger, the Crisis to Shelter program provides short-term hotel/motel accommodations paired with supportive case management, bridging the gap when traditional shelter space is unavailable.
- ? Enhanced Shelter Operations: SSP will expand its shelter operations with the following specialized programs designed to address a range of survivor needs:
- ? Emergency Shelter: Offers immediate, confidential, short-term housing for survivors escaping dangerous or life-threatening environments.
- ? Transitional Shelter: Provides long-term, confidential housing for survivors needing ongoing protection.
- ? Unhoused Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Human Trafficking Shelter: Serves unhoused TAY survivors (ages 18-24) who have experienced human trafficking and exploitation.
- ? LGBTQ+: Integrated support for LGBTQ+ survivors within the SSP components to ensure we are inclusive of the needs of this target population.
- ? Non-Confidential Shelter for Survivors: Offers an alternative shelter environment for survivors who do not require or prefer not to stay in a confidential location.
- ? Survivors First: Pairs housing services with time-limited financial assistance, targeted to help survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and/or other forms of intimate partner violence secure safe, permanent housing.

Thank you. Best,