

# CITY OF WACO ACTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Housing & Code Enforcement Department  
City Council Work Session  
August 4, 2020



# Purpose

- Update on actions, partnerships, and identified strategies to address homelessness
- Request support of the Coordinated Community Plan in relation to the Youth Homeless Demonstration Grant

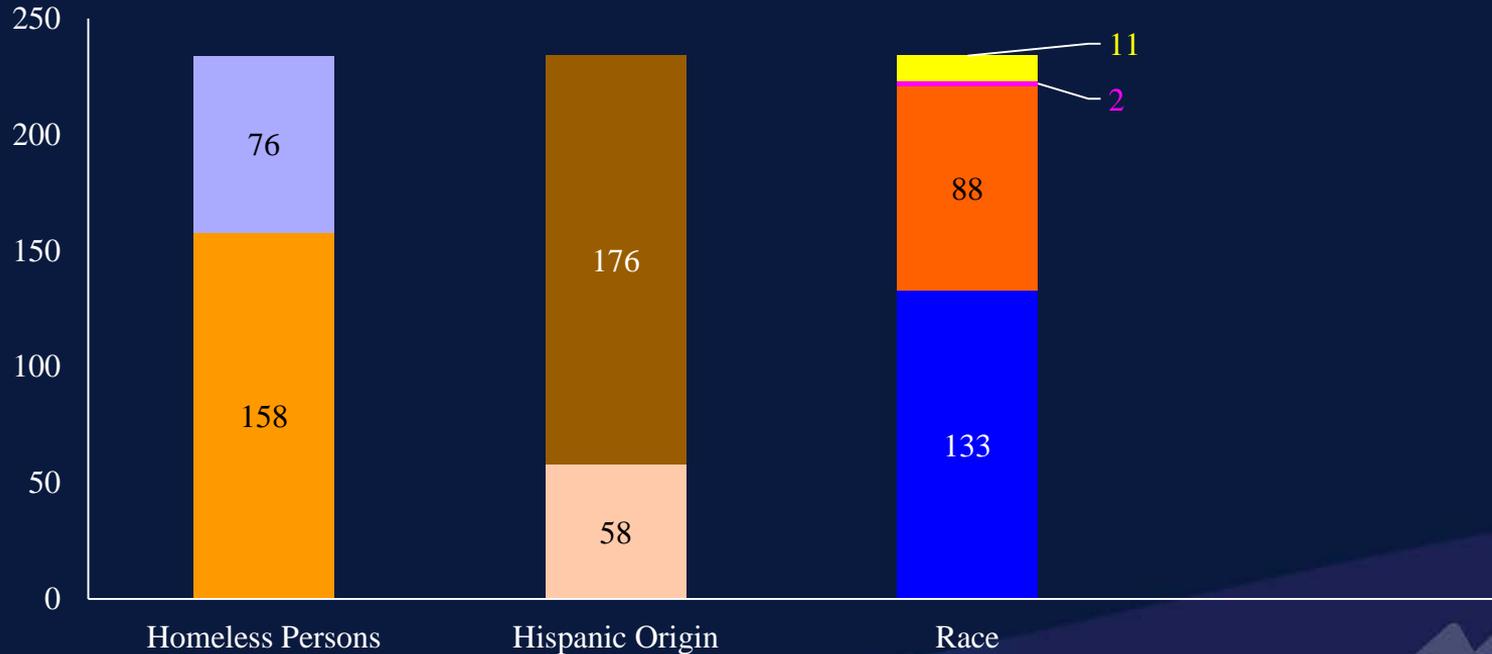


# Overview

1. Homeless Population Demographics
2. Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition
3. Homelessness Prevention & Assistance Funding
4. Homeless Programs
  - COVID-19 Plan
  - Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHPD)



# Homeless Population Demographics



■ Adult ■ Youth (<24) ■ Hispanic/Latino ■ Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino ■ White ■ Black ■ Am. Indian ■ Multiple



# Heart Of Texas Homeless Coalition (HOTHC)

- Continuum of Care : 30+ organizations and volunteers
- Serves Bosque, Falls, Freestone, Hill, Limestone, and McLennan counties



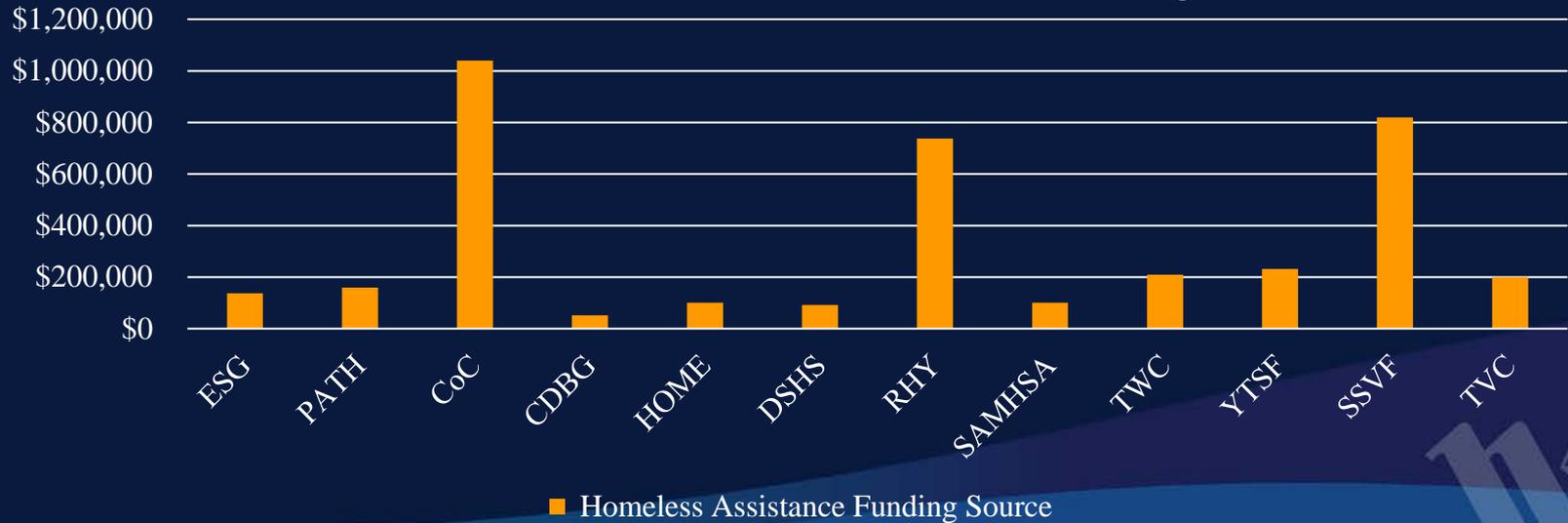
# Heart Of Texas Homeless Coalition (HOTHC)

- Homelessness awareness
- Advocacy
- Strive to make experience brief, rare, and one-time



# Grant Funding - \$3,880,982

## Homeless Grant Assistance Funding



# Homeless Prevention Programs

- Case Management
- Supportive Services
- Mental Health Services
- Coordinated Entry
- Housing Navigation
- Emergency Shelter
- Transitional Housing
- Rapid Rehousing/Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- Permanent Supportive Housing



# Homeless Prevention Programs

- Project Homeless Connect
- National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week
- USICH Veteran Benchmarks Project
- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program and Coordinated Community Plan implementation
- Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition Annual Strategic Plan



# COVID-19 Plan

- Shelter Operations:
  - Mission Waco - \$112,070
  - Salvation Army - \$119,070
- Isolation and Quarantine:
  - Hotel Accommodations for rooms - \$10,500  
(10 assisted to date)
- Rental Assistance:
  - Economic Opportunity Advancement Center - \$378,000



# Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Grant



# What is the YHDP Grant?

- Two-year initial grant
  - Potentially renewed annually thereafter
- Serves unaccompanied youth
  - Under the age of 25
  - Includes pregnant and parenting youth
- HOTHC awarded \$2.23 million in 2019



# How does YHDP work?

- Selected communities create local plan
  - Assesses needs of youth
  - Demonstrates how funding used to end youth homelessness
- Communities run local competition for projects



# YHDP

- YHDP funded at \$2.23 million for 2 years
- Projects selected in RFP:
  - Youth Drop-in Center
  - Heart to Home Youth Navigation Team
  - Transitional Housing
  - Rapid Rehousing Plus
  - Planning



# Role of the City of Waco in YHDP

- Continuum of Care (CoC) Administrator acting as a YHDP project manager
- Matching Funds: \$2,500
- Signature of support
  - City Manager



# Request of Support

- HOTHHC is requesting a signature of support from the City Manager for the Heart of Texas YHDP, including the Coordinated Community Plan



**QUESTIONS?**

