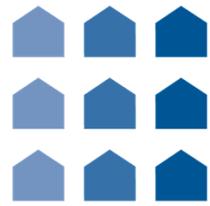


STRATEGIES TO END HOMELESSNESS

CoC Governance in Cincinnati/Hamilton County (OH-500)

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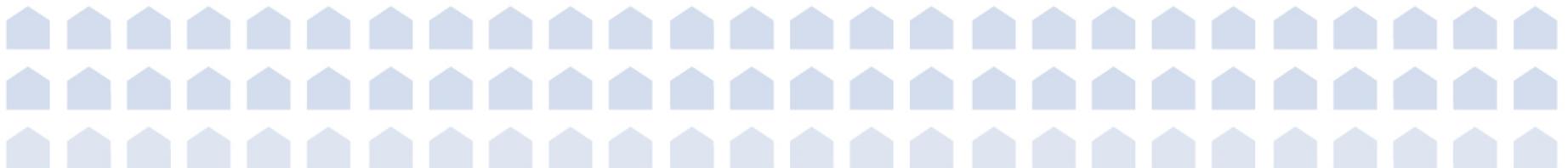
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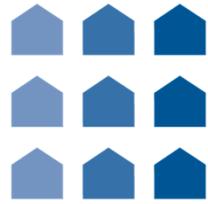
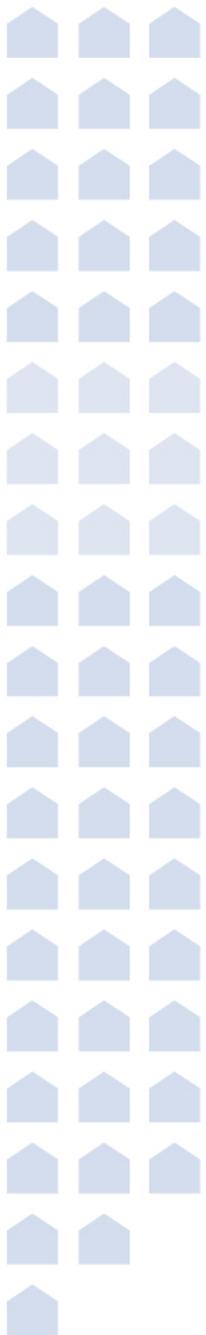
Mission: Lead a coordinated community effort to end homelessness in Greater Cincinnati

Vision: A community in which everyone has a stable home and the resources needed to maintain it

Accomplishing this goal by:

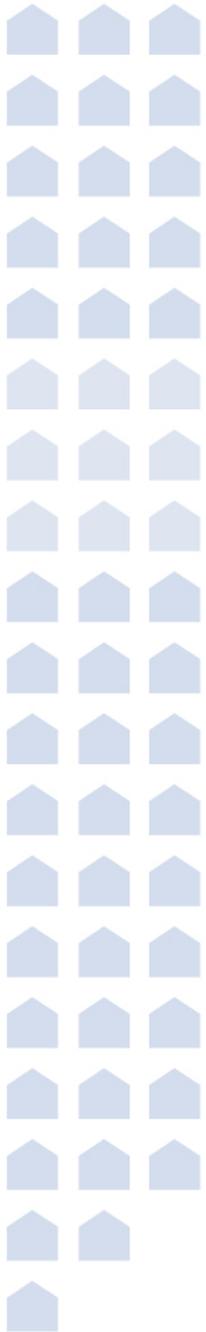
1. **PREVENT:** prevent as many people from becoming homeless as possible
2. **ASSIST:** provide high-quality assistance to help people back into housing
3. **SOLVE:** offering solutions to homelessness through housing





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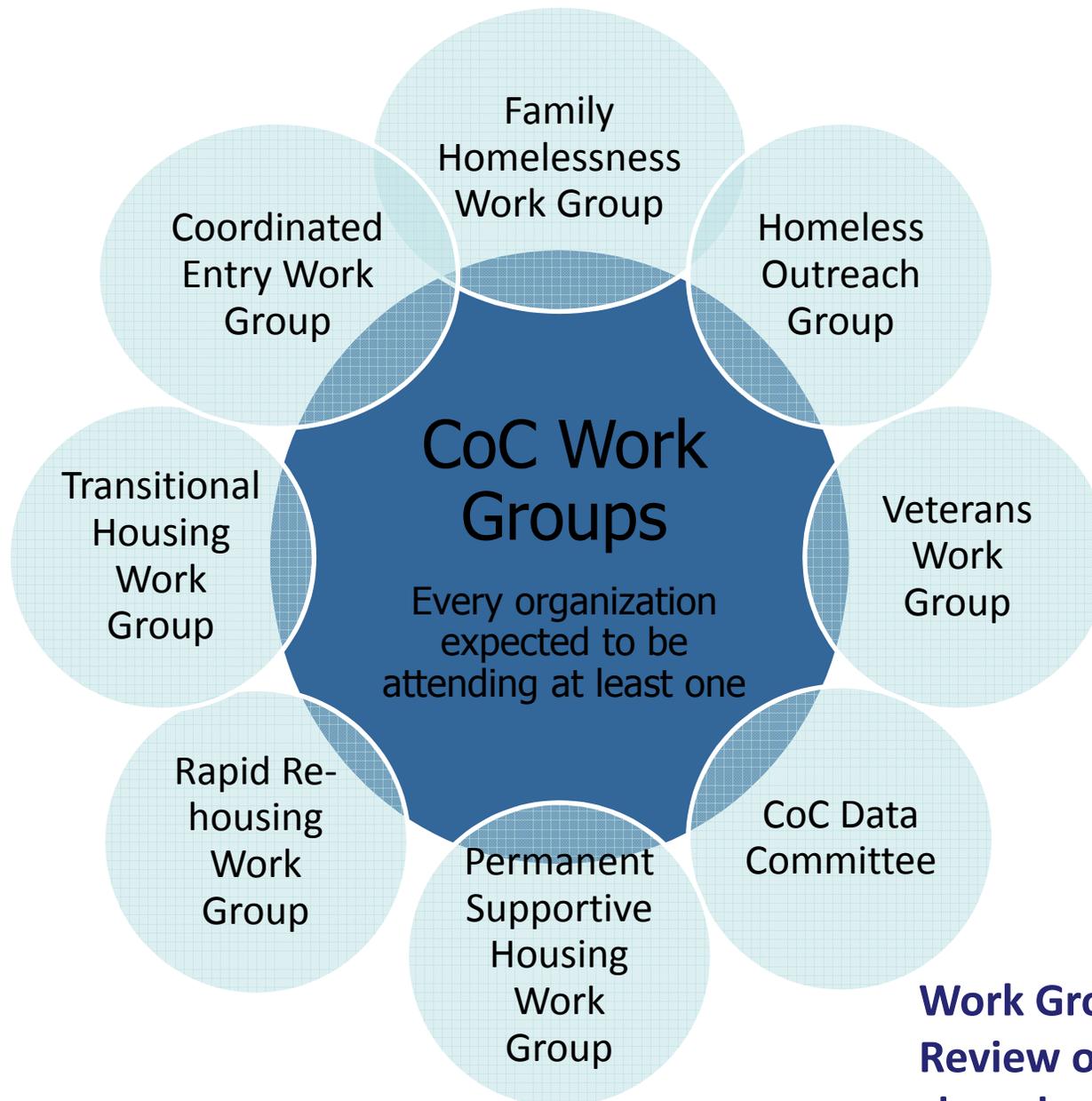
- **2007:** Established as 501(c)3 when HEARTH Act proposed
- **Fiscal agent for...**
 - Shelter Plus Care (2008)
 - Emergency Solutions Grant (2008)
 - Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (2010)
 - HPRP (2009-2012)
 - Hamilton County Indigent Care Levy funds (2012)
 - City of Cincinnati Human Services funding (2015)
- **2015: Unified Funding Agency**
- **Operate community's Centralized Shelter Intake & Coordinated Entry for Housing Systems (including Northern KY)**



“Homeless Clearinghouse” = CoC Board

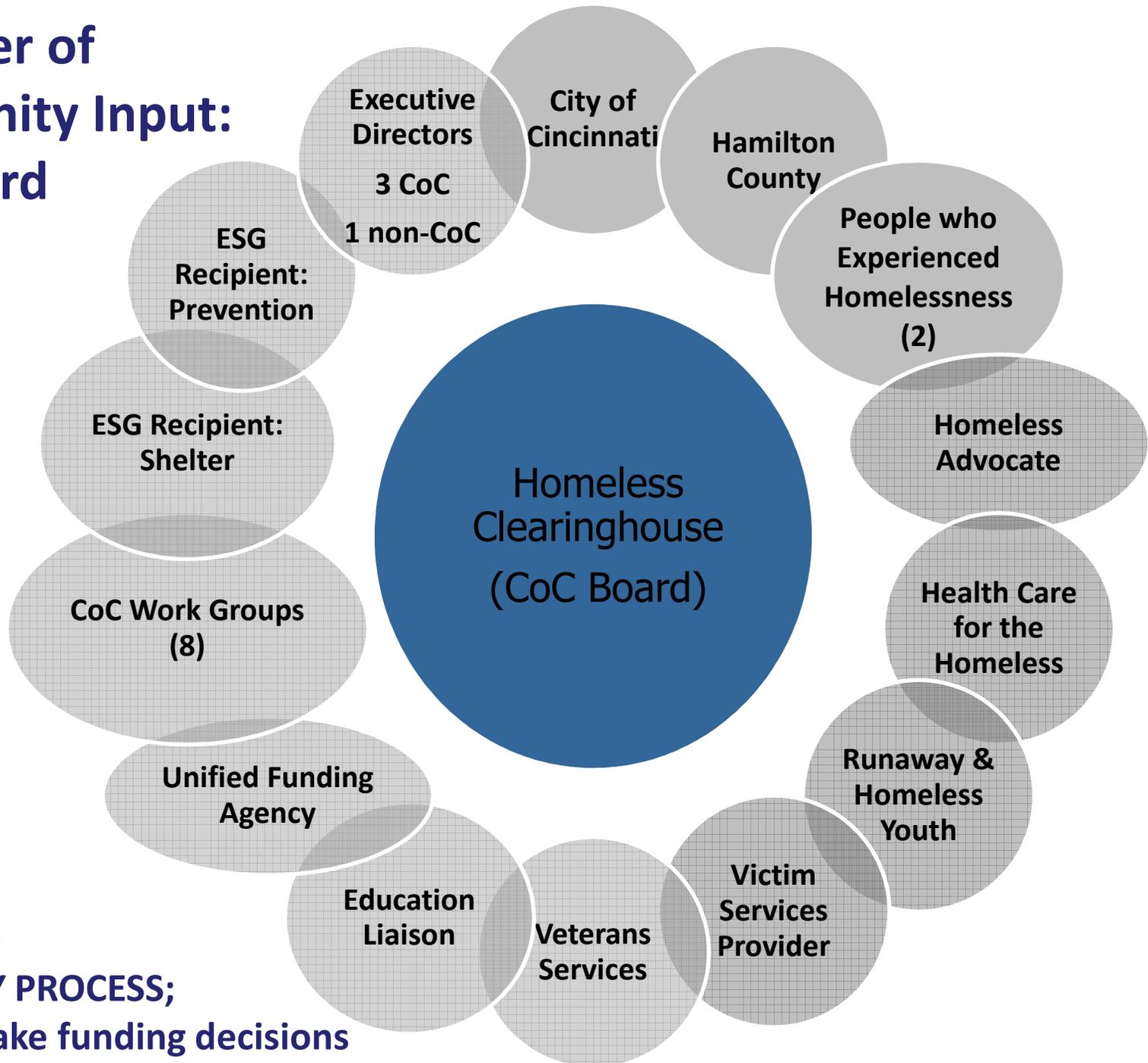
- CoC Advisory group that existed before requirement to have a CoC board
- In 2007, when HEARTH Act proposed, Clearinghouse made decision that a new non-profit should be incorporated to administer the CoC & serve as UFA
- Goals of establishing new non-profit:
 - Preserve the existing, highly transparent, open-door, CoC processes
 - Ensure that CoC’s application to HUD is as competitive as possible
- Today, *Strategies to End Homelessness* staffs the CoC process, administers the CoC, & serves as UFA

1st Layer of Community Input: Work Groups

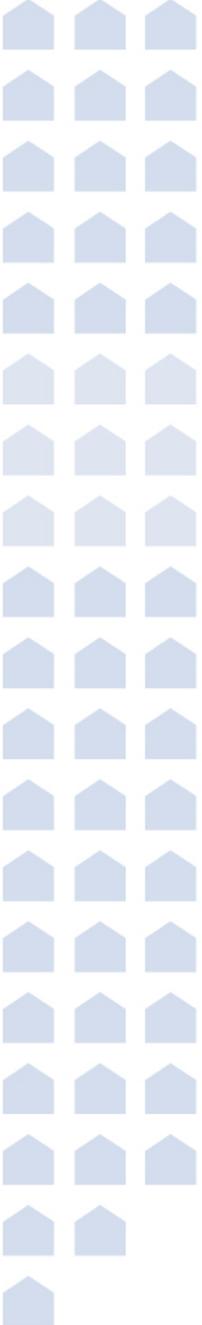


**Work Groups draft policies,
Review outcomes,
share best practices, etc.**

2nd Layer of Community Input: CoC Board



**Oversees the
COMMUNITY PROCESS;
Does NOT make funding decisions**



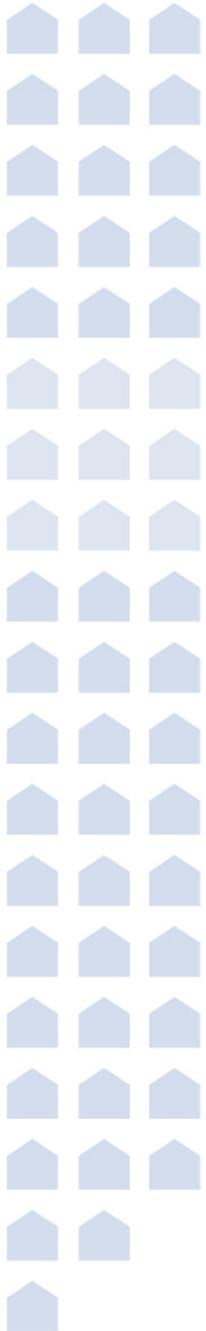
3rd Layer of Community Input: Community Ranking Process

How does a program get into our CoC's annual application to HUD?

Two part ranking process-

1. Outcomes Data
2. Community Ranking

Modified slightly each year: changes recommended by Homeless Clearinghouse, approved by community vote of CoC membership



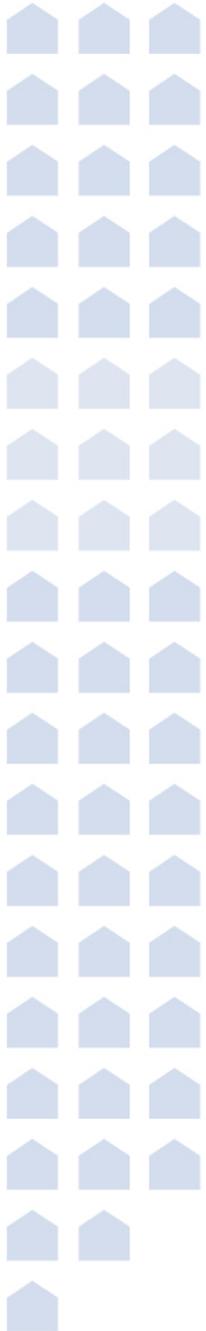
1st Ranking:

Programs Ranked based on Outcomes Data

- Housing Outcomes
- Income Outcomes
- Employment Outcomes
- Returns to Homelessness
- Families
- Chronic Homelessness

OUTCOMES MATTER!!!

Higher performance = higher pre-score rank!

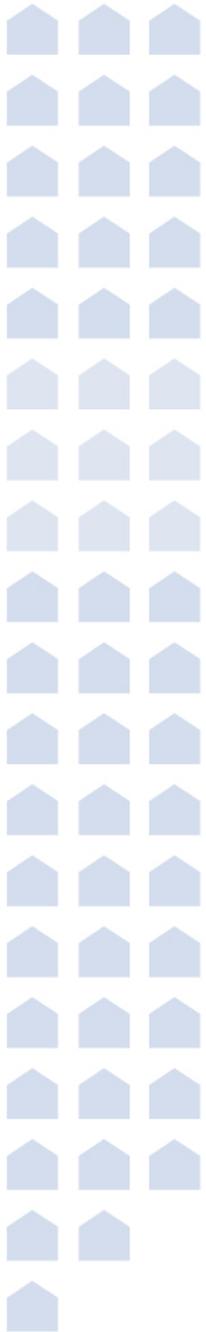


2nd Ranking:

Programs Ranked by Community

Event called “Large Group Scoring”

- All agencies complete 5 minute presentation about program
- CoC members trained on HUD priorities, required outcomes, etc.
- Community members then rank programs in order of highest priority for our community
- Approximately 130 people in attendance



Results of Ranking Process

- ***Pre-Score + Community Ranking = Final Prioritization for HUD App***
- CoC Board (Homeless Clearinghouse) does not make funding decisions, but outlines the process
- *Strategies to End Homelessness* facilitates the CoC community process, administers the CoC, & serves as UFA ; does not rank.
- Community priorities are determined by:
 - Outcomes
 - Community Input
- Outcomes are reviewed in the work groups quarterly & participation in work groups is a part of community input