

Results from Prioritization of Strategies (dot exercise) for Low-Income Housing

Top Strategies	Term:	Short	Long
TOP INVENTORY STRATEGIES			
Acquire, preserve, and improve existing affordable apartment blocks in gentrifying areas (12)		●	●
Change zoning to support more diversity of housing products in the market (7)		⑦	⑤
Create an insurance or damage mitigation fund to minimize the risks to landlords of renting to tenants with no/poor rental history (4)		⑥	①
Create a new staff position with levy funds to leverage resources, including funding and development deals, more strategically and proactively		①	③
Create a rental rehab program that makes funding available to landlords willing to rent to low-income tenants to make required upgrades in order to pass inspection		①	②
Utilize innovative new funding models which are already being implemented elsewhere to build new housing			②
TOP SERVICE STRATEGIES			
Provide more funding for case managers and/or landlord liaisons (6)		⑥	
Transportation services and/or mobile medical services		③	
Develop a community liaison or peer health worker program to help keep people in housing		②	
TOP CULTURAL STRATEGIES			
Housing equity audit by neighborhood			③
Increase programs that enable and empower tenants who receive subsidized housing to eventually transition out and become integrated within the community			②
TOP COLLABORATION STRATEGY			
Regular check-ins between local funders and service providers to adapt to changing needs and trends			②
Strategies which received one vote			
Public education/engagement: work to better inform the public about the housing system and how it works		●	
Tenant education: more support through trained Peer Advocates, as well as from case managers or landlord liaisons, with skills training as to how to be a successful tenant		●	
Redefine definition of family (no more than 3 unrelated individuals)		●	
Develop dedicated recovery housing for drug court participants to increase the efficacy of the Drug Court program		●	
Agencies need to continue to equip their staff with evidence-based training better serve people with high needs and facilitate transitions along the continuum		●	
Provide a forum where comprehensive solutions can be vetted and funders, service providers, development and landlord community, can propose how they could best contribute			●
Brainstorm ways the City can bring more willing development partners to the table			●
A shared data system to help us manage high-utilizers of EMS, ED, and BH crisis services, built on the Intensive Case Management system at WAHA (i.e., GRACE)			●
Agencies at all levels of the continuum need to capture information for our system to better facilitate care transitions			●
Establish a goal around community resiliency			●
Hire a specialist consultant to help put together a complex funding mix of tax credits and other financing mechanisms for multi-use projects			●
Provide additional vouchers/long-term subsidy options			●
Initiate a program to help pay off rental debt			●