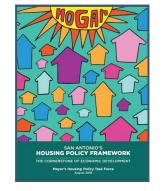
# **Background & Key Changes**





- \$1M General Fund
- Paper application, in person

Pre-COVID

## Early COVID

- Influx of federal dollars
- Building relationships
  with the County &
  other partners
- Staffing changes
- Public health lock
  downs
- Intake & Outreach
  gets creative

- Programs are nationally recognized
- Outreach events multiple times a week
- Focusing on making our work sustainable

## Today

## **Basic Services & Eligibility**



## Eligibility

- City of San Antonio and Bexar County Resident
- COVID-19 Hardship
- <80% AMI

### **Assistance Provided**

- Rent
- Mortgage
- Utility including Internet Assistance
- Relocation: First, last month's rent
  - PLACE program supports
- Local, State and Federal Benefit Enrollment
- Cash assistance (discontinued)

Applications Received 106,473					
Processed 103,315			In Progress 3,158		
Approved 64,145	Pending Manager Approval / Denial 135	Denied 39,035	Application Not Complete (Pending Info) 274		Under Review 2,884
As of Apr 26			Total Expended \$201.3M		
\$201,292,418					
Rent & Mortgage \$172,363,429			SAWS      Internet        758,174      \$650,959		Cash Assistance (FII) \$8,030,600
Total People Assisted 167,247		Avg. Assistance Per Person \$1,204		Avg. Assistance Per Household \$3,138	

# Outreach

#### More Ways to Access Services

- Full online and mobile application
- Appointments for in person applications
- More staffing at a central, transit accessible access point
- Housing Navigation Hotline

#### Pro- Active Outreach

- Leverage data- eviction filings and equity atlas
- Street teams going door to door
- Mailers & Flyers in at least English & Spanish
- Distributing resource materials at outreach events
- Webinars and mailers through landlord & real estate associations

#### **Community-based Response**

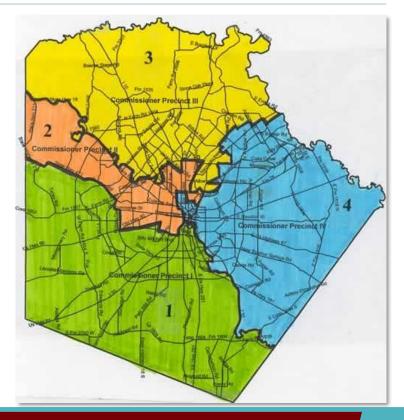
• Leverage Community Health Worker Network, congregations, and trusted non-profits as intake points



# **Evictions in Bexar County**



- Jurisdiction of the County Government
  - 4 Precincts
  - 5 Justices of the Peace
- Through the pandemic, 26 evictions have been filed per day on average.
- Nearly 45,000 Bexar County Households owe a collective \$102 million in back rent.





# Eviction Intervention Program

- Goal: Prevent & mitigate evictions through financial assistance, legal aid, and education
- Partnership with local legal aid providers & JP courts
- 5 Housing Navigators + 1 supervisor
- SCOTX order seals records & abates cases for defendants who are working with their landlords on rent assistance



## San Antonio's Eviction Intervention Program



#### Staffing

• Went from 2 staff members to 6 Housing Navigators and 1 supervisor

#### **Hearing Presence**

- Early: Present for all eviction hearings either virtually or in- person
- Now also present M-F, 8-5 at all precincts
- Attorney help-desk

#### Outreach

- Phone calls & mailers using filing data
- Staff flyer at properties and provide on-site housing navigation
- Community intake events





## **Eviction Team in Action**



