

QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP  
MEETING  
JULY 22, 2020

# Delaware Continuum of Care

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# Welcome

PLEASE USE THE Q & A:

WE WILL WORK TO  
ADDRESS Q&A AT THE END  
OF THE PRESENTATION,  
TIME PERMITTING

# 2020 PIT/HIC Data

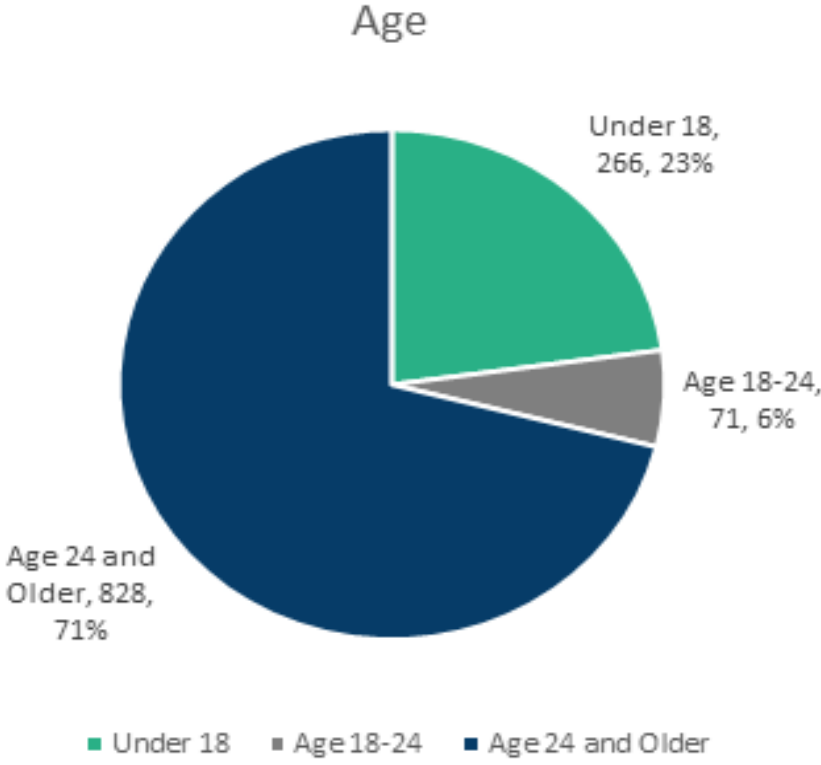
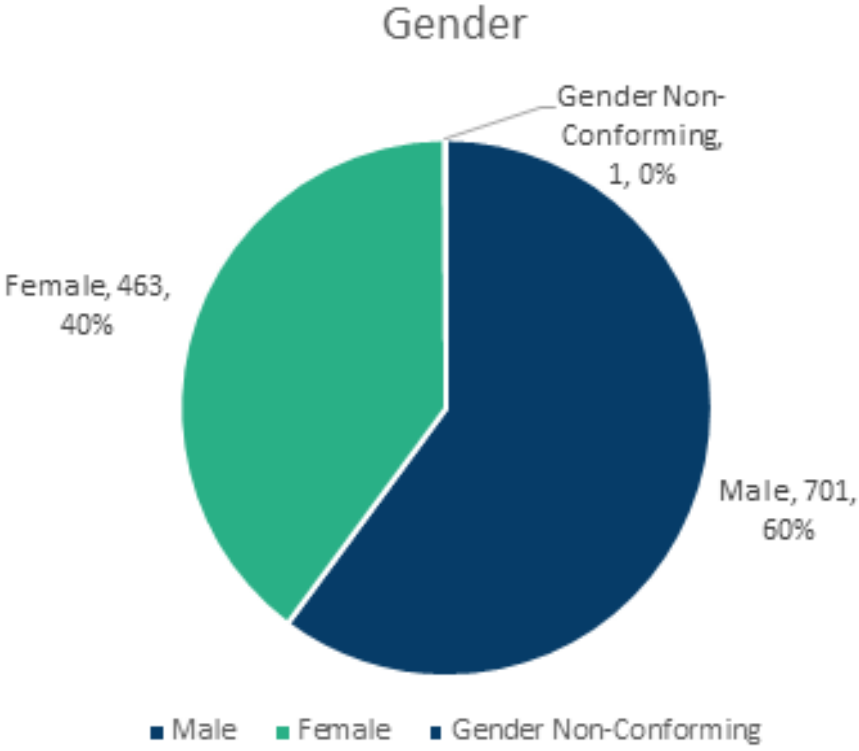
# Point-In-Time Count Totals

	2018	2019	2020
<b>Statewide</b>	1082	921	1165
<b>New Castle</b>	717 (66%)	540 (61%)	665 (57%)
<b>Kent</b>	247 (23%)	200 (20%)	296 (25%)
<b>Sussex</b>	117 (11%)	181 (19%)	204 (18%)

Total Person	Sheltered	Unsheltered
<b>1165</b>	1015	150

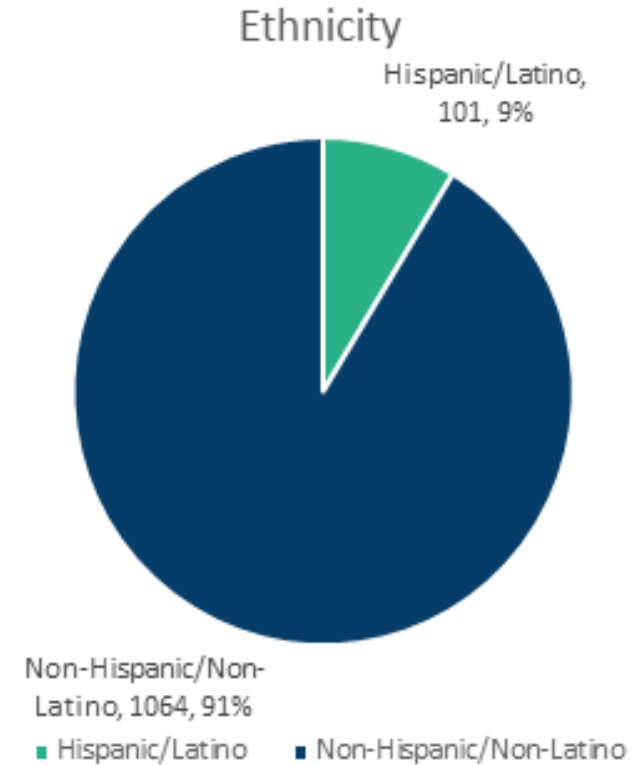
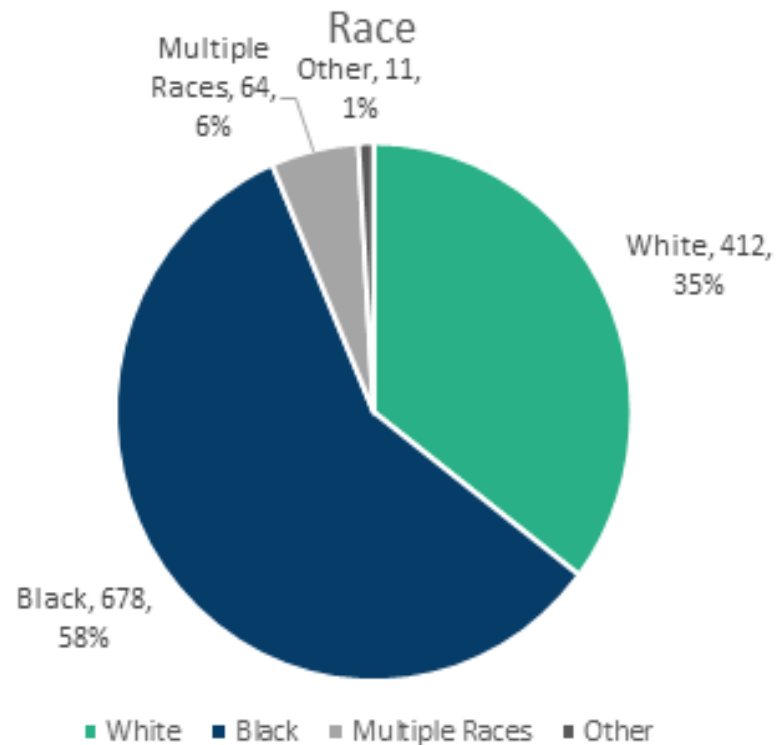
# PIT Demographics: Age & Gender

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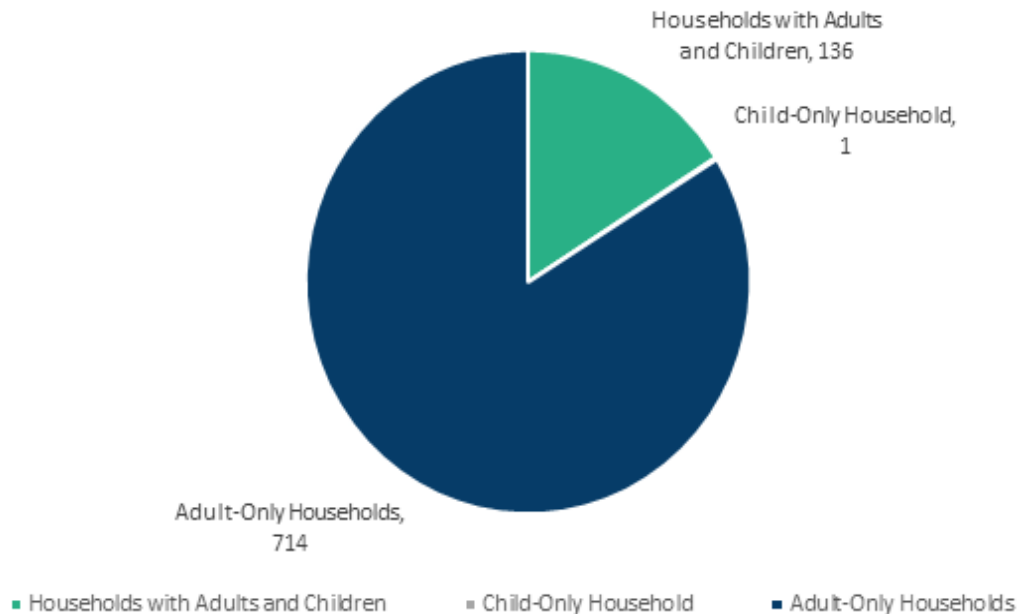
# PIT Demographics: Race & Ethnicity

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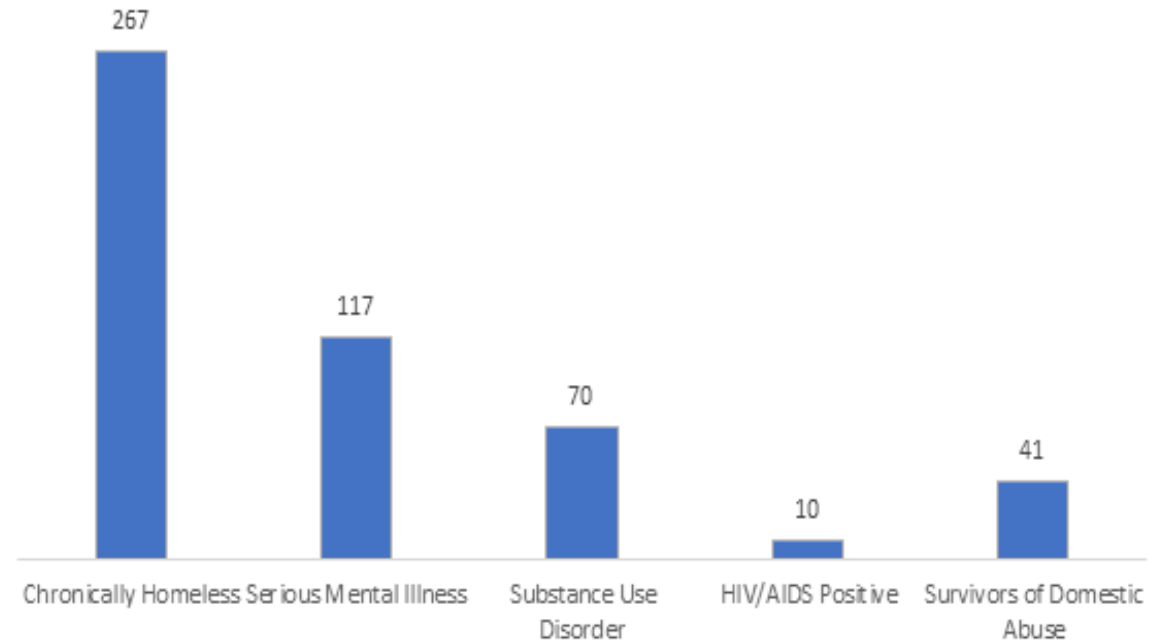


# PIT Demographics: Household Composition & Other

Household Composition



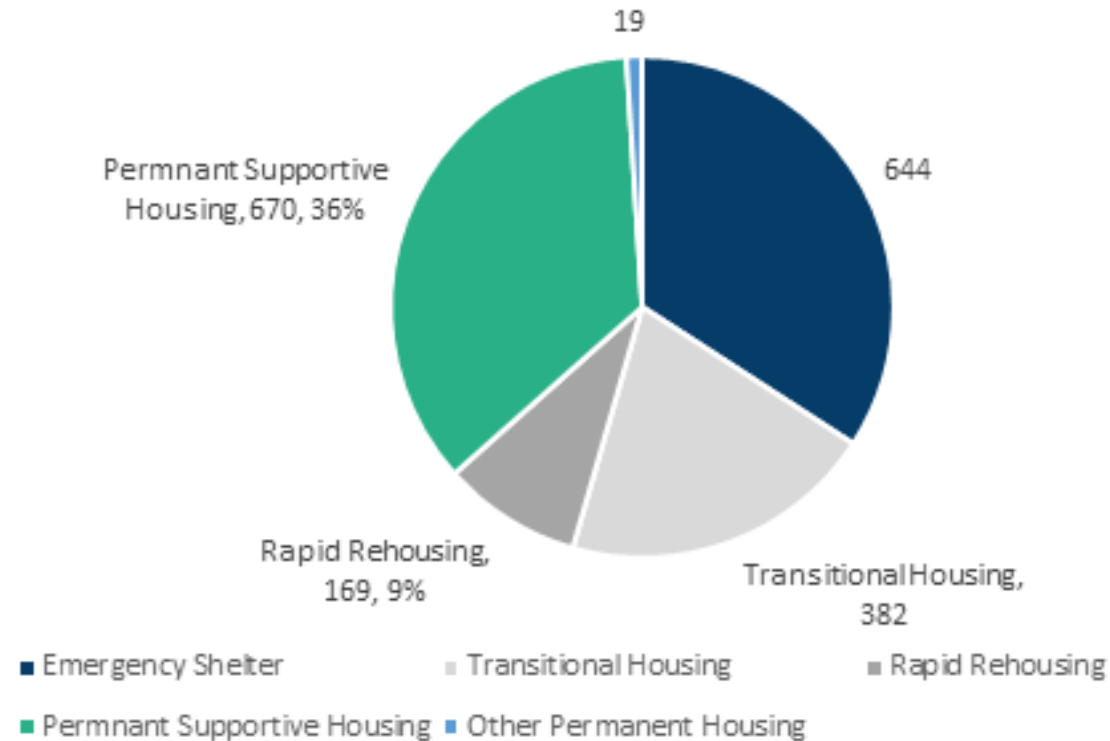
Number of Adults Who Are/Have



# Housing Inventory Count Totals

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Total Year-Round Beds by Type



\*Totals include 71 Domestic Violence Beds and 27 HIV Beds



# CoC Board Nominations

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## **ORENDA POINDEXTER, EXTERNAL HOUSING DIRECTOR, YWCA**

- B.A. in Education from Lincoln University
- 30 years experience in Housing related services, 20 with the YWCA
- Oversees Rapid Re-Housing and Diversion Programs

## **JOHN WHITELAW, ADVOCACY DIRECTOR, CLASI**

- Stanford Law 1986
- 30 years experience representing low-income/vulnerable clients in various legal aid programs
- Works with advocates to pursue creative strategies to address systemic problems faced by clients; provides supervision and mentorship to advocates in government benefits and SSA matters.

- Voted on and approved by the CoC Board at the May Board Meeting
- **Voting members will receive a link to complete an E-vote for final approval of new CoC Board Members**

# 2020 CoC Funding Competition

# NOFA Update

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- The 2020 Notice of Funding Availability release has been delayed due to COVID-19
  - HUD has not released information on a potential release date or competition guidelines
  - No information regarding new funding has been released at this time
- New information will be distributed as becomes available

# Renewal Applicant Launch

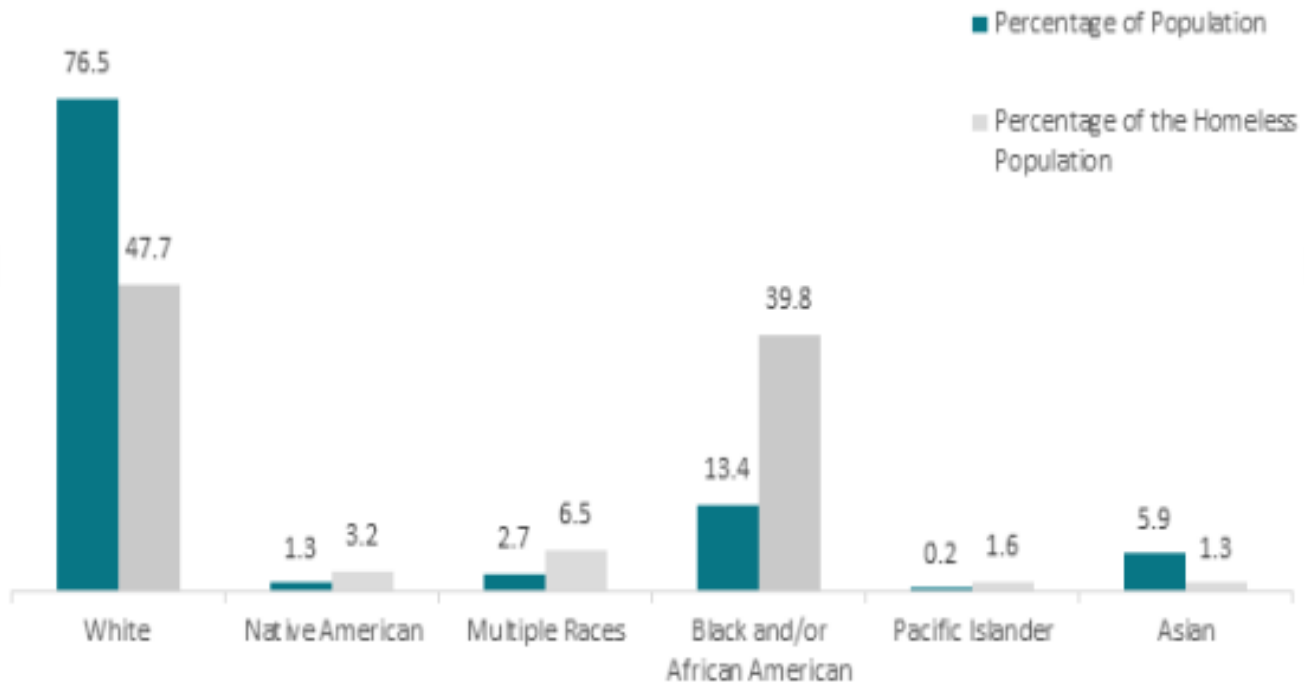
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- 2020 CoC Funding Policies and Procedures approved by the CoC Board in June 2020
- 2020 Compliance, Evaluation and Scoring tools approved by CoC Scoring Committee in July 2020
- Mandatory Information Meeting for Renewal Applicants **July 30, 2020 from 10am-12pm**
  - All renewal applicants received meeting notice via email on 7/14/20
  - Review of polices, tools, submission details, timelines and deadlines
- All competition related materials are available on the Housing Alliance Delaware CoC Page: <https://www.housingalliancede.org/the-delaware-continuum-of-care>
- Funding related questions or technical assistance requests can be sent to [egallaher@housingalliancede.org](mailto:egallaher@housingalliancede.org)

# CoC Committee Updates

# New Committee – Racial Justice & Equity

Members of Racial Groups as a Percentage of the Homeless Population and of the General Population of the United States



- Based on the 2019 PIT Count, Black Delawareans experience homelessness at a rate that is 4.3 times higher than White Delawareans.
- The Continuum of Care is committed to understanding the negative impact of homelessness on people and communities of color in Delaware
- If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please email [atimmreck@housingallianxcede.org](mailto:atimmreck@housingallianxcede.org)

# System Performance Committee

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Committee Member

Dr. Steve Metraux, Associate Professor, University of Delaware

Director, Center for Community Research and Service



# Advocacy and Policy Committee

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- Committee Chair & CoC Board Member
- DeBorah Gilbert White, HerStory Ensemble

1. Proposed Virtual 2020 Candidates Meeting Focused on Homelessness and Housing in Delaware

2. Collaborative Advocacy and Policy Efforts

- Committee Co-Chair
- Tony Sierzega, CLASI

1. COVID-19 Nation-Wide Best Practices

# Delaware COVID-19 Response

# Status Update: Non-Congregate Shelter

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Renee Beaman

Director, Division of State Service Centers

COUNTY	Total Shelters	Accepting New Entry	14 Day Quarantine Required	Negative COVID Test Required	Bed Utilization Rate as of 7/20/20
SUSSEX	2	2	2	2	42% (12 in use/28 total)
KENT	5	5	0	3	71% (65 in use/91 total)
NCC	16	14	5	9	42% (95 in use/221 total)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>51%</b>

# Status Update: Congregate Shelter

# CARES Rapid Re-Housing

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Cheryl Christiansen, Executive Director

Family Promise of Northern New Castle County

# HUD ESG & CDBG, CARES ACT FUNDING

**Q1: Delaware's ESG funding will be spent on people experiencing homelessness. Please rank the following ESG eligible activities in order of priority, with #1 being highest priority and #4 being lowest priority.**

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>SCORE</b>
Rapid Re-Housing (for people living unsheltered, in emergency shelters, or in hotels/motels)	44.44% 12	40.74% 11	7.41% 2	7.41% 2	27	3.22
Emergency Shelter (to support additional costs related to COVID-19 response)	40.74% 11	44.44% 12	14.81% 4	0.00% 0	27	3.26
Centralized Intake (to support ongoing capacity to respond to increased need and resource coordination due to COVID-19)	17.86% 5	14.29% 4	50.00% 14	17.86% 5	28	2.32
Homeless Management Information System	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	25.93% 7	74.07% 20	27	1.26

**Q2: CARES Act ESG funding provides for opportunities to enhance and improve how we respond to homelessness in our communities as it relates to COVID-19. Please review the new ideas below and check the corresponding box if you believe that this kind of intervention or program should be made available with CARES Act ESG funding.**

<b>ANSWER CHOICES</b>	<b>RESPONSES</b>	
Arrears assistance: These funds would be used to assist homeless households enrolled in Rapid Re-Housing access permanent housing more quickly by paying overdue utility bills that are preventing them from turning on utilities in a new housing unit.	82.14%	23
Street Outreach Demonstration: Homeless street outreach would provide direct assistant to unsheltered people and provide them with linkages to housing and services. All data would be collected in CMIS.	60.71%	17
Total Respondents: 28		



# Additional Eligible Ideas Shared

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- case management capacity of Rapid Re-Housing providers to be able to provide longer term and more intensive supports
- partnership between RRH and Housing Choice Vouchers to use RRH funds to help people get into units with vouchers to pay the rental assistance, and provide supportive services
- security deposit assistance
- landlord mitigation fund
- street outreach
- staffing for Centralized Intake
- food and meal vouchers
- increase DE's emergency shelter infrastructure

# Other Ideas

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- diversion programs for people above 100% FMR
- acquisition for a new shelter in Kent County
- 5% of LIHTC units reserved for people experiencing homelessness
- strategic planning to address the homeless crisis
- tiny home community
- re-purpose abandoned retail spaces

# Overview of Funds and Priorities

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Cindy Deakyne

Housing Development Administrator, Delaware State Housing  
Authority

# HUD ESG & CDBG, CARES ACT FUNDING

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JURISDICTION	04/02/2020 CDBG-CV1	05/22/2020 CDBG-CV2	04/02/2020 ESG-CV1	06/09/2020 ESG-CV2	04/02/2020 HOPWA-CV	Totals
Dover	\$163,211	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$163,211
Wilmington	\$1,304,175	\$0	\$647,693	\$1,142,202	\$116,777	\$3,210,847
New Castle County	\$1,427,933	\$0	\$690,366	\$1,582,960	\$0	\$3,701,259
Delaware (Kent and Sussex)	\$1,471,924	\$3,236,174	\$807,114	\$1,527,664	\$45,703	\$7,088,579

# Currently Identified Funding Priorities

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## **1. Emergency Shelter Operations**

- Support to homeless shelters to prepare, prevent and maintain operations during COVID-19.

## **2. Motel/Hotel Voucher Program, including street outreach**

- New program in coordination with HAD for centralized coordination and DHSS, and DSSC, to provide immediate motel vouchers to clients experiencing homelessness.
- The jurisdictions will collaborate to produce a shared set of forms and documents to make administration easier.

## **3. Rapid Rehousing**

- Provide existing rapid rehousing providers funding to maintain current housing supports as well as to work with clients in hotel/motels exit from shelter to permanent housing.

## **4. Homeless Prevention**

- Rental Assistance, Utility Assistance, Legal Services.

# Evictions in DE: Delaware's Looming Eviction Crisis?

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# Where are we now?

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- Modification 23 from Governor
- Court Order from JP Court

\*Attached

# CLASI Community Education Piece

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Three “groups” of Tenants

1. New Cases
2. Pending Cases
3. Final decision not yet executed



# JP 13 Acted Too Early

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- 300 Trial Notices
- August 10, 11, and 13
- In person

WRONG WRONG WRONG

NOT HAPPENING

# New Processes

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- Pre Trial Conferences
- ADR
- Video trials
- Additional standard – “in the interest of justice”

# How many families/how much money

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- Eviction Estimator
- <https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIjoiaNzRhYjg2NzAtMGE1MC00NmNjLTIOTM0tYjM2NjFmOTA4ZjMyliwidCI6Ijc5MGJmNjk2LTE3NDYtNGE4OS1hZjI0LTc4ZGE5Y2RhZGE2MSIsImMiOiN9>
- Press Release attached
- \$50 million?

# Letter being sent to pending and new cases

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\* Attached

# DE Housing Assistance Program

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Marlena Gibson

Policy Director, Delaware State Housing Authority

Thank  
you

## Q & A

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For any additional questions, please contact Erin Gallaher at [egallaher@housingalliance.org](mailto:egallaher@housingalliance.org) or Rachel Stucker at [rstucker@housingalliance.org](mailto:rstucker@housingalliance.org)