

Problem Statement & Solution

- There are over 7,000 individuals experiencing homelessness in Austin/Travis County annually. Individuals experiencing chronic homelessness are among the most frequent utilizers of costly public services.
- Permanent Supportive Housing is an evidence-based approach to improving outcomes for individuals experiencing chronic homelessness while reducing long-term spending on emergency services.

What is Pay for Success (PFS)?

- It's a public-private partnership that funds effective interventions, such as wrap-around services related for Permanent Supportive Housing, through a performance-based contract.
- It enables governments and its partners to identify successful programs by tapping private investments to expand interventions and prove their efficacy. Private investors provide upfront capital to achieve both a modest financial return and a social impact, such as reduced health care expenditures.
- Government and partners pay only for successful outcomes, as determined by an independent evaluation.

The Austin Pay for Success Initiative

Persons to be served/Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 225-250 persons experiencing homelessness with high healthcare & criminal justice utilization • The project will ramp up services over a three-year period.
Services to be offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The PFS project will fund wrap-around support services for individuals housed in Permanent Supportive Housing (it <u>will not</u> provide funding for housing). • Support services include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Intensive case management via team approach – Nurse access & primary care connections – Mental health services & connections – Substance use counseling & peer support – Facilitated access to benefits & employment opportunities – Strategies for independent living & positive community involvement – Housing location & move in assistance
Desired Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced costs of avoidable emergency room usage and hospitalizations • Improved housing stability • Reduced involvement with the criminal justice system
Government & Private Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central Health and Community Care Collaborative • City of Austin • Travis County • HUD/DOJ • St. David's Foundation & Episcopal Health Foundation • Project development supported by St. David's Foundation, NFF, United Way, DAA, Meadow's Foundation, City of Austin & Travis County
PFS Pilot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 persons experiencing homelessness with high criminal justice & hospital encounters plus high VI-SPDAT scores; housing began May 2018 with goal of 4-5 move-ins monthly • Caritas of Austin is the lead PSH service provider; ECHO conducts navigation & housing location; funded by St. David's Foundation, NFF & City of Austin