

Per BOCC request made at the May 28th budget work session, the information below pertains to HSD's allocation and implementation plan for shelter inreach housing placement programs, with a focus on shelters closing early FY 2027.

Inreach: a program wherein housing placement case managers, with associated access to housing placement funding, serve a set of shelter programs to connect guests in those shelters with housing resources. These case managers do not necessarily work for a shelter provider, but they will be assigned to serve an identified set of shelters with housing placement services. Inreach programs will be designed to provide coverage across the shelter system.

In order to ensure that HSD will be able to operationalize inreach quickly after July 1st, HSD has already begun, and is close to completing, an allocation process to select proposals for inreach. The goal of this funding and the inreach program is to improve exits from shelter to housing, ensuring that **every person in every adult shelter bed has access to housing resources designed to best meet their individual needs.**

The allocation process asked for responses to questions about operationalizing best practices, building and sustaining strong partnerships, financial controls to be able to administer these services, and operational capacity to be able to carry out the scope of work in a timely manner.

At this point, we have received and scored proposals and we're working to use high scoring proposals to flesh out the blend of services that we need to support the inreach work in our system. This includes some providers who will be assigned to specific locations and others that will be more flexible and roaming across the system. The latter group will be largely made up of culturally specific organizations or teams providing specific services (e.g. DV survivor supports).

Given the reduction to the adult shelter system in FY27, in the first quarter of FY27, the system-wide inreach priority will be providing services to the individuals in the shelter programs slated to close. We recognize that there will be guests in these programs who may need more time to prepare for a housing placement, or a higher level of housing placement such as Permanent Supportive Housing. Those guests will be supported in moving to either another shelter or another supportive program, allowing us to continue working with those households to connect them to housing that meets their needs. This strategy will continue until all closures are finalized.