## 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

- 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

- The PFS project will fund wrap-around support services for individuals housed in Permanent Supportive Housing (it will not provide funding for housing).
- Support services include:
  - 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

- Reduced costs of avoidable emergency room usage and hospitalizations
- Improved housing stability
- Reduced involvement with the criminal justice system

### Government & Private Partners

- 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

- 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