



# Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

**City Council Study Session**  
**June 22, 2021**





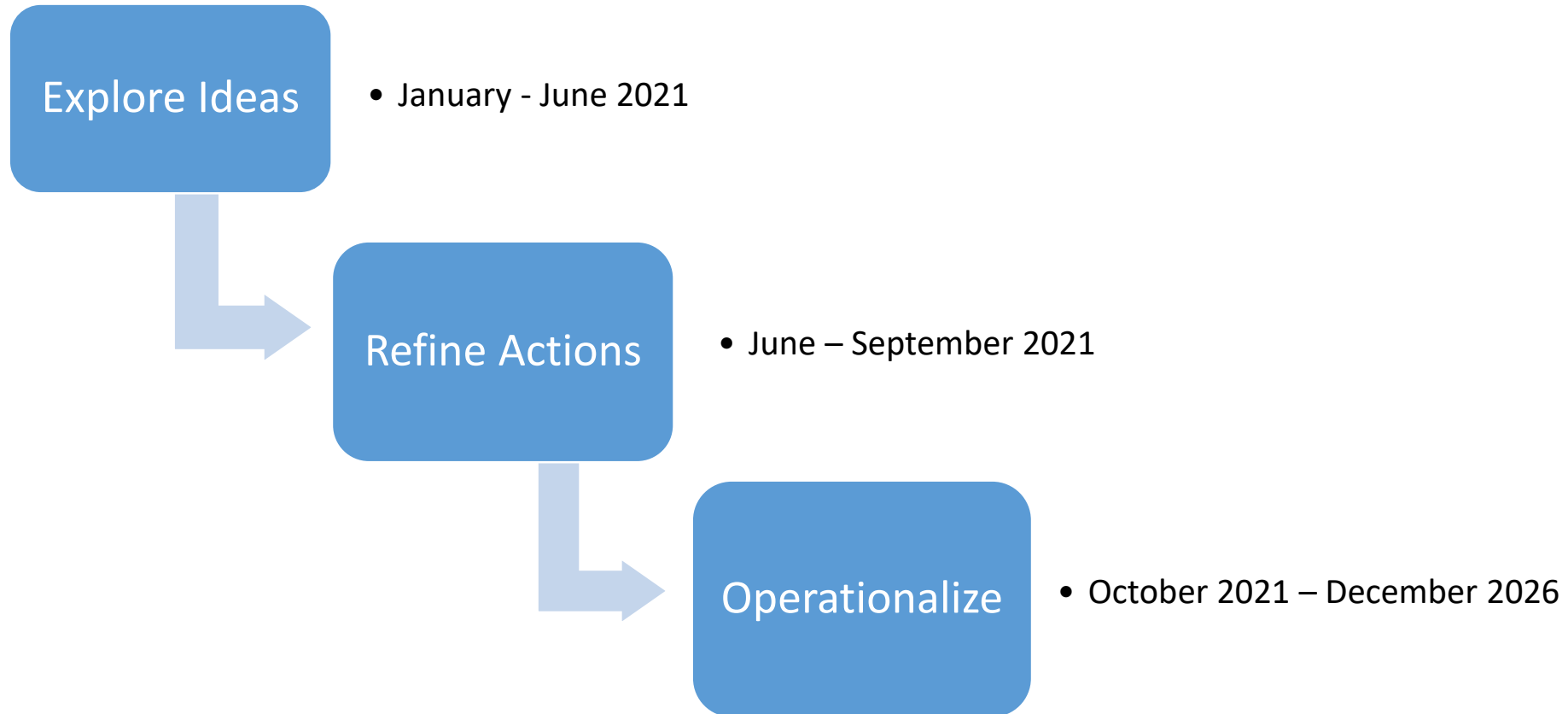
# OVERVIEW



## Updates:

- City of Tacoma 5-Year Homelessness Strategy
  - Engagement Timeline and Details
  - Connection to Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS)
- TEMS Site at 69<sup>th</sup> & Proctor Street
- Young Adult Services at Beacon Center
- ARPA funding overview
  - Support for immediate and urgent need project

# Homelessness Strategy Engagement



The City is on track with developing a 5 year homeless strategy aligned with Pierce County’s strategic planning efforts.

# Homelessness Strategy Engagement Details



- Virtual Engagement Workshops will be held throughout the summer across departments and with the community.
- Resources will focus on ensuring BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and lived expert voices are included.
- Neighborhoods and business district perspectives will be included in outreach and engagement
- Feedback will be incorporated and presented back to all stakeholders in September.

Engagement and outreach is inclusive and will encourage input.

# Homelessness Strategy Connection to AHAS



1.11 Explore innovative low cost housing solutions to serve persons experiencing homelessness

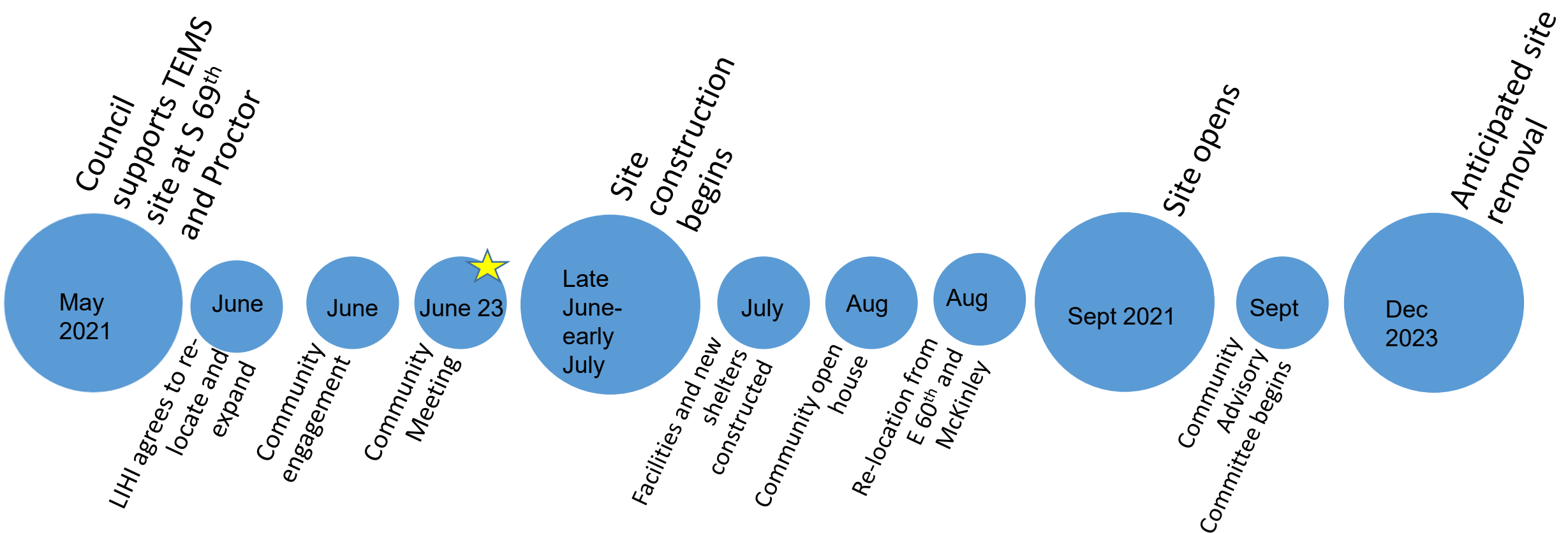
3.2 Create a range of resources for households experiencing a housing crisis

4.2 Create stronger alignment across the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care

The City's 5 Year Homelessness Strategy aligns with the Affordable Housing Action Strategy.



# TEMS Site at S 69<sup>th</sup> and Proctor St





# ●●● Young Adult Shelter Transition

- Existing provider contract is terminating June 30, 2021
- City is investing \$1.3 Million in Beacon Center renovation scheduled to begin in July
- Valeo Vocation has begun supporting the transition between service providers
- Beginning July 1 only overnight services for young adults will be available
- A new Community Advisory Committee will begin in August

The City is working with multiple providers to ensure continuity in young adult shelter services



# Tacoma ARPA Spending Objectives



## Direct City Funding - \$61 M

- Focus 2021 funding on targeted priority areas such as
  - Housing, Homelessness, Jobs
  - Returning Services, Deferred Maintenance, & Lost Revenue
- Leverage all possible ARPA funding and use direct assistance to fill gaps
- Plan on actions that will set the community up for success for when regional and federal funding runs out
- Focus on big transformational projects with partnerships
- Avoid spreading funding too thin



# 2021 ARPA PROPOSED DISTRIBUTIONS



Priority Area Bucket	Target %	Target Amount (in millions)	Immediate Needs
Affordable Housing and Homelessness	31%	\$9.3	<b>Property Acquisition (\$5M),</b> Increase Emergency Shelter Capacity (\$2M), Encampment Response w/ Hygiene and Litter Service (\$0.3M)
Restoration of Services	16%	\$4.9	Fire Engine (\$4M), Restoration of Library hours (\$0.42M)
Livable Wage Jobs	15%	\$4.5	Small Business Assistance (\$2.4M)
Community Safety	9%	\$2.8	Body and Dash Cameras (\$2M), Graffiti Removal (0.25M)
Health	5%	\$1.6	Citywide Cleanup (\$0.5M)
Belief and Trust	9%	\$2.8	Communication Support (\$0.1M)
Major Project Reserve	15%	\$4.6	
	100%	\$30.5	



# Immediate Need: Property Acquisition

- Comfort Inn – 86<sup>th</sup> & Hosmer
- 91 furnished rooms with microwaves & refrigerators
- Built in 2000
- Under contract by Low Income Housing Institute @ \$8.8M (appraised at \$11.1M)
- Total acquisition budget \$10.15M (\$111,540/unit)
- Environmental Assessment Complete
- Condition Study Pending



# Immediate Need: Acquisition

- Financing Contingency: September 15, 2021
- Closing: No later than October 29, 2021
- City Investment of \$5M ARPA funds (\$55K /unit)
- Matched by County and/or State Funds
- Can close earlier with financing in place



# Immediate Need: Acquisition

- Initial use through 2023 – 120 bed shelter
- 6 rooms for offices, case management, storage
- Operating funds available from ESG-CV and MHSUD
- 2024 Permanent Affordable Housing - 100% @ or below 50% AMI
- Rehabilitation / Conversion estimated @ \$2.5M
- 80 units permanent housing

# Affordable Housing and Homelessness Summary

## 31% or \$9.3M



Affordable Housing and Homelessness	Potential Amount	Immediate Need	Presentation Date
Property Acquisition	\$5.0 M	✓	6/22 Study Session
Increase Emergency Shelter Capacity	\$2.0 M	✓	<b>TBD</b>
Encampment Response w/ Hygiene and Litter Service	\$0.3.M	✓	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Total Immediate Needs</b>	<b>\$7.3 M</b>		
<b>Other Items for Consideration – Study Session in July to Review Allocation to these Programs</b>			
Additional Affordable Housing Property Acquisition			
Homeless Hiring Program			
Youth Homelessness Services			
Returning Homeless Services Reduced during Budget Development			
Rental and Utility Assistance – OTHER ARPA FUNDING IDENTIFIED			
Homelessness Safety Measures			
<b>Remaining 2021 Allocation</b>	<b>\$2 M</b>		



# 2021 ARPA Proposed Distributions



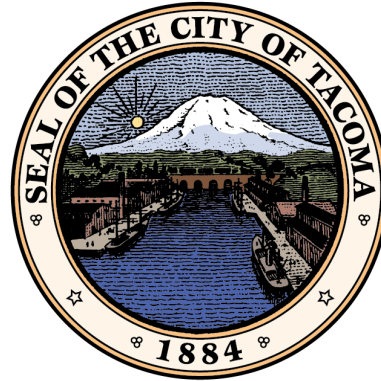
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# Wrap Up



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- Engagement and outreach is inclusive and will encourage input
- The City's 5 Year Homelessness Strategy aligns with the Affordable Housing Action Strategy
- City staff responsive to community concerns
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