

# Unique Housing Gaps in Carson City: Potential Solutions

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# Objectives

Discussion of the best use of the \$300,000 received for sale of Brown Street property

- Report on research city staff conducted on initiating a housing authority and staff recommendation
- Proposal - Home to Health Program
- Proposal - Home for Senior Program
- Discussion of proposals and other ideas

# Report: Initiating a Housing Authority

- City staff met with Bill Brewer and staff at Nevada Rural Housing Authority (NRHA)
- Information Gathered –
  - No additional funding to Carson City
  - Would be competing with NRHA for funding
  - Costly to Carson City - Staffing for added responsibilities
    - Managing a Housing Choice voucher waitlist
      - ❖ 1700 households on waitlist - 16% from Carson City
      - ❖ 287 residents of Carson City currently on a Housing Choice voucher
    - Conduct inspections
  - No additional authority over motel/hotel compliance
  - Will not result in more affordable housing
- Recommendation – Carson City continues to partner with NRHA and not create another housing authority

# Proposal #1 – Health to Home

- Population – Individuals being discharged from the hospital with limited funds
- Need – No federal or state funding for group housing
- Proposal –
  - Partner with Spirit of Hope, a local non-profit agency, to house these individuals
  - Group housing model for safety and oversight
  - Temporary housing option until individual can return to independent living
  - Housing exclusively for CCHHS referred individuals
  - Life skill training available
  - Community Health Worker available to assist as needed

# Proposal #1 – Health to Home, Cont.

- Budget – approximately \$3,000/month (1 house)
- Goal – Providing a safe environment for individuals at risk for re-hospitalization; transitioning individuals to independent living

# Proposal #2 – Home for Seniors

- Population – Seniors on fixed incomes at risk of being priced out of their home
- Need – No federal or state funding [rents over Fair Market Rents (FMR), no funding for mobile home space rent]
- Proposal –
  - Assist seniors with meeting basic shelter needs
  - CCHHS Case Managers available to assist with connecting to available resources to eliminate debt
  - Community Health Worker available to assist as needed
  - Reduce isolation for seniors with little to no interactions
  - Referrals from Senior Center and CCHHS

# Proposal #2 – Home for Seniors

- Budget – To be discussed
- Goal –
  - Preventing homelessness
  - Keeping seniors in their home
  - Lessening financial burden by lessening/eliminating debt

# Items for Discussion

## **1. Home to Health**

- Criteria for inclusion in program
- Other discussion

## **2. Home for Seniors**

- Age for inclusion
- Maximum subsidy amount/individual
- Inclusion of space rent
- Budget
- Other discussion

## **3. Initiate one program or both**

## **4. Sustainability of program(s)**

## **5. Purchase a house and collaborate with a partner to manage it**

## **6. Trust fund establishment for developers of affordable housing project; requirement for number of affordable units within the project**