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Innovative Uses of CPD Funds

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Overview

- Rising homelessness and growing panhandling in Providence precipitated a public dialogue in 2016.
- City leaders and partners committed to developing a compassionate and innovative response.
- HUD CPD funds a critical tool in a city's homelessness and anti-poverty toolbox.

Amos House-A Hand Up

- Job training program modeled after successful Albuquerque program.
- Initial investment: \$25,000 in CDBG public service funds.
 - Agency leveraged sizeable commitments from RI Foundation & City's Downtown Improvement District

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- Participants (who are homeless and unemployed) provided \$50/day stipend for day labor as an alternative to panhandling
- Conduct neighborhood clean-ups under supervision
- Provided transportation, meals and dedicated case management



Outcomes

- In 2017, **315** participants in total.
 - **208** (66%) of participants participated in case management services.
 - **35** have obtained employment.
 - **23** have obtained transitional or permanent housing.
 - **128** participants were successfully enrolled in health insurance, mental health and recovery programs.
 - Participants also provided assistance with benefit enrollments, ID and birth certificate document needs.
- Strong rates of placements with Downtown Improvement District crews; Amos House Culinary and Carpentry Programs; Southside Community Land Trust, Groundwork RI & Steelyard Job Skills Programs.
- Growing partnerships with private employers-RJ Carbone (wholesaler), Burger King
- Launched Amos House Builds Landscaping Program (providing commercial landscaping & property maintenance services)

Shower to Empower Mobile Navigation Unit

- Need for low-barrier street outreach and services
- Originally proposed as brick-and-mortar downtown drop-in center
- Corporate, philanthropic and downtown partner engagement yielded a committed provider with expertise (House of Hope) and sizeable corporate donation for a first-of-its-kind mobile unit



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- Since 2017 launch:
 - Delivered 1,206 showers
 - 510 haircuts
 - 341 medical services
 - 10 chronically homeless housed in permanent housing through coordinated entry
 - Expanded to include on-site medical clinics (foot care, etc.) with Brown Med.



Conclusions

- Public/private partnerships
- Build in more time than you expect!
- Work with HUD Rep to ensure you're operating within regulations