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GOOD AFTERNOON.

OR GOOD MORNING, ACTUALLY,  
WELCOME TO BOSTON CITY HALL AND  
BOSTON CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, I  
AM ANNISSA ESSAIBI GEORGE,  
COUNCILOR AT LARGE AND CHAIR OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS,  
MENTAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY AND  
LIKE TO REMIND EVERYBODY IN THE  
CHAMBER THIS IS BEING RECORDED  
AND BROADCAST LIVE ON COMCAST 8,  
R CN8 TWO AND VERIZON 1964.  
I ASK THAT YOU PLEASE TRY TO  
TURN OFF YOUR CELLPHONES AND  
ANYTHING ELSE THAT CAN MAKE  
NOISE.

THIS HEARING IS FOR DOCKET  
NUMBER 1-2-3 TWO, THE REGARDING  
A \$4.92 MILLION GRANT AWARDS THE  
DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD  
SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON  
YOUTH, HOMELESSNESS  
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM BY THE  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AND  
TESTIFY IN PERSON I ASK THAT YOU  
SIGN IN AND CHECK OFF THE BOX TO  
SPEAK.

THIS MORNING WE ARE JOINED BY MY  
COLLEAGUE COUNCILOR FRANK BAKER,  
I WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME COURTNEY  
TRUDELL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF  
ASSISTANT HOUSING ON TUESDAY,  
JULY 7 TIEB, 2018, THE CITY OF  
BOSTON YOUTH HOMELESSNESS  
DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM, WHICH IS  
CREATED -- WHICH CREATED THE  
STRATEGIC PLAN TO END YOUTH IN  
IN YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN BOSTON  
RECEIVED \$4.9 MILLION GRANT AND  
FEDERAL FUNDING FROM THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT, THIS IS THE LARGEST  
GRANT OF ITS KIND THAT THE CITY  
HAS RECEIVED.

WE ARE VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
GRANT, VERY EXCITED ABOUT THIS  
FUNDING FROM HUD.

MY STAFF AND I HAVE BEEN WORKING  
CLOSELY WITH MANY OF THE  
ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUAL,

CITY AND STATE AGENCIES AND THE YOUTH ACTION BOARD ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN, WITH OUR FOCUS BEING THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PORTION OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN. AT BOTH SOME OF THE PLANNING MEETINGS AND THEN AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THIS FUNDING I MET A YOUNG WOMAN NAMED STEPHANIE WHO HAS FOUR CHILDREN LIKE MYSELF AND I'M SORRY, NOT FOUR CHILDREN LIKE MYSELF TWO, SISTERS LIKE MYSELF, YOUNGER SISTERS AND TALKED QUITE AFFECTIONATELY ABOUT HER RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, WITH THEM, I'M SORRY, AND I JUST REALLY WANT TO ENCOURAGE ALL OF THE STEPHANIES OUT THERE THAT FIND THEMSELVES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND ALSO TO THE CARETAKERS AND OLDER SIBLINGS OF YOUNGER PEOPLE HOW IMPORTANT THAT THIS WORK IS FOR THEM, AND THAT WE REMEMBER THAT AS WE HEAR FROM YOU TODAY, COURTNEY AND A THEN PUT THESE FUNDS TO GOOD USE.

I THANK CERTAINLY THE MAYOR AND HIS ADMINISTRATION FOR APPLYING FOR THIS FUNDING AND FOLLOWING THROUGH WITH IT, WITH OR WITHOUT THIS MONEY, THAT THIS WORK WAS GOING TO HAPPEN, IN THE CITY OF BOSTON SO I HOPE THAT WE CAN GET TO IT, THAT'S PART OF THE PURPOSE OF TODAY'S HEARING, WHICH COUNCILOR BAKER HAS ANY OPENING COMMENTS.

>> NO, SIR I A AM GOOD.

>> VERY GOOD, SO COURTNEY IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND, PLEASE.

>> GOOD MORNING, COUNCILORS.

>> FOR THE RECORD, I AM COURTNEY TRUDELL, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR THE -- AT THE DEPARTMENT OF HUD, DEVELOPMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING COUNCILOR ESSAIBI GEORGE FOR SCHEDULING THE HEARING, AND HER UNWAVERING SUPPORT FOR TO WORK THE DEPARTMENT IN NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING, OUR MOST VULNERABLE HOMELESS

CITIZENS, THE ORDER BEFORE US AUTHORIZES THE DND ON BEHALF OF THE CITY TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017 FUNDS AWARDED TO THE CITY BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, IT WAS NEW 0 HOUSING PROGRAM COMPETITION THE BY THEM.

THE FUNDING WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FISCAL YEAR 19.

IT IS IMPORTANT FUNDS ARE CRITICAL TOO THE ONGOING EFFORT TO END HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING AND STABILITY FOR YOUTH IN BOSTON.

ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT, 360 UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS. RECENT COUNTS HAVE IDENTIFIED THREE PERCENT ARE UNSHELTERED AND UP TO 28 PERCENT IN THE SUMMER MONTHS.

BETWEEN 25 AND 39 PERCENT IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ, AND APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT ARE BLACK INBETWEEN 20 AND 35 PERCENT ARE LATIN.

22 TO 30 PERCENT AS YOUNG WOMEN WHO ARE HOMELESS ARE PREGNANT OR PARENTING.

THESE MEMBERS DO NOT REFLECT YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT WHOSE ARE -- COUCH SURFING OR ATTEMPTING TO FLEE DANGEROUS SITUATIONS SUCH AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OR SEX TRAFFICKING.

BOSTON WAS ONE OF 11 COMMUNITIES SELECTED -- SELECTED BY HUD AND WILL COLLABORATE WITH A BROAD ARRAY OF PARTNERS TO DEVELOP A COMMUNITY PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS IN YOUTH.

THE COMMUNITY PLAN ASSESS IT IS NEEDS OF YOUTH AT RISK OF AND EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THE COMMUNITY AND ADDRESSES HOW IT WILL USED THE MONEY FROM THE GRANT.

ALONG WITH OTHER FUNDING SOURCES TO ADDRESS THESE NEEDS.

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT IS UNDERWAY AND WE CURRENTLY HAVE OVER 70

ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS REPRESENTED, INCLUDING BOSTON YOUTH ACTION BOARD, THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES AND OTHER STATE AGENCIES, NONPROFIT SERVICE PROVIDERS AND SEVERAL CITY OF BOSTON DEPARTMENTS.

>> LIKE CP PARTICIPATION WILL INFORM THE FEDERAL EFFORT TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS GOING FORWARD AND BOSTON WILL SERVE AS THE LEADER ON THE WORK TO END HOMELESSNESS AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE. THE FUNDS ARE BEING USED TO FUND -- TO FUND THE COMPLETION OF A COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN AND PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE PLAN TO SERVE YOUTH IN HOUSEHOLDS WHERE NO ONE IS OVER THE AGE OF 24.

INCLUDING UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH, PREGNANT AND PARENTING YOUTH. PROJECT FUNDING MAY BE USED FOR RAPID REHOUSING, PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND TO FUND INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS SUCH AS HOST HOMES.

THE PROJECTS WILL HAVE TWO-YEAR GRANT TERMS AND MAY BE RENEWED UNDER THE CONTINUING CARE PROGRAM IF THEY MEET PROGRAM STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS.

AFTER FOUR MONTH PROCESS OF REVIEWING DATA, CONVENING SUBCOMMITTEES GENERATING IDEAS AND RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS, BOSTON'S COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN IS NEARING ITS FIRST DRAFT. WE ANTICIPATED THE COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN TO BE FINALIZED BY THE END OF THIS YEAR AND TO BE READY TO USE FOR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT FUNDING IN EARLY 2019.

IN SUMMARY, HUD AWARDED THE CITY OF BOSTON 4.92 MILLION TO CREATE A COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN AND CREATE INNOVATIVE PROJECTS TO SERVE YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INSTABILITY.

THE RESOURCES AWARDED THROUGH

THIS APPLICATION DIRECTLY SUPPORT THE CITY'S EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE HOMELESSNESS IN BOSTON.

THE INITIAL GRANT TERM FOR THE AWARD IS THREE YEARS, WHICH INCLUDES TIME FOR US TO CREATE A COMMUNITY -- A COORDINATED COMMUNITY PLAN, TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF YOUTH AT RISK AND EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS, AND TO PLAN FOR THE MONEY FROM THE GRANT.

ALONG WITH THE OTHER FUNDING SOURCES RAISED.

>> THESE FUNDS ONE YEAR PLANNING GRANTS AND TWO-YEAR IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS. IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS MAY BE RENEWED UNDER THE CONTINUING CARE PROGRAM IF THEY MEET PROGRAM STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS AND THE PLANNING GRANT CANNOT BE RENEWED.

WE ARE COOPERATING WITH A BROAD ARRAY OF PARTNERS, INCLUDING BOSTON, BOSTON YOUTH ACTION BOARD, FAMILIES AND OTHER STATION AGENCIES, NONPROFIT YOUTH SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND SEVERAL CITY OF BOSTON DEPARTMENTS.

THROUGH THE SUMMER PARTNERS HAVE BEEN REVIEWING DATA, CONVENING SUB COMMITTEES, GENERATING IDEAS AND RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS, AND THE PLAN IS NEARING ITS FIRST DRAFT.

WE ANTICIPATE THE COORDINATED PLANS BE FINALIZED BY THE END OF 2018 TO BE READY TO USE FOR PROJECT FUNDING IN EARLY 2019.

>> THIS COMPLETES MY OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM AND ITS IMPORTANT TO BOSTON YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING INSTABILITY.

THANK YOU, COUNCILORS FOR YOUR TIME AND YOUR ATTENTION AND WHERE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST ACTION ON THIS MATTER AT THIS SEPTEMBER 19TH COUNCIL MEETING, I WELCOME ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE

ON THIS MATTER.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
FOR YOUR PRESENTATION.

COULD YOU JUST REVIEW, YOU DID  
IT EARLIER IN YOUR STATEMENT  
ABOUT THE DEMOGRAPHIC BREAKDOWN  
OF THE 368 -- TRYING TO TAKE  
SOME NOTES BUT IF YOU COULD JUST  
REPEAT IT AGAIN.

ANY GIVEN NIGHT THREE 60  
UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH IN BOSTON  
AND RECENT COUNTS HAVE NAMED  
THREE PERCENT OF THEM ARE  
UNSHELTERED IN WINTER MONTHS AND  
UP TO 28 PERCENT IN SUMMER  
MONTHS.

BETWEEN 25 AND 39 PERCENT  
IDENTIFY AS LGBTQ, AND THERE IS  
A VARIANCE DUE TO THE DATA  
SOURCE, APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT  
ARE BLACK, AND BETWEEN 20 AND  
35 PERCENT ARE LATIN AND THEN 22  
TO 30 PERCENT OF YOUNG WOMEN WHO  
ARE HOMELESS ARE PREGNANT OR  
PARENTING.

>> AND DO WE HAVE ANY -- YOU  
MENTIONED THE DOUBLED UP AND THE  
YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE.

CAN YOU -- DO YOU HAVE SOME OF  
THOSE NUMBERS BY ANY CHANCE TO  
SHARE WITH US?

I KNOW THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN  
IN THIS PARTICULAR GRANT, BUT I  
KNOW THAT THE 360 IS EXCLUDING  
THEM.

>> THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE  
PLANNING, IN THE COORDINATED  
COMMUNITY PLAN, AND THEY COULD  
POTENTIALLY HAVE PROJECTS  
TARGETED TOWARD SERVING THEM.

I DON'T HAVE THOSE --

>> BUT THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN  
THE 360?

>> THEY ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE  
360.

>> SO THAT'S AND A ADDITIONAL  
NUMBER.

>> YES.

>> ONE OF THE MORE DIFFICULT  
COUNTS TO TAKE, ESPECIALLY WHEN  
WE THINK ABOUT SOME OF OUR HIGH  
SCHOOL STUDENTS THAT ARE IN  
SCHOOL IN BOSTON, DOUBLE THAT

NUMBER, IT IS REALLY HARD  
BECAUSE THEY ARE DOUBLED UP AND  
BECAUSE THEY TECHNICALLY HAVE A  
PLACE TO STAY IN THE EVENING,  
AND AREN'T SEEKING FORMAL  
SHELTER, THAT WE ARE UNABLE TO  
COUNT THEM AND GET A REAL  
NUMBER, THE IMPACT OF THAT  
POPULATION.

>> THANK YOU.

I APPRECIATE THAT COUNCILOR  
BAKER.

>> GOOD MORNING.

HOW ARE YOU?

>> GOOD, HOW ARE YOU?

>> GOOD, GOOD.

CAN YOU JUST KIND OF RUN DOWN  
THE OVERVIEW OF THE COORDINATED  
COMMUNITY PLAN, WHAT IS IT?  
LIKE WHAT IS THE MAKE-UP OF IT  
AND WHAT IS THE END GAME?

>> BEFORE WE KNEW WE HAD THIS  
MONEY, THE CITY OF BOSTON WAS  
COMMITTED TO HAVING A COMMUNITY  
PLAN TO ADDRESS YOUTH  
HOMELESSNESS SO IN APRIL WE  
STARTED A PLANNING PROCESS WHICH  
BROUGHT TOGETHER THE  
ORGANIZATIONAL PARTNERS FOR THE  
COMMUNITY PLAN.

WE BROKE IT OUT INTO FIVE  
SUBCOMMITTEES TO FOCUS ON HOW  
INTERVENTIONS, PREVENTION AND  
SERVICES INTERVENTIONS,  
PERMANENT CONNECTIONS FOR YOUNG  
PEOPLE TRYING TO LEVERAGE  
ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES, AND  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE  
AND GUIDE THAT PROCESS AT THE  
COMMITTEE LEVEL.

THOSE SUBCOMMITTEES WERE  
STRUCTURED BASED ON WHAT WE  
ANTICIPATED THE PLAN WOULD BE SO  
WE WOULD BE IN A GOOD POSITION  
IF WE WERE AWARDED AND  
EVENTUALLY ARE, HAVE BEEN  
AWARDED THE FUNDING THAT WE  
COULD USE THAT PROCESS IN THE  
COMMUNITY PLAN THAT IS REQUIRED  
BY HUD FOR THIS.

IN HUD'S REQUIREMENTS, THEY ARE  
PRESCRIPTIVE ON IMMEDIATING TO  
DEFINE THE NEED AND TYING GOALS  
AND PROJECTS TO THAT NEED.

>> AND THE PARTNERS ARE THE  
NONPROFITS IN THE AREA THAT DO  
THE WORK?

>> YES.

SO THERE IS OVER 70 PARTNERS AND  
IT IS A RANGE OF NONPROFITS, TO  
NAME A NEW, BRIDGE OVER TROUBLED  
WATERS, SILVER LINING, ST.  
FRANCIS HOUSE, A VERY WIDE  
RANGE, BECAUSE THERE ARE A LOT  
OF SERVICES THAT ARE SERVING  
YOUTH THAT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN  
HOUSING AND STABILITY FOR YOUTH  
IN DIFFERENT WAYS.

>> YES.

AND SO THE ORGANIZATIONS CAN  
APPLY FOR GRANTS THROUGH THIS  
MONEY HERE?

>> POTENTIALLY.

>> OKAY.

>> POTENTIALLY.

>> OKAY.

AND CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE BIT  
ABOUT HOW IT CAN BE USED FOR  
HOUSING LIKE YOU MENTIONED RAPID  
REHOUSING.

WOULD THAT BE -- CAN YOU JUST  
TALK ABOUT LIKE HOW THIS MONEY  
WOULD FIT INTO ANY TYPE OF  
HOUSING?

LIKE HOW CAN WE USE IT?

>> SO THE COMMITTEES ARE REALLY  
DESIGNING THE -- AND DECIDING  
THE PROJECTS AND THE TYPES OF  
HOUSING PROJECTS THAT THEY WOULD  
USE THIS FUNDING TOWARD.

RAPID REHOUSING AND THE OTHERS,  
AS EXAMPLES, BUT THEY COULD COME  
UP WITH A DIFFERENT TYPE OF  
HOUSING DESIGN.

DEPENDING ON WHAT IS PRIORITIZED  
FROM THE COMMUNITY PLAN.

>> THOSE PROJECTS WOULD BE PUT  
OUT FOR PROCUREMENT, THEY WOULD  
BE TARGETED TO MEETING SPECIFIC  
NEEDS FOR YOUTH AND  
HOMELESSNESS, IF IT WAS A  
PROJECT THAT ALSO ANYWHERE  
RECORD PROJECTS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR  
THE 0 CONTINUED CARE  
COMPETITION, THOSE COULD BE  
RENEWED LIKE A RAPID HOUSING  
PROJECT COULD GET FOLDED INTO  
THAT PROCESS.

SOME THINGS, LIKE -- AS I MENTIONED IS A MORE INNOVATIVE DESIGN AND CURRENTLY DOESN'T FIT INTO A RENEWAL PROCESS THROUGH THE CONTINUOUS CARE PROGRAM. SO THAT -- THAT HAS A LOT OF FLEXIBILITY IN HOUSE IT COULD LOOK AND HOW IT COULD BE PAIRED SPECIFICALLY TO BOSTON.

>> SO THE 360, HOW DO WE COME UP WITH THOSE NUMBERS?

>> IS THAT LIKE -- IS IT A CENSUS WHERE WE ARE GOING OUT AND FINDING THEM?

>> WE DO HAVE DIFFERENT TYPES OF COUNTS, SPECIFICALLY FOR HOMELESS YOUTH AND FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND HOMELESS FAMILIES IN BOSTON.

I CAN GET YOU THE DETAILS ABOUT WHERE THE 360 --

>> YES, BECAUSE YOU WOULD THINK SOME KIDS WOULDN'T ADMIT TO BEING HOMELESS.

>> YES.

>> YES.

SO IT IS PROBABLY A PROBLEM COMING UP WITH, I WOULD VENTURE IT IS MORE THAN THAT, 360.

>> OKAY.

THANK YOU.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR FOR YOUR QUESTIONS, PARTICULARLY YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE 360 NUMBER, WHERE I AM THINKING ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN THE CITY, INDIVIDUAL FAMILIES OR YOUNG AND YOUTH ADULT, OR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS, THAT THE NUMBERS OFTEN VARY, ARE VERY MUCH UNDERREPORTED BECAUSE IT IS DIFFICULT TO HAVE PEOPLE STEP FORWARD.

DO WE HAVE ANYONE FOR PUBLIC TESTIMONY?

>> ALL RIGHT.

I THINK WE WILL CERTAINLY RECOMMEND THIS FAVORABLY OUT OF COMMITTEE AND TAKE IT UP AT OUR COUNCIL MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

