

People experiencing homelessness



**UPDATE &
DISCUSSION**

November 1, 2021 Council Workshop

Recap – July 19 Council workshop

Council for the Homeless

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County-wide Concerns:

- Greater visibility of camping and people living outside
- People living outside and/or showing mental health symptoms
- Trash in roadway and other public spaces
- Safety
- Environmental Effects

Homeless Outreach Team Role

- Daily outreach & building relationships
- COVID education & support
- Connect people to housing & community services
- Address Basic needs, as possible
- Respond timely when new encampments/concerns are identified



What are the numbers?

Experiencing unsheltered homelessness

Last permanent zip code data

- Clark County over 600 households (2021)
- Camas 33 households (2021)

Point In Time count (PIT)

- Four individuals (Jan. 30, 2020)
- Next PIT count will be on January 27, 2022.

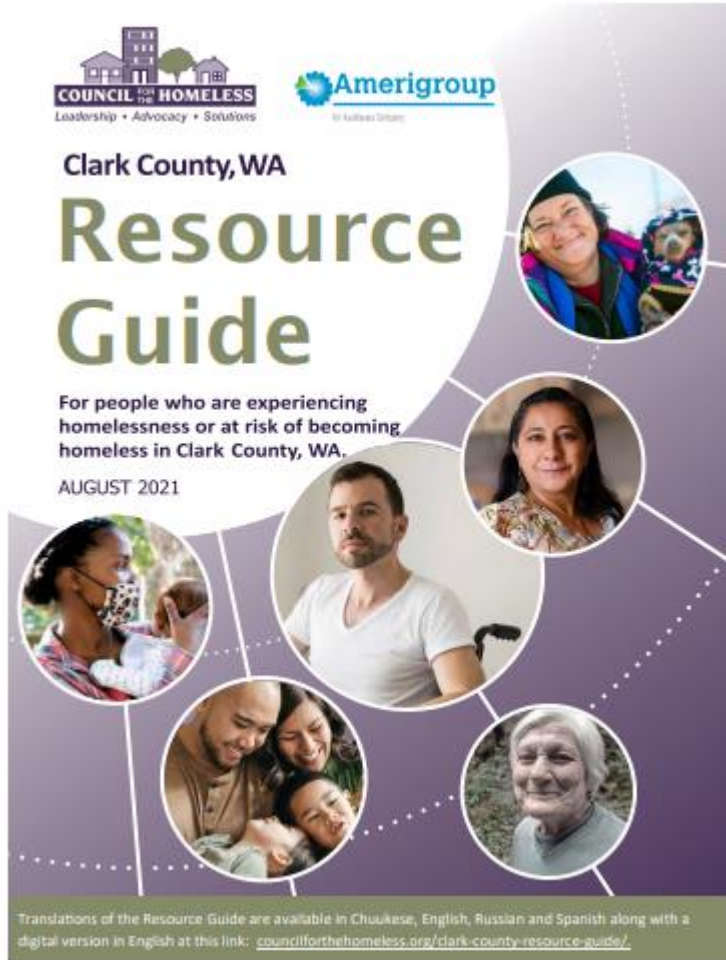
What are we hearing from Camas community members?

- Greater visibility of camping
- Greater visibility of sleeping in vehicles



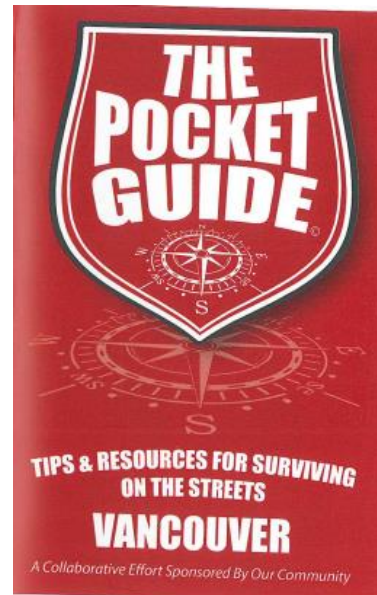
RESOURCES

What does Camas have?



BASIC SERVICES

Faith-based and non-profits are providing food/meals, clothing and household goods.



SANITATION

Faith-based and non-profits are providing opportunity to do laundry and shower.

COUNSELING

Non-profits are providing mental health and addiction counseling.

Council for the Homeless

Clark County Resource Guide:

<https://www.councilforthehomeless.org/clark-county-resource-guide/>

Clark County Crisis:

(360) 696-9560 or 311

Individuals who are currently experiencing a mental health crisis and do not pose an imminent bodily threat to themselves or others

Housing Hotline:

(360) 695-9677

Point of entry for shelter and other housing services

What's our Gap?

SHELTER

LAW: Homelessness is not a crime. Individual facing homelessness must be offered available shelter bed before relocation is possible.

CURRENT: Limited seasonal winter shelter has traditionally been available through faith-based providers. The City provides emergency motel vouchers, through a program from Council for the Homeless.

GAP: Year-round shelters and housing are limited and are provided through Clark County. Clients are prioritized for housing based on vulnerability.

NEXT STEPS

1

Incident Weather & Transportation:
Continue providing emergency motel vouchers. Provide free bus passes and/or free taxi rides.

2

Formalize partnerships with faith-based and non-profit service providers to ensure sharing of information and service coordination.

3

Develop formal Protocols for how the City responds to individuals facing homelessness.

4

Communicate resources with Camas community and opportunities for public engaging.

5

Convene cities and county to better understand and advocate for shelter resources that are available to east County.

Discussion

Thank you

Recognize our limitations / parameters around our role

**Partnerships
Policy
Legislation
Advocacy**

Fear

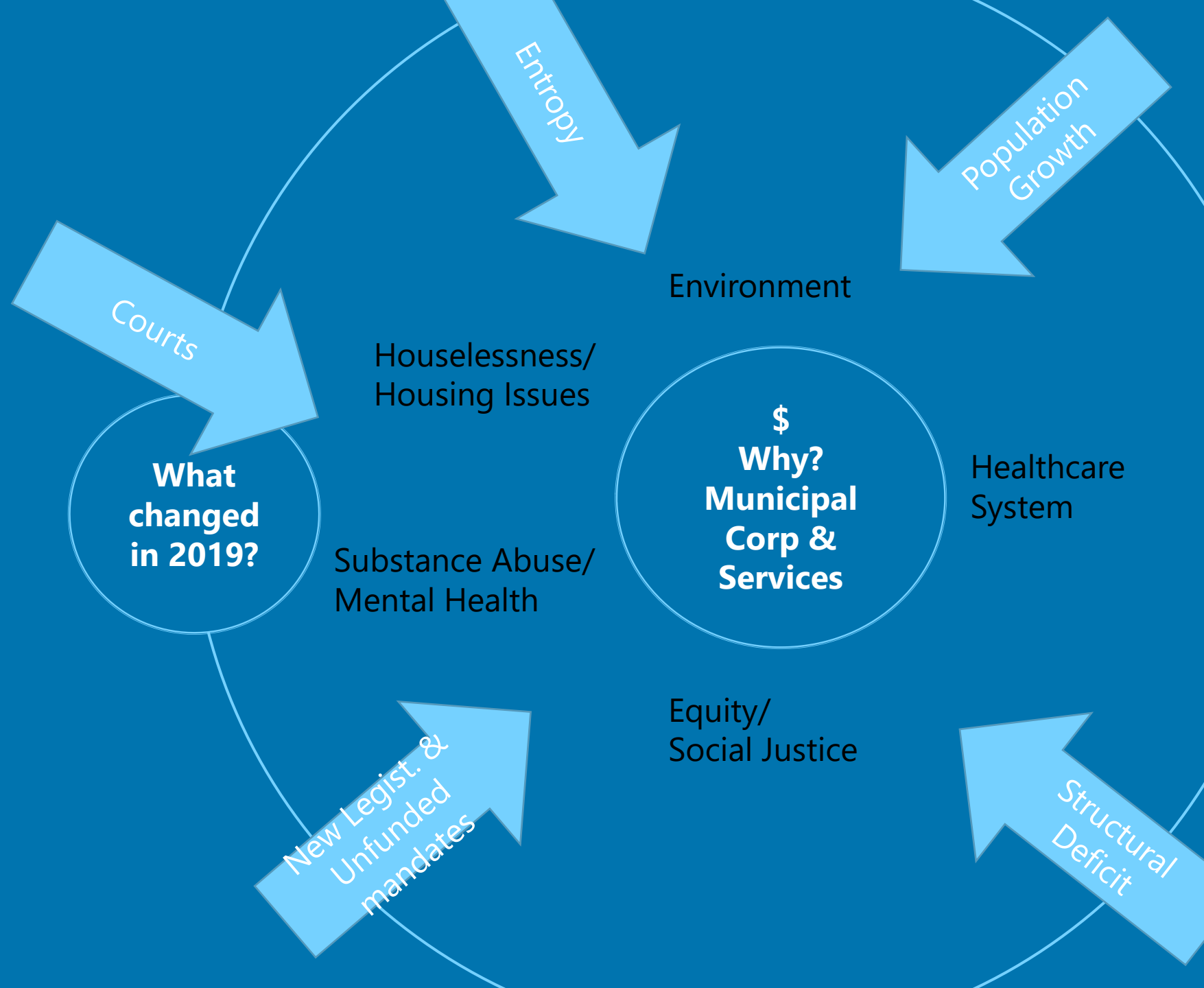
- Induced demand?
- Perception of safety

Values?

- What are we solving for?
- How does our solutions correspond to our values?

Experiment

- Uncertainty
- Iterative approaches



Courts

What changed in 2019?

Houselessness/
Housing Issues

Substance Abuse/
Mental Health

Entropy

Population
Growth

Environment

Healthcare
System

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Why?
Municipal
Corp &
Services**

Equity/
Social Justice

Structural
Deficit

New Legist. &
Unfunded
mandates