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## *Pathways to Housing Security*

### **FACILITATED DISCUSSION: CONNECTING HOUSING SECURITY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY**

August 10, 2023

12:30pm-4:30pm

# Agenda Overview

- 12:30** Welcome, Project Presentation, and Workshop Overview
- 1:30 – 2:20** Reactions to Emerging Options (breakouts)
- 2:20 – 2:35** **BREAK**
- 2:35 – 4:10** Small Group Discussions of Emerging Options
- 4:10 – 4:30** Final Discussion and Wrap Up

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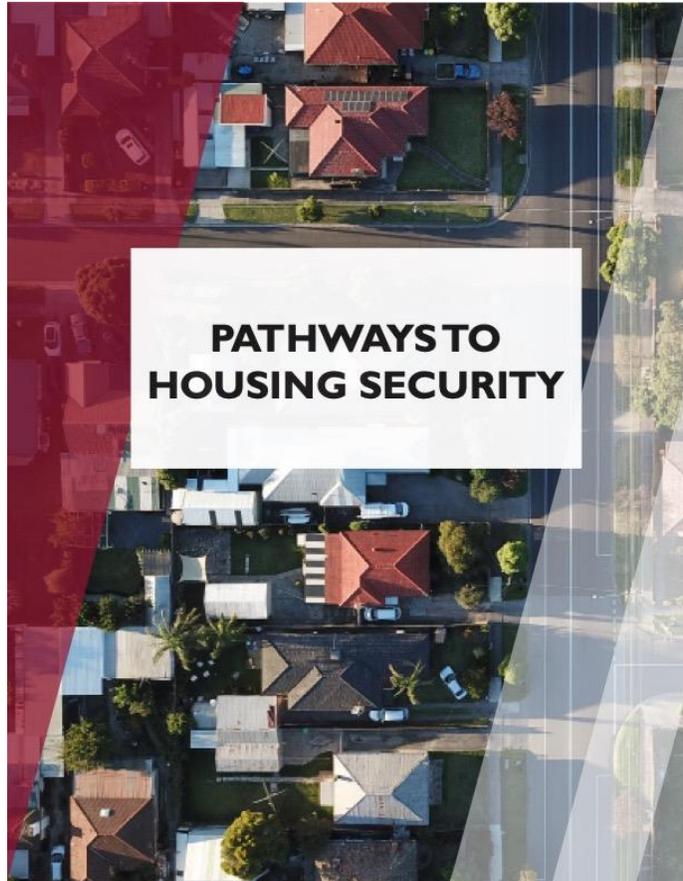
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# What We Do

- Conduct situation assessments
- Design collaborative processes
- Partner with university colleagues & technical experts to establish a common information base
- Facilitate and manage collaborative processes
- Build collaborative capacity



# Legislative Task – Facilitated Discussions



**Facilitate discussions to identify principles, options and recommendations for a long-term statewide strategy to improve services and outcomes for those experiencing or at risk of homelessness and develop pathways to permanent housing solutions.**

# Overview of Facilitated Discussions

**2021-2022:** Clarify scope, identify fundamental questions, key tensions, and priority areas of inquiry (60+ individual and small group interviews)

**January–March:** Small group follow up discussions to inform planning and prioritization (project liaisons/points-of-contact and prior interviewees)

**April–July:** Focused discussions among those with a role or perspective in common

**\*\*\*August:** Online open opportunities to react to emerging options in thematic areas

**September:** Online and in-person open opportunities to provide feedback on draft principles, options, and recommendations

**December 1, 2023:** Report to be distributed to Office of the Governor, Legislature, participants, and posted on Ruckelshaus Center website

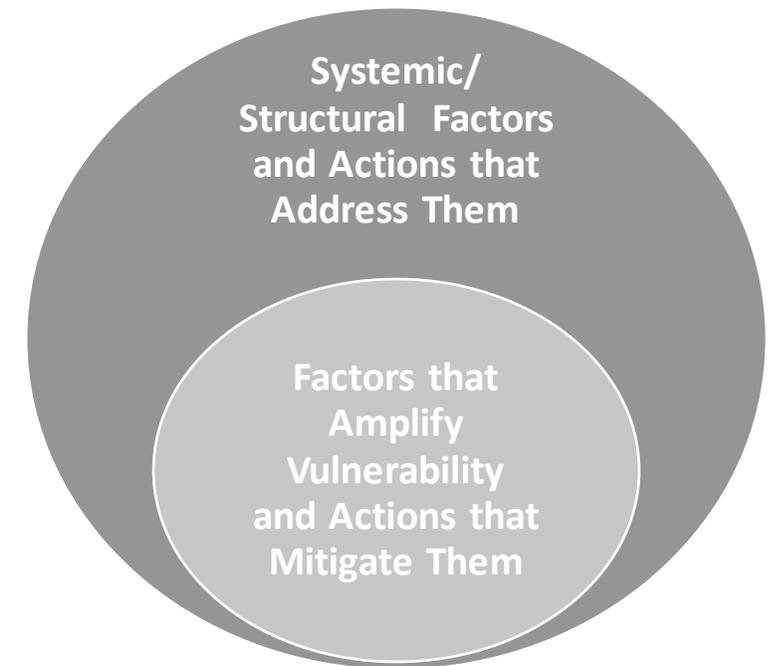
*Throughout: engagement and coordination with related advisory groups, committees. projects*

# Interpretation of Scope

- Complement other strategy work by taking into account a broader shared context and a more long-term lens
- The concept of “housing security” encompasses a holistic view of the many interdependent factors that affect housing instability and homelessness
- With the whole picture in mind, ultimately focus on informing a strategy for **how state policies, resources, and other supports can best contribute to sustained progress toward housing security**

# Key Emerging Themes – 2022 Facilitated Discussions

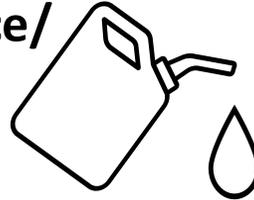
- Recognize a holistic and complex understanding of the issues.
- Design for the inherent interdependencies
- Balance aspects that seem in contradiction with each other
- Principles can guide how to align decisions and planning across aspects and levels of the response



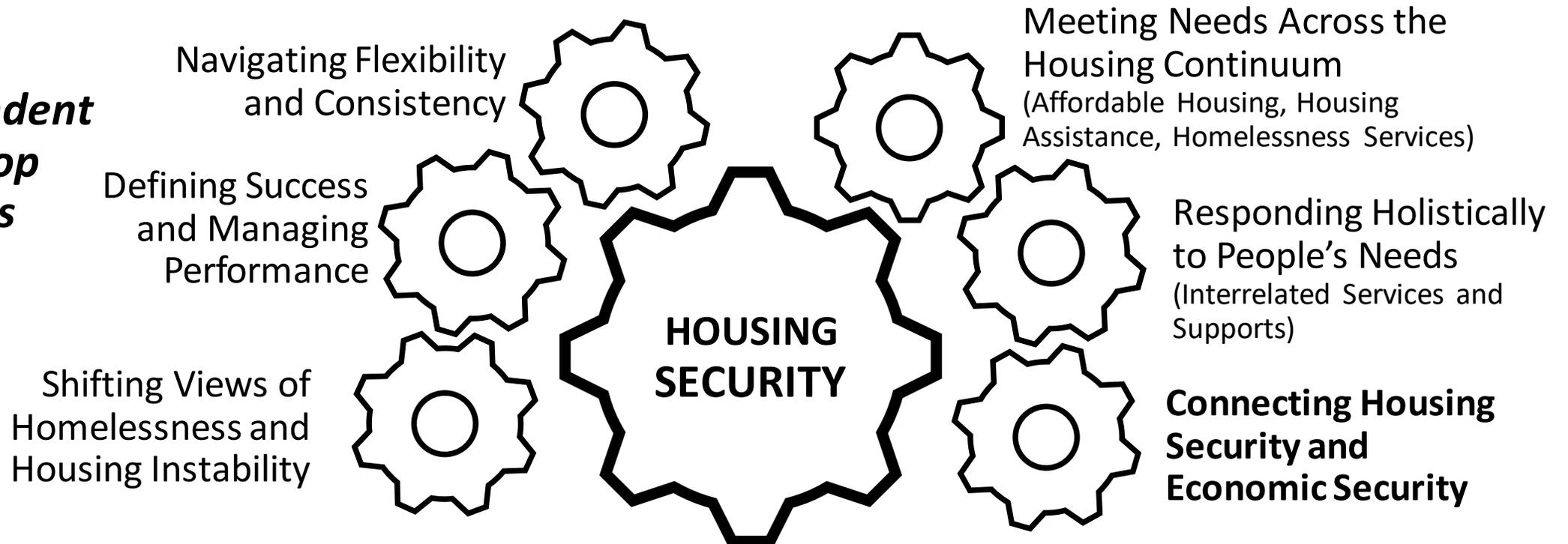
# Options Workshops – August 2023

## *Crosscutting Interdependencies*

- Equity & Justice/  
Sovereignty
- Acute/Long Term
- Roles & Responsibilities
- Scale
- Workforce/Capacity



## *Interdependent Workshop Themes*



# Workshop 2– Connecting Housing Security and Economic Security

## PREMISE:

To be stable in housing, people’s economic status needs to be stable – and to maintain their economic stability people need to be housed. The housing security of a community is similarly connected to its economy.

Actions related to housing and to income, employment, and other forms of economic security need to be mutually reinforcing.

- SUPPORT HOUSING SECURITY FOR THOSE EXPERIENCING ECONOMIC INSECURITY
- FOSTER THE ECONOMIC STABILITY OF THE RESPONSE TO HOUSING INSECURITY
- RESPOND TO THE REALITIES OF THE HOUSING MARKET

# Meeting Norms

Be Honest and Respectful (Disagree Openly and with Compassion)

Be Brief to Allow Everyone Opportunities to Participate

Listen to Understand

Disagree with Curiosity not Hostility

Maintain Confidentiality

# Meeting Flow

Welcome, Project Presentation, and Workshop Overview

Reactions to Emerging Options (in small groups using Miro) (*about 60 mins*)

Break (15 minutes at around 2:20pm)

Small Group Discussions of Emerging Options (*about 90 mins*)

Final Discussion and Wrap Up (*about 20 minutes*)

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# ***BREAK***

**We are currently taking a short mid-meeting break.  
The discussions will start again soon.**

# Wrap Up

## Remaining August Workshops

Tues August 15, 9am–1pm: Responding holistically to people’s needs

Fri August 18, 9am–1pm: Navigating flexibility and consistency

Tues August 22, 12:30–4:30: Defining success and managing performance

Wed August 23, 9am–1pm: Shifting views of homelessness and housing instability

**Coming Soon in September:** Online and in-person open opportunities to provide feedback on draft principles, options, and recommendations

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Find out more: <https://ruckelshauscenter.wsu.edu/projects/current-projects/pathways-to-housing-security>

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