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## *Pathways to Housing Security*

### **FACILITATED DISCUSSION: MEETING NEEDS ALONG THE HOUSING CONTINUUM**

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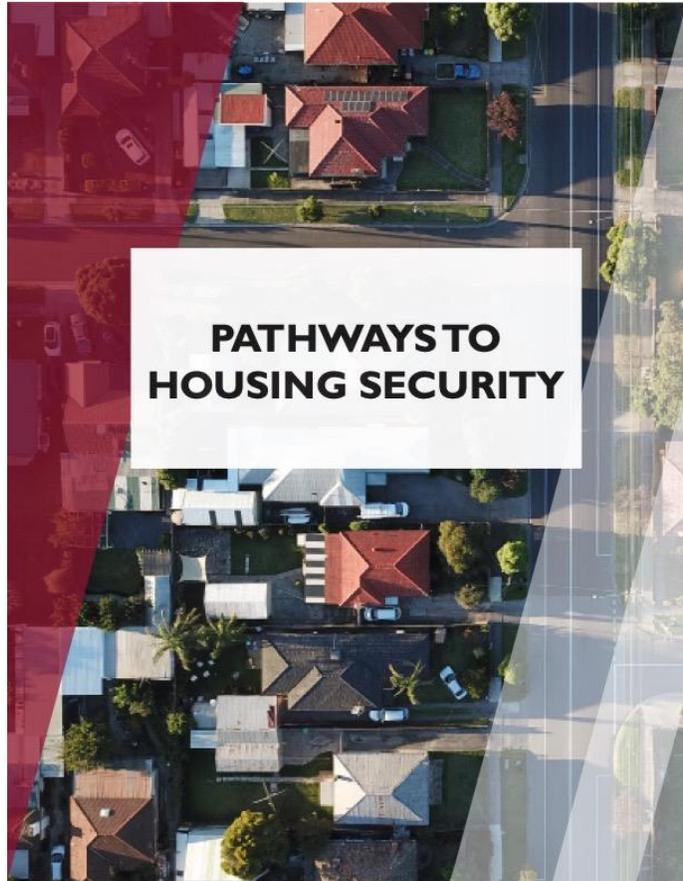
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# What We Do

- 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

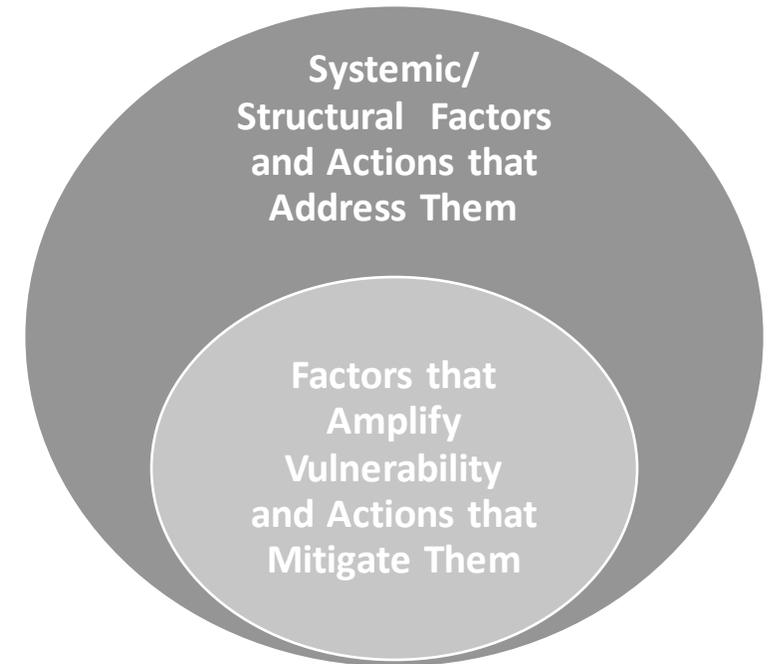
*Throughout: engagement and coordination with related advisory groups, committees. projects*

# 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



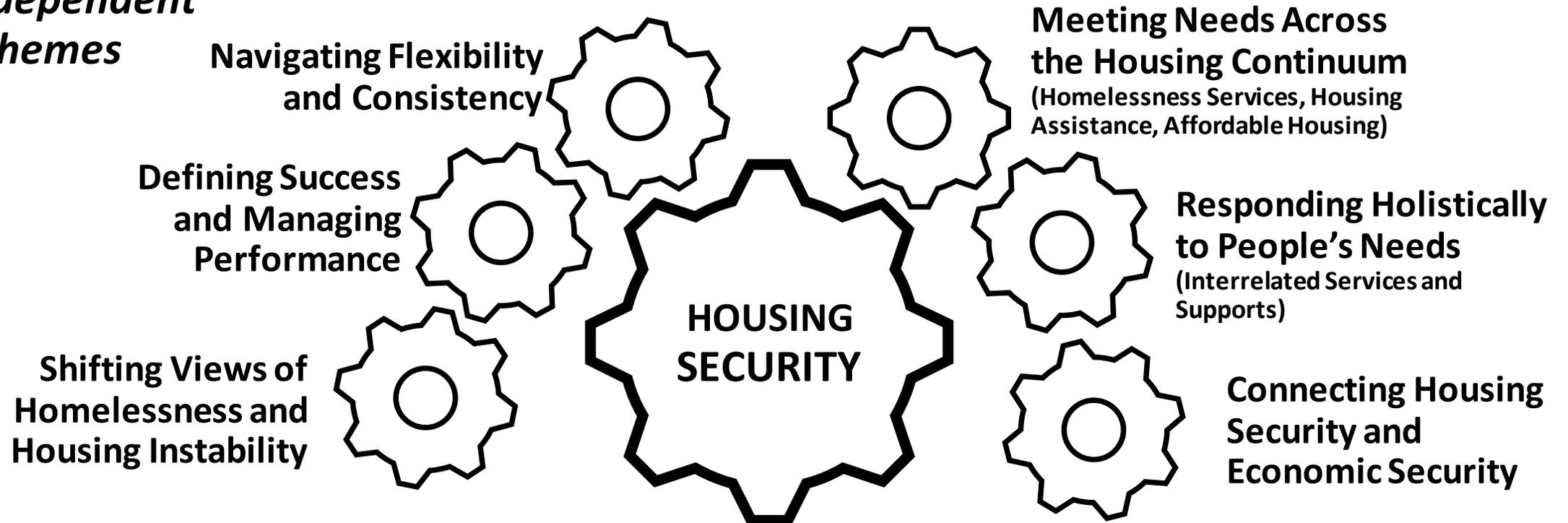
# Options Workshops – August 2023

## *Crosscutting Interdependencies*

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



## *Interdependent Themes*



# Workshop 1– Meeting Needs Across the Housing Continuum

**PREMISE:** Effective programs or policies anywhere on the housing continuum ultimately depend on the rest of the continuum.

- Mitigate Acute Homelessness
- Stabilize Current Housing
- Increase Supply Of and Access To Affordable Housing
- Connect Along the Continuum

# 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