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Housing for Older Adults in the Homelessness Response System

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Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness

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Half the unhoused population is over 50 years old.

The 65+ age group is the fastest-growing population cohort.

- Older adults have unique needs – often need **higher level of care**.
- Some housing resources in HSH portfolio are specific for older adults.



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- **782 units of site-based Permanent Supportive Housing** designated for older adults.
 - 143 of these units are opening in FY21-22
 - Example site: Casa de la Mision
- Approx. **300 Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool slots** for people aged 60 and up leaving SIP Hotels.
- Many additional units occupied by older adults.
 - Coordinated Entry **prioritizes most vulnerable.**
 - Vast majority of clients in HSH housing have a disability.



Casa de la Mision
Photo: Mercy Housing



Other Initiatives

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- Expand **Problem Solving** and **Prevention**:
 - Partnerships with DAS and providers that focus on serving older adults and people with disabilities.
- **Enhanced services** to help clients age in place:
 - Applying lessons from SIP hotel program.
 - **In-Home Support Services (IHSS)**: partnership with DAS - pilot sites launched in late 2021 and early 2022.
 - Planning phase for **DPH partnership** to enhance behavioral and physical health services through **roving service model**.
- Continue work with DAS on **annual reporting**.



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Questions?

Thank you!

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