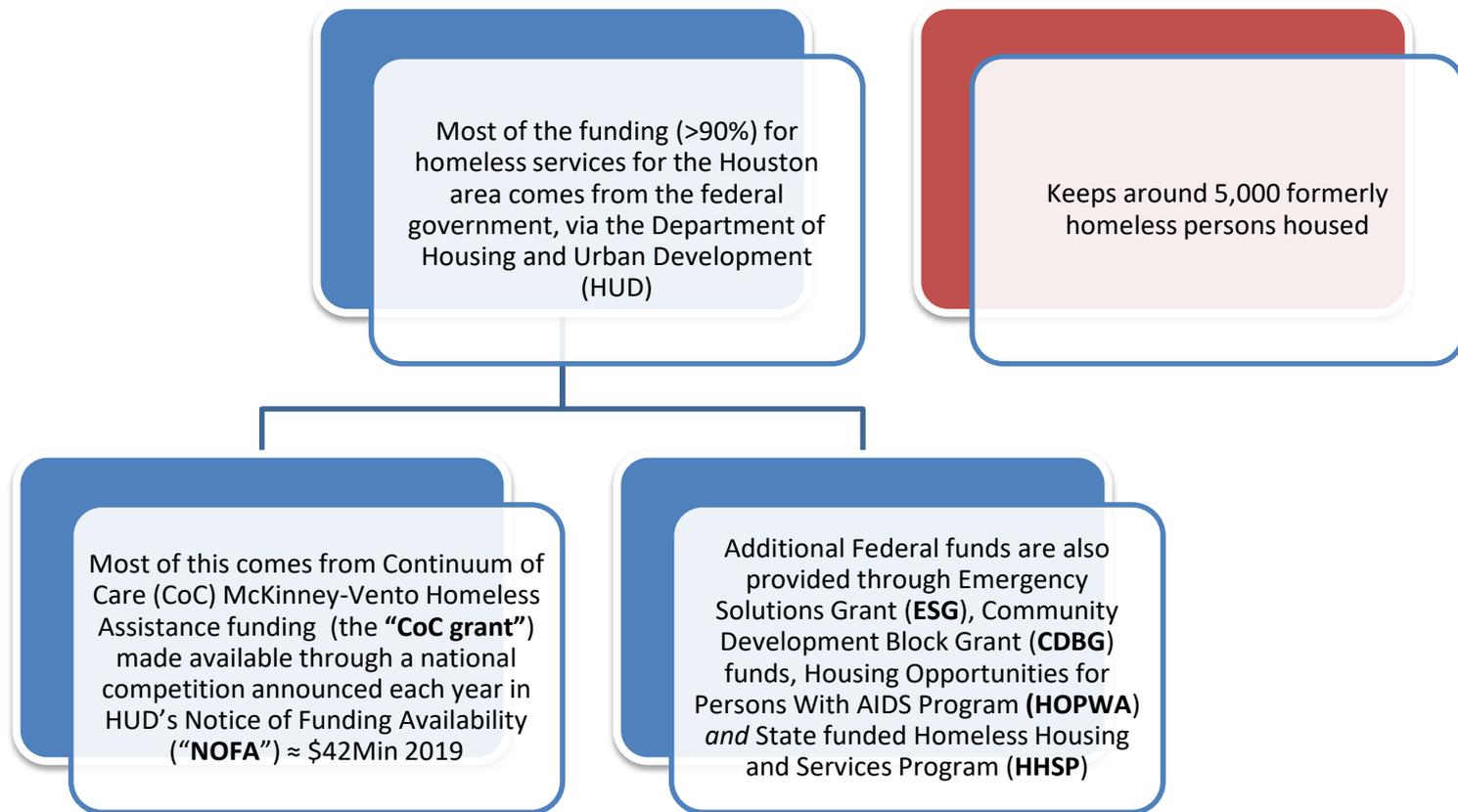


Introduction to the CoC, the Steering Committee, and the need for coordination



Where does funding for homeless support services come from?



What is a Continuum of Care?



The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires communities to come together to submit a **single, comprehensive application** for HUD CoC funds for housing and support services for people who have experienced homelessness.



The Continuum of Care (CoC) is the organizing principle.

What is The Way Home?



The Way Home is the name for our local Continuum of Care (CoC) also referred to as TX-700.



The Way Home is the collaborative effort underway to prevent and end homelessness in **Houston, Pasadena, Harris County, Fort Bend County, and Montgomery County**, Texas.



The Way Home partners with more than 100 homeless service agencies, local governments, public housing authorities, the local Veterans Affairs office, and other nonprofits and community stakeholders.



The lead Agency (Coalition for the Homeless) is responsible for preparing the annual collaborative application for HUD funds, the “CoC grant”



What is the Steering Committee and what are its responsibilities?



The **governance body** for The Way Home



Representative of the geography and composition of the CoC



Selects the Lead Agency



The **lead decision-making body** responsible for managing community **planning, coordination** and **evaluation** to ensure that the homeless response system rapidly ends people's homelessness permanently

Why do cities and counties have to coordinate with the CoC?



In addition to the “CoC grant” — funding that flows directly from HUD to the CoC — federal funds are also provided through Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds



ESG and CDBG funds are awarded to local jurisdictions (e.g., the State, cities, and counties)

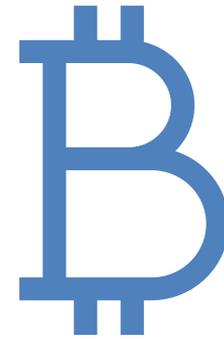


Recipients of ESG funds are required by HUD to consult with the local CoC in determining how to allocate ESG funds.

Cities' and counties' dual roles



Cities and counties within the CoC geographic area have designated seats on The Way Home's Steering Committee.



These cities and counties are also recipients of ESG funds, which requires them to coordinate with the CoC to determine how to allocate.

