Just Home Progress

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Just Home Background

- A national initiative to address the intersection of housing instability and justice involvement
- Buncombe County was selected as one of nine counties nationwide
- Focus: expand safe, affordable, and supportive housing to reduce incarceration driven by homelessness
- Achieve this focus through a construction project based around unique community needs

Just Home Project Phases

COMPLETE

Phase 1

Community Engagement and Housing Investment Action Plan (HIAP) Creation

August-December 2025



IN PROGRESS

Phase 2

Project Selection and Funding Approval

Began January 2026



Phase 3

Design and Construction

TBD



Phase 1 Complete

- **Creation of the Community Advisory Committee**
  - 30 Members from 17 Unique Organizations over four meetings.
- **Four Countywide Surveys**

82 Responses	Service Provider Organizations
327 Responses	Lived-Experienced Individuals
117 Responses	Community-Wide Residents
21 Responses	Loved Ones of Lived-In Experience
547	TOTAL SURVEYS COMPLETED

- **Internal Data Review**
  - A significant share of justice-involved individuals experience housing instability, 17-19% of all bookings presumed. Also, 45% of those screened for Justice Services Programs.
- **Creation of Housing Investment Action Plan (HIAP)**



Needs Assessment Results

Activity	Fiscal Year 2024	Fiscal Year 2025
Number of Bookings	3,423	7,403
Number of Bookings Unhoused	683	1,288
Percent of Bookings Unhoused	19%	17%
Number of Unique People Unhoused	459	696

The number of ***unique unhoused people*** booked **rose 51%** (from 459 to 696), confirming detention is acting as a temporary solution for housing deficits.

Population of Focus

1. High acuity single men, between the ages of 37-40, who have experienced both incarceration and housing insecurity and dealing with mental health/substance use issues.
2. High acuity single parents requiring family reunification support. *(During the dialogues, single women with this same need were identified; however, the resources for women were expressed to be more accessible than for men).*
3. Justice-Involved families with children experiencing immediate housing instability following a parent's release.

Next Steps

1. Currently waiting on feedback from MacArthur Foundation on the Housing Investment Action Plan (HIAP).

2. Development of an RFP contingent on approved HIAP.

3. Tentative Timeline:
    1. Feb/Mar - Release RFP
    2. April/May - RFP due

4. The Developer selected must successfully complete underwriting with third party funder to receive Program Related Investment (PRI) loan.

Questions?