



# Community Action Advisory Board 3/2/2021

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# Agenda

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- **Introductions (info)**
- **Approval of February Minutes (action)**
- **Clark County Community Services Director Updates (info)**
- **July-Dec 2020 Outcomes Report (info)**
- **Legislative Update (info)**
- **City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund & Homeless Services Update (Info)**
- **Open Forum**



# Clark County Community Services Director Updates (info)

Vanessa Gaston, director of Community Services



# COVID Work

- Isolation and Quarantine/Expanded Shelter for unhoused persons. 9 months assistance provided. 270 persons served.
- Rental Assistance (ERAP). \$8.26M in rent assistance. 1,734 households assisted with 6,048 months of rent paid in 2020.
- Small Business Assistance. Over \$1M awarded in grants and loans to help mitigate the negative economic impacts of the pandemic to 221 Small Businesses owned by low income persons, BIPOC, Women, and Veterans.
- Supplemented existing Homeless Programs (Shelter, Outreach, Rehousing Assistance) with Title V funds to allow programs to implement pandemic protocols recommended by Public Health.
- Current Work:
  - Implementation of \$14.7M Emergency Rental Assistance Program with Federal Treasury Funds.
  - Preparation for receipt and distribution of approximately \$30M of federal American Rescue Plan funds for Rental, Utility, and other pandemic relief assistance.



# Priority Policy Statements

- Support the use of local 1/10<sup>th</sup> sales tax funding for community-based support services
- Support the creation of permanent supported housing for individuals who have behavioral health treatment needs
- Support funding of Veterans Assistance Fund, Developmental Disabilities, Mental Health levies at the rate that's in compliance with the intent of State Law
- Support continued efforts to open Evaluation and Treatment services as well as Secure Detox services at the Crisis Wellness Center.
- Consider the impact of Budget Actions for Non-GF Departments
- Ensure COVID Relief Funds are appropriately and effectively delivered.
- Work on strategies to address homeless population that has behavioral health issues.
- Support efforts and strategies that help address the Board of Health's resolution on systemic racism



# Agenda Items

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- July-December 2020 Outcomes Report (info) – Rebecca
- Legislative Update (info) – Michael
  - State
  - Federal
- City of Vancouver Affordable Housing Fund & Homeless Services Updates (info) – Peggy Sheehan



# Wrap Up

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- **Open Forum** (up to 3 minutes)
- **Other Business**
  - Council Work Session

***Save the Date: May 4, 2021 - next CAAB meeting***

