

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT (CSBG)

Purpose of presentation: To seek ways to coordinate services for low-income Texans.

CSBG provides funds to Community Action Agencies, nonprofit organizations and units of local government to alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty in communities and empower low-income persons to become self-sufficient. CSBG is funded by the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (USHHS). TDHCA provides 90% of its CSBG funds to Texas Community Action Agencies while five percent of CSBG funds are awarded on a competitive basis for a variety of programs that fight poverty and provide disaster relief.

- USHHS allocates, by formula, to the States.
- In Texas, the Governor has designated TDHCA to administer CSBG. In 2023, Texas received \$37 million for CSBG.
- TDHCA distributes funds, utilizing a formula which is primarily based on the poverty population of the counties served by the subrecipients.
- There are 38 CSBG subrecipients, referred to as eligible entities, serving all 254 counties in Texas. CSBG eligible entities are primarily private non-profit organizations, but also include units of local government (cities, counties, and council of governments). See attached map/list of Providers.
- In order to be eligible for services, the household income must be at or below 125% (temporarily 200%) of the federal poverty guidelines.
- Eligible entities utilize CSBG funds to administer a broad array of services and programs. Services and programs include case management, education and employment programs, utility assistance, transportation, food pantries, and the coordination of services with other providers in the community.
- In SFY 2023 (9/1/2022-8/31/2023), CSBG eligible entities in Texas assisted approximately 320,770 persons and assisted 882 persons achieve incomes above poverty on their way to self-sufficiency.

Two ways to find and connect with a CSBG provider to see what services they can provide:

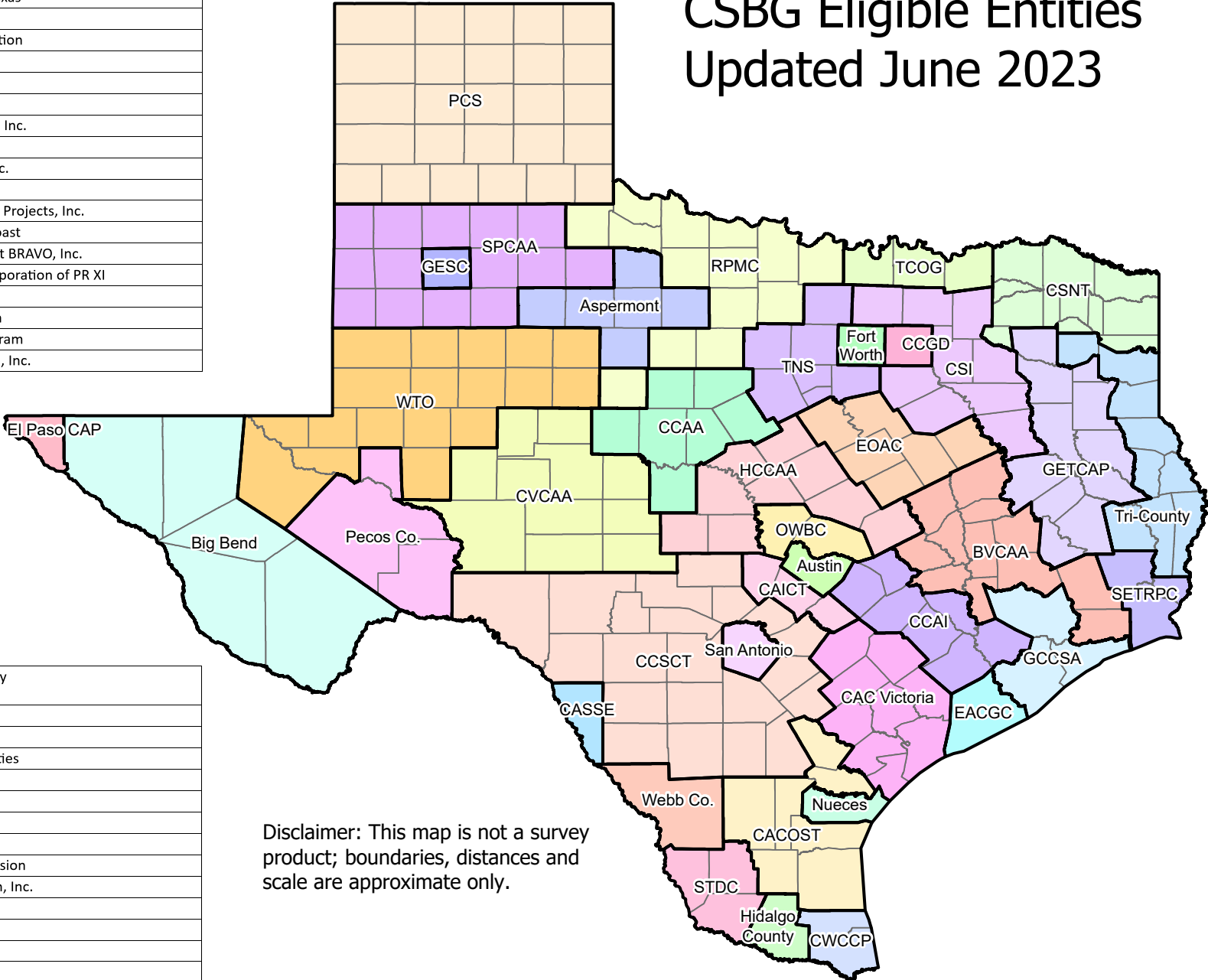
- 1) TDHCA Website: “Help for Texans” located at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/help-for-texans>
 - a) Follow the 3 easy steps
 - i) Step 1: Select Emergency & Homeless Services
 - ii) Step 2: Enter City or County
 - iii) Step 3: Click ‘Find Help’
- 2) TDHCA Website: Click on “Master List of Community Affairs Subrecipients” to find CSBG Eligible Entities by County located at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/programs/community-affairs-division>.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more, please contact Rita Gonzales-Garza at 512-475-3905 or rita.garza@tdhca.texas.gov.

Abbreviation	Organization
Aspermont	Aspermont Small Business Development Center, Inc.
Austin	City of Austin HHS
Big Bend	Big Bend Community Action Committee, Inc.
BVCAA	Brazos Valley Community Action Agency
CAC Victoria	Community Action Committee of Victoria Texas
CACOST	Community Action Corporation of South Texas
CAICT	Community Action Inc., of Central Texas
CASSE	Community Action Social Services & Education
CCAA	Cornerstone Community Action Agency
CCAI	Combined Community Action, Inc.
CCGD	Community Council of Greater Dallas
CCSCT	Community Council of South Central Texas, Inc.
CSI	Community Services Inc.
CSNT	Community Services of Northeast Texas, Inc.
CVCAA	Concho Valley Community Action Agency
CWCCP	Cameron and Willacy Counties Community Projects, Inc.
EACGC	Economic Action Committee of The Gulf Coast
El Paso CAP	El Paso Community Action Program, Project BRAVO, Inc.
EOAC	Economic Opportunities Advancement Corporation of PR XI
Fort Worth	City of Fort Worth
GCCSA	Gulf Coast Community Services Association
GETCAP	Greater East Texas Community Action Program
HCCAA	Hill Country Community Action Association, Inc.

CSBG Eligible Entities

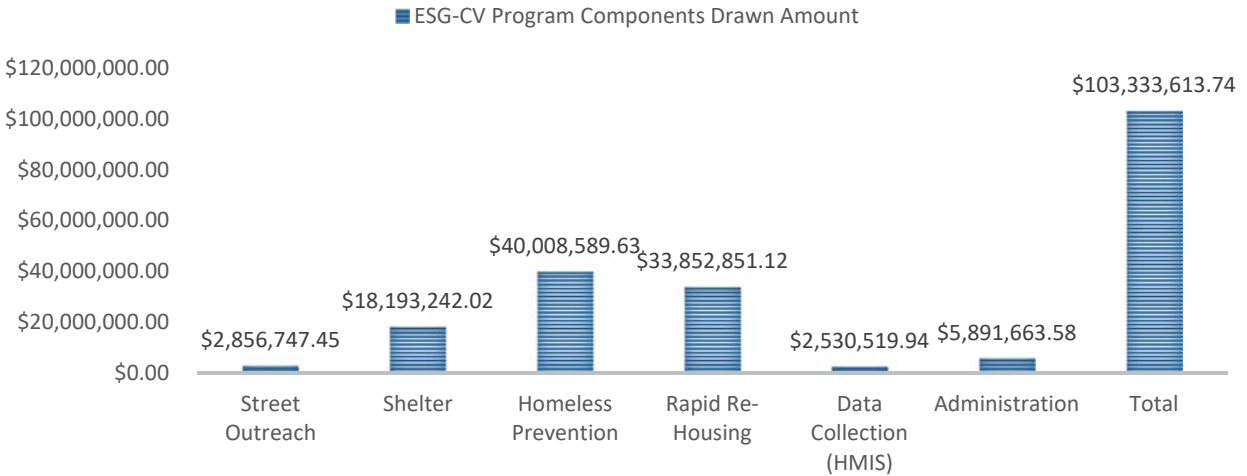
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Hidalgo County	Hidalgo County Community Services Agency
GESC	Guadalupe Economic Services Corporation
Nueces	Nueces County Community Action Agency
OWBC	Opportunities for Williamson-Burnet Counties
PCS	Panhandle Community Services
Pecos Co.	Pecos County Community Action Agency
RPMC	Rolling Plains Management Corporation
San Antonio	City of San Antonio
SETRPC	Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission
SPCAA	South Plains Community Action Association, Inc.
STDC	South Texas Development Council
TCOG	Texoma Council of Governments
TNS	Texas Neighborhood Services
Tri-County	Tri-County Community Action, Inc.
Webb Co.	Webb County Community Action Agency
WTO	West Texas Opportunities Inc.

Disclaimer: This map is not a survey product; boundaries, distances and scale are approximate only.

ESG-CV PROGRAM EXPENDITURES



2024 ESG Allocation*

CoC #	CoC Name	2024 ESG Allocation	Set Aside 75%	Competition 25%
TX500	San Antonio/ Bexar County	\$ 764,078.00	\$ 573,058.50	\$ 191,019.50
TX503	Austin/Travis County	\$ 551,072.00	\$ 413,304.00	\$ 137,768.00
TX600	Dallas City & County/ Irving	\$ 1,146,424.00	\$ 859,818.00	\$ 286,606.00
TX601	Fort Worth/Arlington/Tarrant County	\$ 712,583.00	\$ 534,437.25	\$ 178,145.75
TX603	El Paso City & County	\$ 331,606.00	\$ 248,704.50	\$ 82,901.50
TX604	Waco/McLennan County	\$ 120,798.00	\$ 90,598.50	\$ 30,199.50
TX607	Texas Balance of State	\$ 3,768,851.00	\$ 2,826,638.25	\$ 942,212.75
TX611	Amarillo	\$ 153,019.00	\$ 114,764.25	\$ 38,254.75
TX624	Wichita Falls/Wise, Palo Pinto, Wichita, Archer Counties	\$ 117,401.00	\$ 88,050.75	\$ 29,350.25
TX700	City of Houston/Fort Bend, Harris, and Montgomery Counties	\$ 1,444,002.00	\$ 1,083,001.50	\$ 361,000.50
TX701	Bryan/College Station/Brazos Valley	\$ 175,858.00	\$ 131,893.50	\$ 43,964.50
TOTALS		\$ 9,285,692.00	\$ 6,964,269.00	\$ 2,321,423.00

*Preliminary Amounts

New Funding Opportunity

Youth and Young Adult Homeless Program

General Information

- **Available Funding**
 - Approximately \$1,000,000
- **Allowable Activities**
 - Applicants may propose any activities, which provide homeless youth and young adults housing and other services designed to prevent homelessness.
- **Limitations**
 - Service area is limited to Fort Bend County
 - Eligible participants must be homeless youth and young adults 24 years or younger.

Application Process

- **Application deadline**
 - Applications are accepted on an ongoing basis until funds are fully awarded.
 - Available funds for competition will be kept up to date on the Department's website
- **Application Materials**
 - Both the Application and Application manual are available on the Department's website at <https://www.tdhca.texas.gov/homeless-housing-services-program-hhsp>
 - **Submission** is through the Departments FTP server using the information below:

Website: <https://esg-files.tdhca.state.tx.us/>

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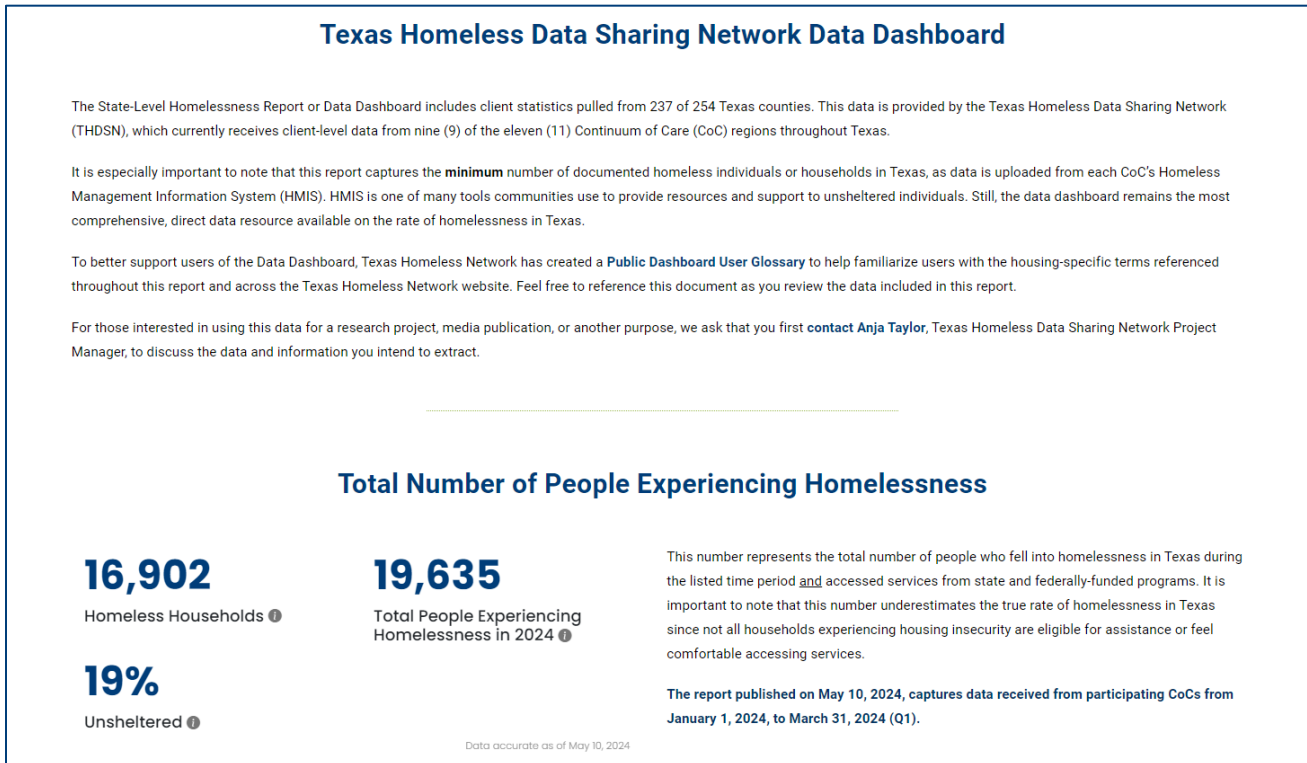
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Texas Homeless Data Sharing Network (THDSN) Project Updates

Data Dashboard

The [Data Dashboard](#), located on the Texas Homeless Network (THN) website, has been updated to reflect Q1 data from all participating CoCs, with the exception of the Travis County CoC.

- In Q1, Texas CoCs assisted 19,635 individuals or 16,902 households, of which 19% were unsheltered.
- In 2023, 61,365 individuals (or approximately 0.2% of the state population) were served by Texas CoCs.



Reports

- On March 15, 2023, Texas Homeless Network published a blog on the state of homelessness in Texas. This [report](#), made possible by the THDSN, analyzes statewide trends on homelessness (2018-2023) and provides an overview of the homeless population served in 2023. **The report can be found on THN's website. **Title: Homelessness in Texas: A Snapshot**
- Texas Homeless Network will soon publish another report that focuses specifically on the Veteran population. More details to follow.

Fund Development

- The Meadows Foundation (submitted); \$100k in support of Data Warehouse
- 2024 AWS Imagine Grant (in progress) – due June 3, 2024



TX BoS April Membership Meeting CoC Modernization

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Why this Discussion?

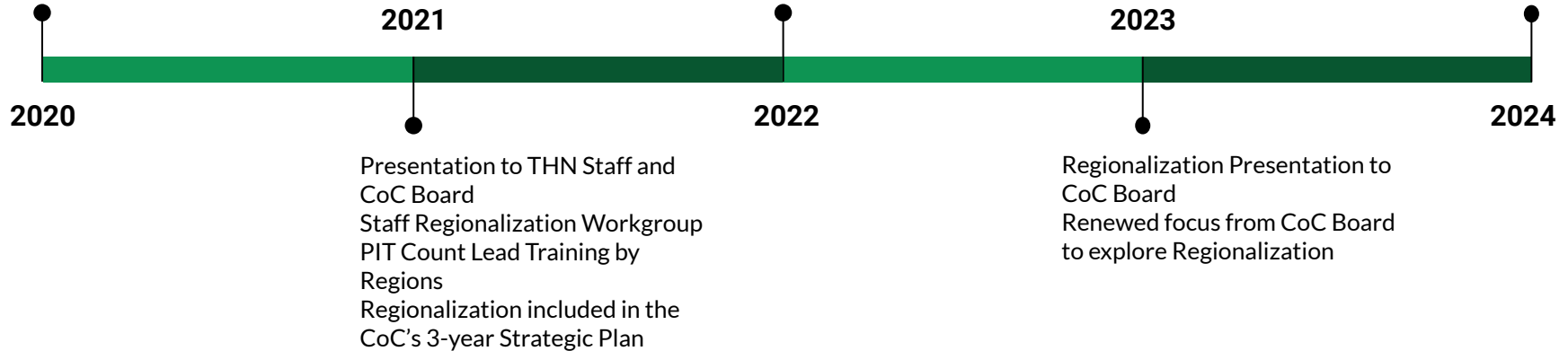
The TX BoS CoC is dedicated to prioritizing the needs of individuals experiencing homelessness and those who work most closely with them. We recognize that the most effective approach involves resourcing, coordinating and supporting providers and response systems at the local level. The vast number of communities and extensive area within the Texas BoS present challenges that are not met by existing structures and processes. The CoC is exploring options to modernize those supports in ways that improve outcomes for people experiencing homelessness and support work done at the local level.



Timeline

VISTA Member Research
Regionalization Report by Staff
Member
CoC's Gaps Analysis conducted
using regional framework

HUD TA focused on
modernization of the
CoC (Regionalization)





Documents Reviewed

- Priority Communities TA Recommendations (2017) and Update (2019)
- Community Investment Committee Notes (2020)
- Gaps Analysis (2020-2021)
- THN Regionalization Work Group Meetings (2021)
- Regionalization Project Proposal (2021-2023)
- TX BoS CoC Strategic Plan (2021-2024)
- Governance Charter (2022)
- Coordinated Entry Evaluation (2022)
- TX BoS Board Meeting (2023)
- THN Organization Chart (2024)



Document Summary

There is a lack of capacity to provide adequate support “on-the-ground” from THN

- Providers want THN to be more present in the field than they currently are (Gaps Analysis 2020)
- Communities struggle to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness (CE Evaluation 2022)
- Providers need more support from THN (Gaps Analysis 2020)
- Current level of training offered does not meet the needs of providers. (CE Evaluation, 2022)
- No mechanism exists at the CoC level to regularly review performance data, identify areas of concern, and elevate to appropriate bodies to address. (CE Evaluation, 2022)



Adding Capacity

The Texas Balance of State (BoS) has reached the maximum allocation of their CoC planning grant based on current regulations. (The current maximum planning grant available is \$1.5 million in the FY23 CoC NOFO.)

If the BoS decides to divide the geography and register as two or more CoCs, regardless of whether operations are fully separated into multiple CoCs or the separation happens on a technical level only, it could drastically increase planning dollars.* There are a variety of ways to do this and create the impact we are hoping for.

*Subject to NOFO Planning Grant allocations in future years and CoC geography



Next Steps- Community Input

- Early meetings
 - CoC Board Meeting (4/24)
 - CoC Spring General Membership Meeting (Today!)
 - Mission Capital
 - LHC Leadership
- Meetings with groups within the CoC
 - LHC and local governments
 - CoC Grantees
 - Community Action Agencies
 - Councils of Government (COGs)
 - United Way
 - General service provider community



Next Steps- Analysis

- Options for the CoC including potential advantages and disadvantages
- Maps of existing service areas
- Mapping of existing funding, Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) and Preliminary Pro Rata Need (PPRN)
- Planning grant funding options
- TX BoS Staffing Options

TA will bring summary of discussions and analysis to the September full CoC meeting



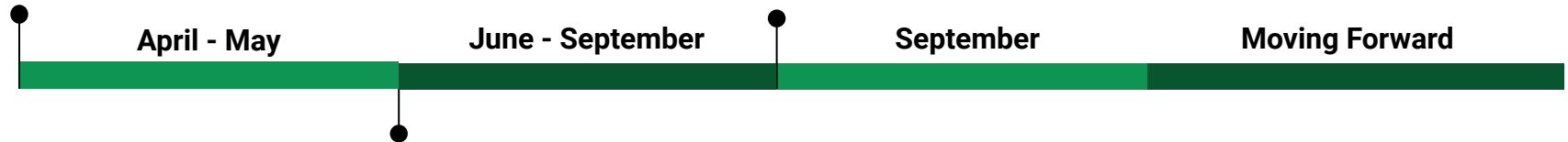
Next Steps

Early Meetings

TA attends the CoC Board Meeting and Spring General Membership Meeting (today!)

Full CoC Meeting

TA will bring summary of discussions and analysis to the September full CoC meeting



Meetings and Analysis

TA will meet with groups within the CoC and analyze options – including potential advantages and disadvantages



Discussion

- What additional feedback does THN and/or TA need from the community?
- What additional analysis would be helpful to see in the September full CoC meeting?
- How do you want to participate in this project?
- What updates would you like prior to the September full CoC meeting?



Questions?





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