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**HOMELESSNESS
PREVENTION PROGRAM
INVESTMENT REVIEW**

HOMELESSNESS IN HASTINGS COUNTY

- Community Response to Homelessness
- Federal Role
- Provincial Role
- Service Manager Role
- Municipal Role



LANDSCAPE IN HASTINGS COUNTY



**By-Name Data
increases**



Enumeration



**Veteran Homelessness
Program**



**Warming Centre
numbers and usage**



**Community
Response Program**



Shelters



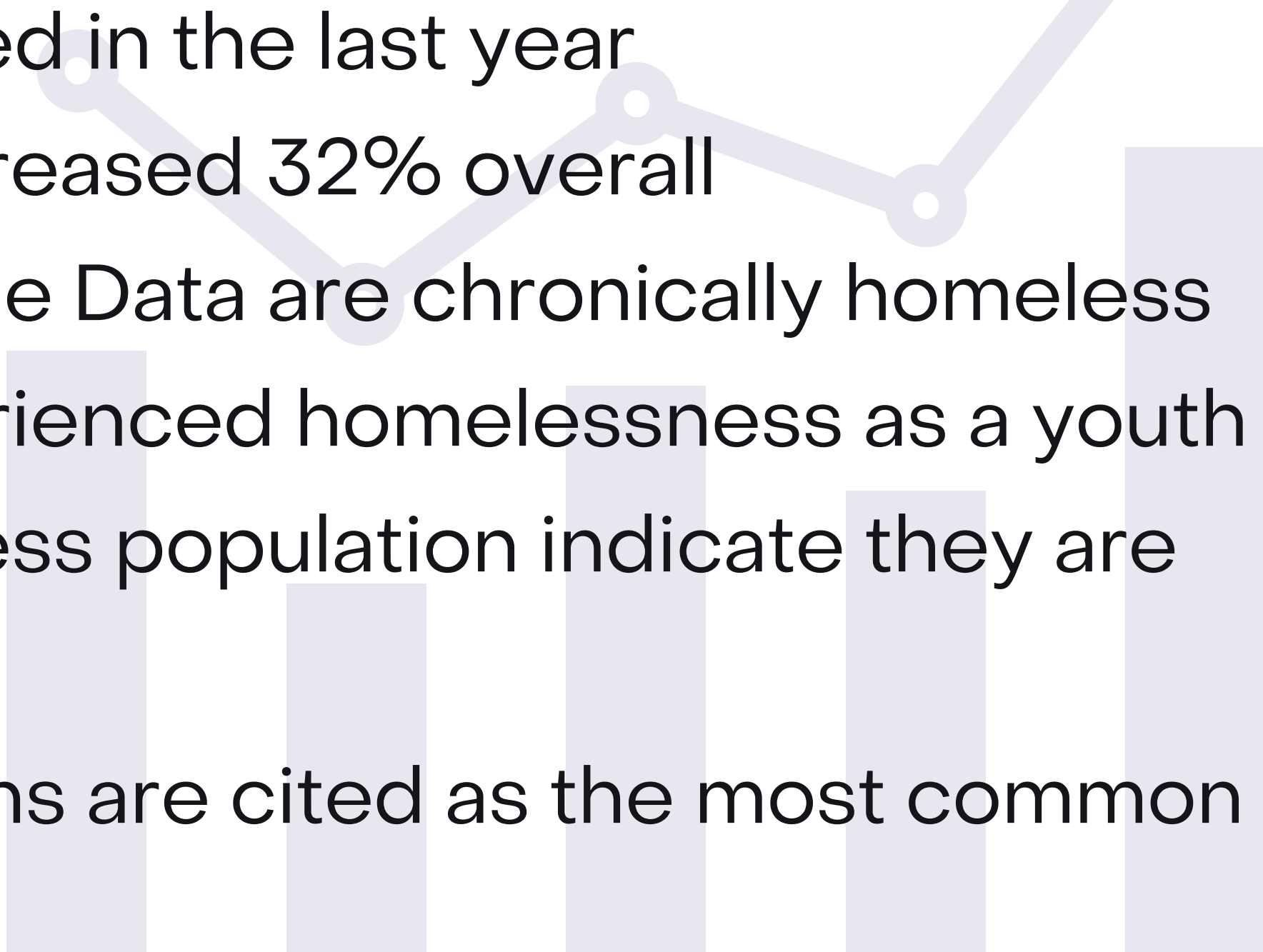
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HASTINGS COUNTY HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

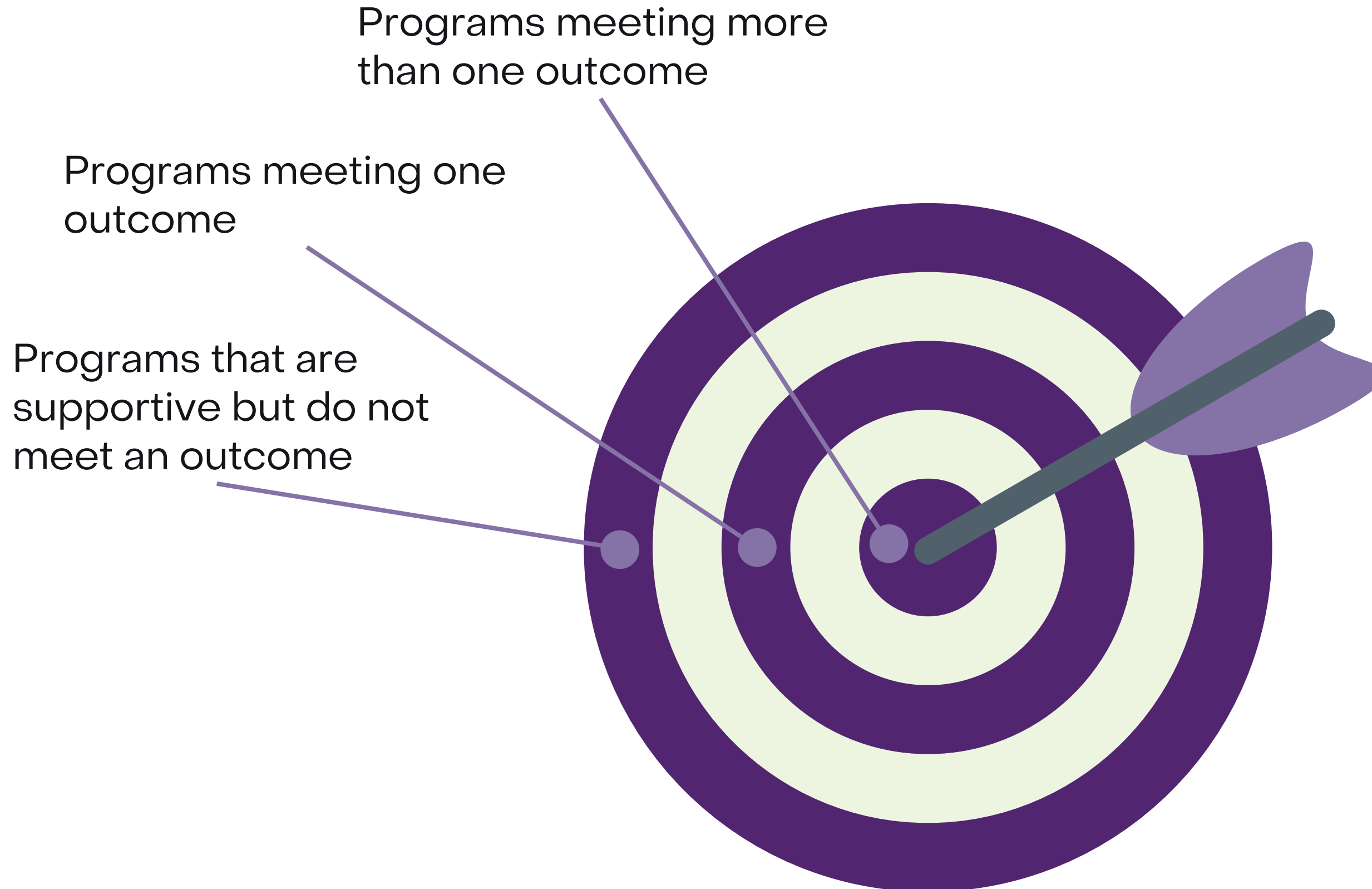


- Bringing together agencies through Coordinated Access
- Regular reporting to Federal and Provincial Ministries
- Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness/Built for Zero
- Loyalist Research Project
- Applying to newly announced funding opportunities

DATA INDICATES

- Total homelessness doubled in the last year
 - Chronic homelessness increased 32% overall
 - More than 45% on By-Name Data are chronically homeless
 - 35% report they first experienced homelessness as a youth
 - At least 80% of the homeless population indicate they are single
 - Mental health and addictions are cited as the most common reason for homelessness
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MAKING THE DOLLARS WORK



Outcome:

Measurably reduces homelessness

Other Variables:

- Geographically serviced
- Supporting more than one vulnerable group
- Providing a suite of services

FUNDING CONSTRAINTS

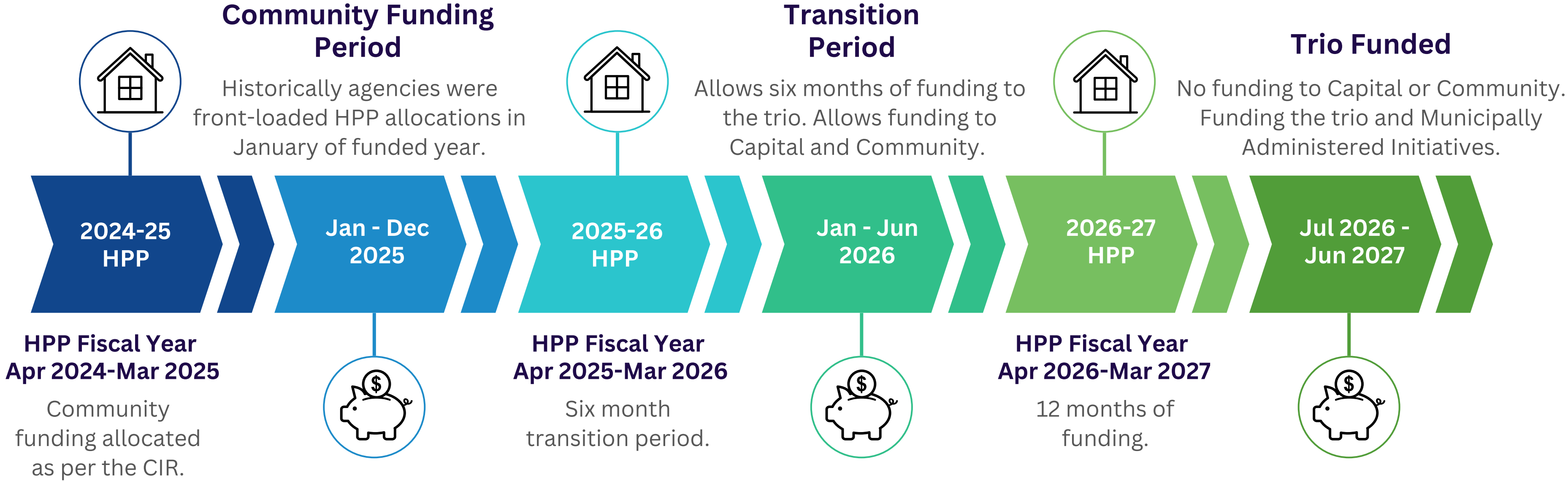
- Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) is oversubscribed
- Reaching Home mandate to reduce homelessness by 50% by 2027/28
- Capital Projects – require ongoing operational funding
- 2025/26 Community call out

INNOVATIONS TO MEET OUTCOMES

- Food Re-Distribution Centre
- Living Experience Interviews
- Prioritize funding to established homeless serving shelters and Integrated Care Hubs



COMMUNITY FUNDING ALLOCATION REVIEW



RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Direct staff to issue an application to community for 2026 Community Funding (\$595,751)
- 2 Direct staff to issue an application to community for 2026 Capital Funding (\$800,000)
- 3 Direct staff to issue an application to community for a Food Redistribution Centre (\$500,000)
- 4 Direct staff to issue a letter to currently funded agencies outlining the final call-out for HPP community funding

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5 Fund ongoing Warming Centre operations commencing December 1 and conclude March 31 each year.
- 6 That Grace Inn Shelter, St. Leonard's Home, and the John Howard Society be funded year over year without an application process.
- 7 Direct staff to allocate any returned HPP funds to Housing Assistance programs that prevent and support reductions in homelessness, including chronic homelessness.

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AND OUR COMMUNITIES

QUESTIONS?