



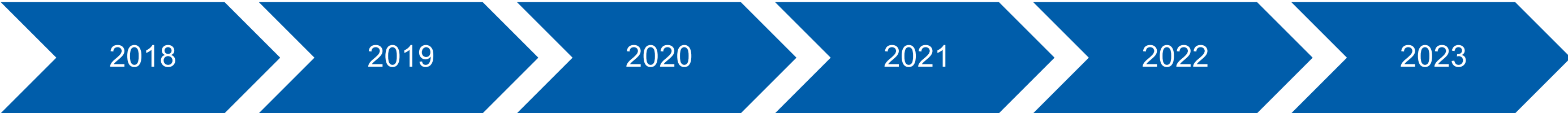
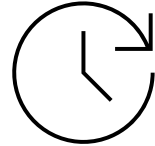
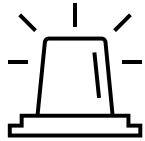
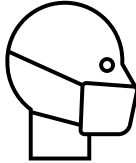
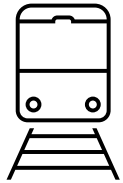
Addressing Homelessness in the Region

Metropolitan Council's current approach and programming



January 18, 2023

Background



- Homeless Action Team formed
- 89 Mainstream Vouchers

- 67 Mainstream
- Service Provider contract

- Pandemic hits
- Overnight service suspended
- Encampments
- 47 Mainstream
- CARES Act

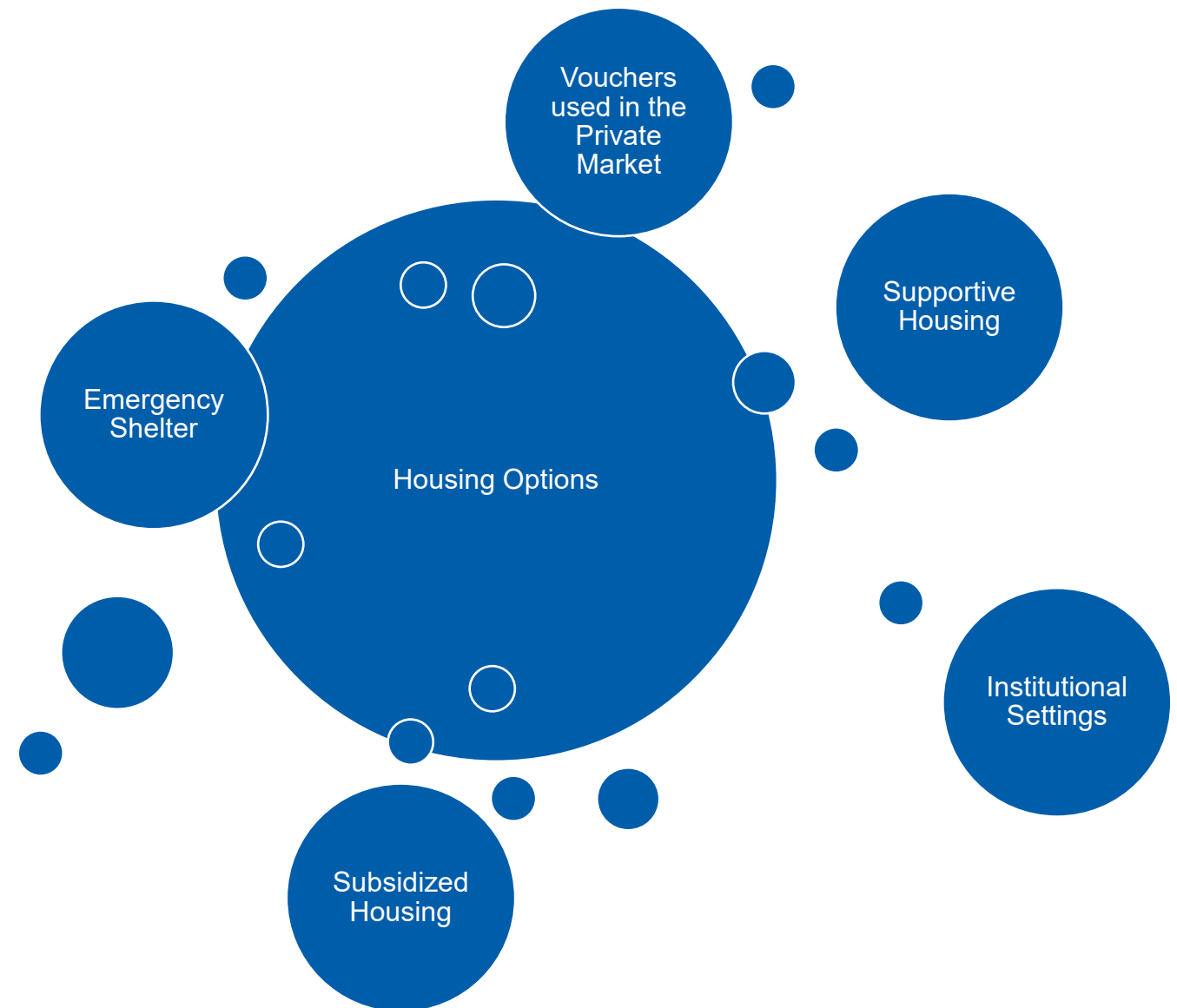
- 218 Emergency Housing Vouchers
- RentHelpMN,
- Eviction Moratorium

- RentHelpMN, Eviction Moratorium phased out
- 50 Mainstream vouchers

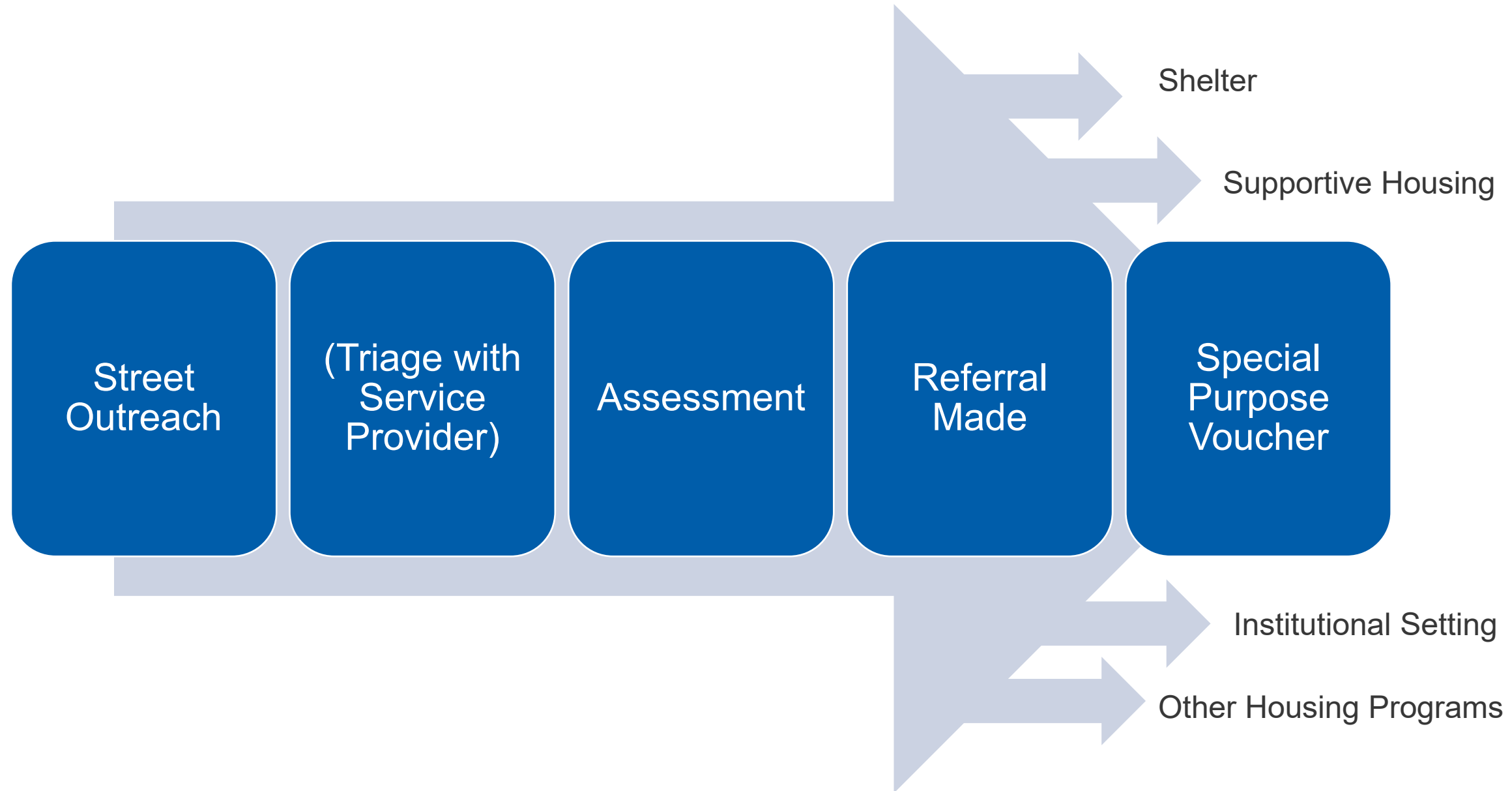
- EHV's sunset in September
- \$607M federal funding for Mainstream
- Long-term housing stability

Factors impacting housing options

- Household size and composition
- Cultural preferences
- Substance use/chemical dependency
- Mental Health, Serious Persistent Mental Illness
- Criminal background
- Availability of slots



Pathway to Voucher



Same Population / Different Programs

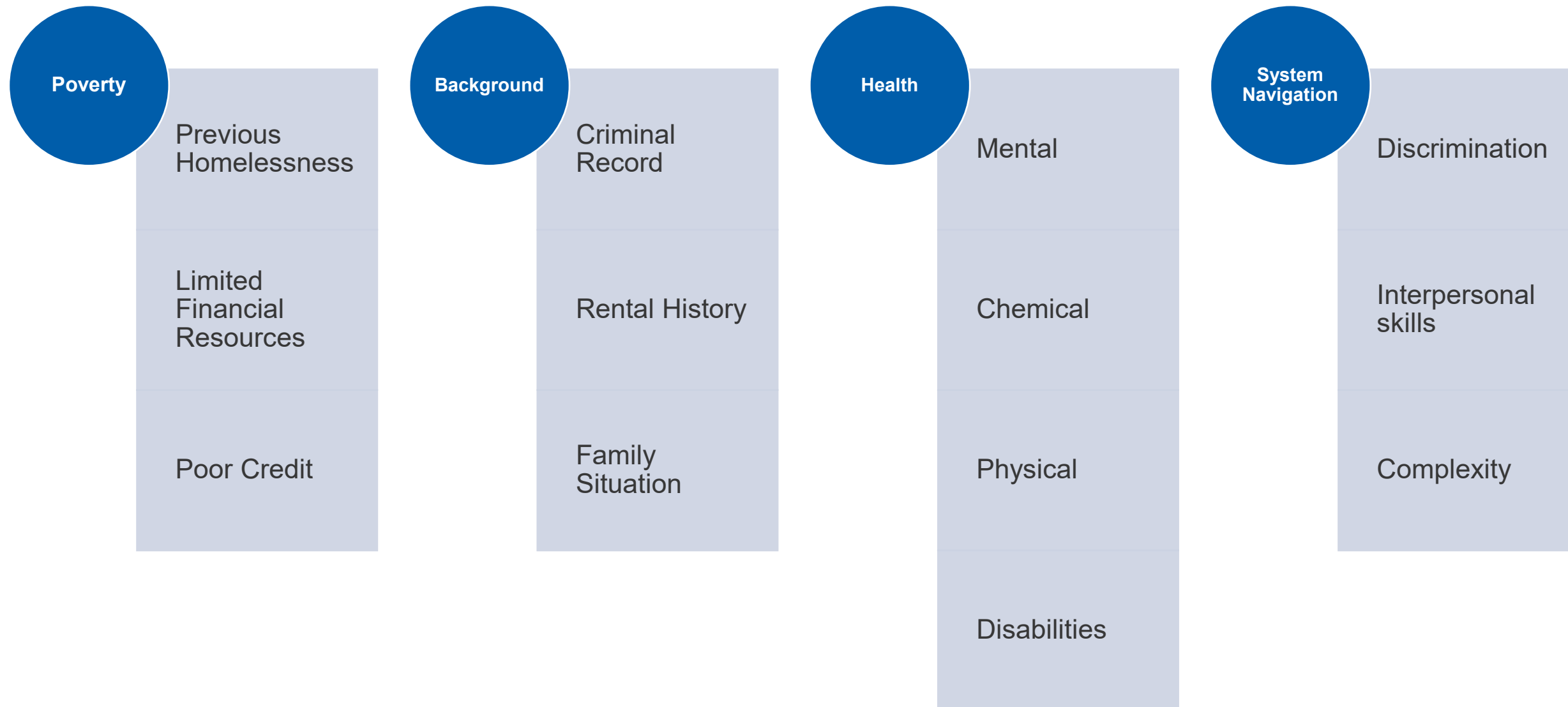
Mainstream

- Non-elderly
- Disability required
- 3 year look back for violent criminal and drug offenses
- No case management requirement
- HAT Partnership
- 253 vouchers – no sunset

Emergency Housing Vouchers

- 18+
- No disability requirement
- Certain eligibility criteria are waived
- One year of case management required
- Referrals = Coordinated Entry
- 218 vouchers – sunset in 2023

Housing Search Increases Success for Highest Barrier Families



Service Providers



- Case management for at least one year
- Determined by the referral partner
- Depends on the client
- Address holistic needs of families
- Trust building is key

Limited housing options



In a competitive housing market...

- Few housing providers will work with highest barrier families
- Certain neighborhoods are unaffordable
 - Zero Income households
- Very low supply of deeply affordable housing
- High turnover of property managers

Approved Funding Categories

CARES
\$1205
Avg

- Moving Expenses
- Debts owed for lease up (tenant readiness)
- Application fees
- Security Deposits

EHV
\$1312
Avg

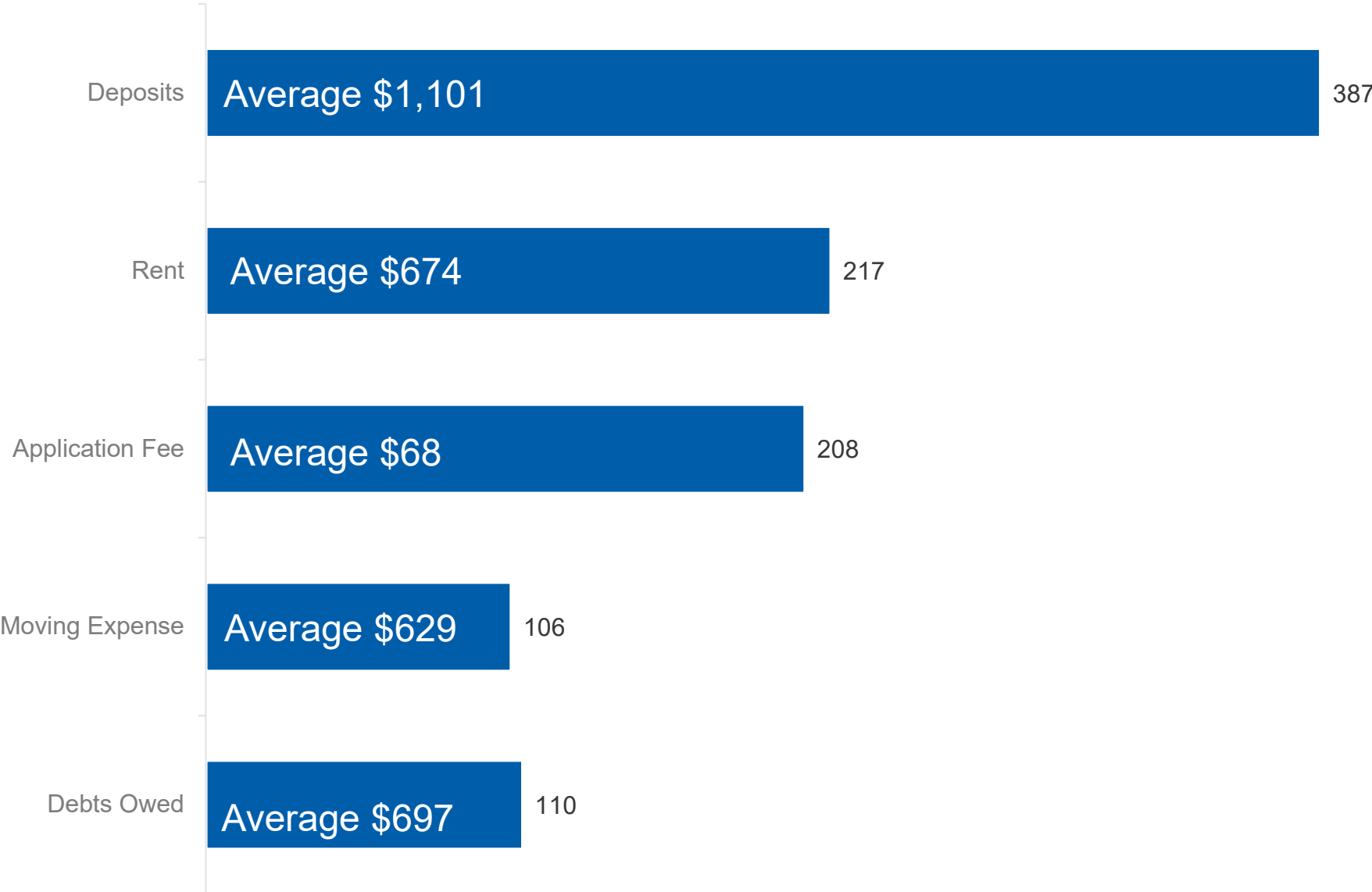
- Above plus...
 - Transportation for housing search, TAP Cards and cabs only
 - Utilities
 - Essential household items
 - Renter's insurance
 - Property owner incentives

MS5
\$1073
Avg

- Above plus...
 - Transportation, cabs and TAP cards
 - Rent

Funding makes a difference

Number of families accessing funds by spending category



Takeaways



What's Working

- Relaxed program screening criteria
- Flexibilities and support once admitted
- Case management for at least one year
- Funding for move-in and housing stability expenses

Takeaways



What's Needed

- Funding for move-in and housing stability
- Housing affordable to people at very low incomes
- Supportive housing
- Landlord motivation to accept vouchers
- Ongoing case management

Conclusion

Work in Progress

- Expanded service provider contract
- Updating the procedure on encampments
- Interventions for long-term housing stability



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