



Finding New Opportunities:

Restoring Public Safety through Increased Access
to Shelter, Housing, and Health Supports

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Introductions

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HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION STRATEGY 10-POINT PLAN

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MAKE AFFORDABLE HOUSING MORE ATTAINABLE TO END HOMELESSNESS

Providing deep **Rent Subsidies** for individuals and families (\$600-\$800) distributed through **Housing First** and **Outreach** teams

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CREATING NEW SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROGRAMS

Increase creative **Supportive Housing Programs** by converting existing community housing into supportive housing programs

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CREATING PEACE OF MIND WHEN USING SERVICES

Offering **Storage Unit Solutions** for people who are homeless to store belongings safely while accessing services

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IMPROVING SAFETY AND WELL-BEING FOR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE

Enhancing and mobilizing mobile **Outreach Services** to improve safety and well-being for all

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INCREASING HOUSING AVAILABILITY IN CURRENT PROGRAMS

Increasing housing availability through increased **Affordable Housing** stock and **Supportive Housing** units, and lifting the funding freeze on the **Domiciliary Care Program**

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CREATING EASIER WAYS TO HELP ACCESS SERVICES

Implementing a **Centralized Intake System** that is available after hours for services

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ENHANCING OUR COMMUNITY SHELTERS SERVICES AND STANDARDS

Increasing funding to the **Shelter System** and supporting the **Temporary Shelter** at Rose Street over the winter months

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INCREASING EVICTION PREVENTION SERVICES AND ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR FAMILIES

Improving access to housing through **Housing Retention Funding** by doubling the grant limits for families

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IMPROVING SHELTER ON THE HOUSING CONTINUUM

Addressing repairs/maintenance needs through the **Retrofits & Upgrades Program** (up to \$50K per grant)

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FINDING NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Continued attention to **Potential Capital/Operating Opportunities** to increase housing



Total New Funding Opportunities To-Date

Program Name	Level of Government	Ministry	Amount for 2025	Total Amount (\$M)	Funding Cycle
Encampment Response & Shelter Expansion Initiative	Provincial	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	\$ 2.43M	\$ 2.43M	One-time. To be spent by Mar. 31, 2025
Homelessness Addiction and Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub	Provincial	Ministry of Health (MOH)	\$ 6.31M	\$ 18.9M	3-year contract. 6.3M/year
Reaching Home Initiative	Federal	Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)	\$ 4.46M	\$ 18.24M	4-year period
Ontario Health Assisted Living	Provincial	Ministry of Health	\$ 946K	\$ 946K	One-time. To be spent by Mar. 31, 2025
Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)	Provincial	Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH)	\$ 1.12M	\$ 1.12M	Annual allocation.
Total Funding			\$ 15.26M	\$ 41.63M	



Shelter Expansion / Encampment Response Initiative

One-time funding under HPP (2024-2025)

Funding Amount Requested and Secured

\$2.43M

Call for Proposals Released:

- December 13, 2024
- **12 workdays to submit**

Submission Deadline:

- January 3, 2025

Funding Approved:

- January 27, 2025
- **4.4 weeks to deliver**

All operational funding must be spent by:

- March 31, 2025

MMAH Approved Funding Administration and Allocation

- The County produced a fast, flexible plan that included the addition of, or enhancements to:
 - Modular structures
 - Leased housing opportunities for shared living
 - Additional beds added to existing rapid rehousing programs
 - The provision of the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) to free-up shelter spaces
- Restoration Costs – \$933,000
- Operating – \$1,350,000
- Soft Costs (Capital) - \$150,000
- In alignment with ERI guidelines, funding was provided to Barrie, Orillia, Midland and Collingwood for restoration of parks and other public lands previously used as encampments



(*numbers are subject to variations in occupancy, i.e., singles/doubles).

Modular Rapid Rehousing

- Supported final construction and permitting process for two modulars placed at Blake Street
 - Modular One
 - Presently occupied Youth Haven
 - 21 funded spaces
 - Modular Two
 - Anticipated for Seniors Rapid-Rehousing Program or supportive housing component of HART Hub initiative.
- Enhanced the number of beds at a youth Rapid-Rehousing Program in Orillia



Increased Warming Centres

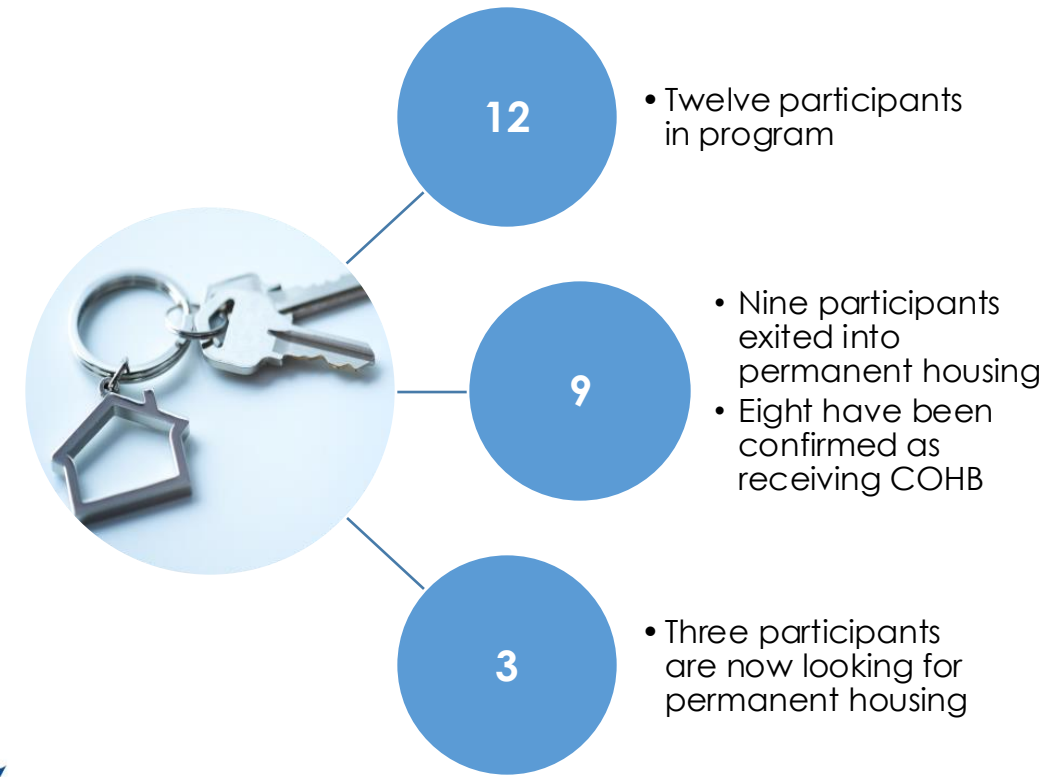


- Barrie overnight warming centers
 - Tiffin Street
 - 20-person capacity
 - Operational January 13 – April 30, 2025
 - Blake Street
 - 10-person capacity
 - Operational December 20, 2024 – April 30, 2025
- Local Flexibility and Ownership.
 - Tiffin – repurposed use of existing paramedic station
 - Blake – utilized the showroom space of the building located at Blake.

Enhancing Outflow: Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB)

- COHB was offered to persons in:
 - shelter
 - rapid rehousing
 - encampments
 - Persons at-risk of becoming homeless and using up shelter space
- This places rent supplements in the hands of shelter program participants so they can exit into permanent housing

31 Bayfield Street, Barrie



Ontario Health- Assisted Living



- 77 seniors within SCHC housing were provided with case management supports (housing and health), through LOFT.
- Funding created 30 subsidies for seniors experiencing homeless, to reside in supportive housing program at Simcoe Terrace.
- Supported seniors across our 7 domiciliary care residences across the County with a rent subsidy
- Subsidies were successful in moving some seniors from encampments, shelters, and rapid rehousing.



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Phase One - Planning



April 2025

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Client Journey Mapping
- Client Pathway Design
- Governance Structure Design
- Budget Review
- Planning for Outcome | Evaluation
- Recruitment



Phase Two - Soft Launch



May → June 2025

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Activation of the Navigation Team
- Community Connection
- Scheduled County-wide Wellness Clinics with COS Community Paramedicine and Navigation Team
- Certified By-Names List (BNL) and Priority List review and update
- Basic Needs Support including Primary Care referrals
- Access to Withdrawal Management (RVH)
- Onboarding + training and development scheduled for all HART Hub partner staff

Phase Three - Full Launch



July 2025

KEY ACTIVITIES

- Activation of all services including outpatient, outreach, supportive housing (short-term + long-term), addiction (supportive treatment + treatment), indigenous based culturally safe services, primary care
- Continued access of all services launched during soft launch.



Phase Four - Spoke Expansion



On-going - to be determined

KEY ACTIVITIES

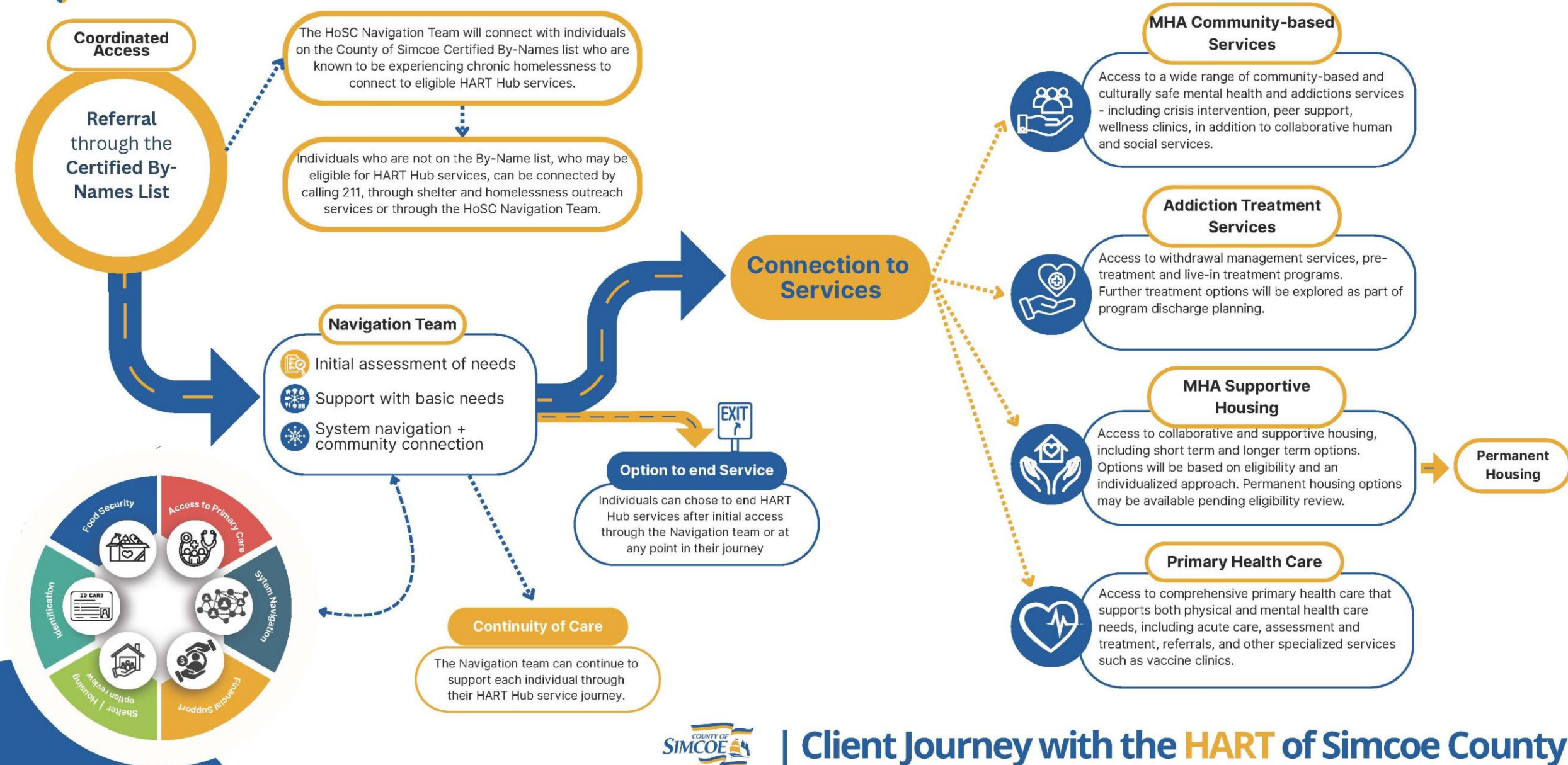
- Continued expansion of core services through spoke model
- Design and implementation of co-location collaborative space



| Project Implementation Timeline



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| Client Journey with the **HART** of Simcoe County

What's Next

- Continued application of modular rapid-rehousing programs
- Implementation of new ten-year plans, including the Simcoe County Housing Corporation (SCHC) Affordable Housing Master Plan, which seeks to create 1000 additional county-owned affordable housing units across the County over the next 10-years
 - This includes the development at 20 Rose Street
- Implementation of HART Hub
- Assessment of Winter Response Strategy (Warming Centres) and Cooling Centres in Winter months.
- Enhanced accessibility to primary care initiatives



Questions?

