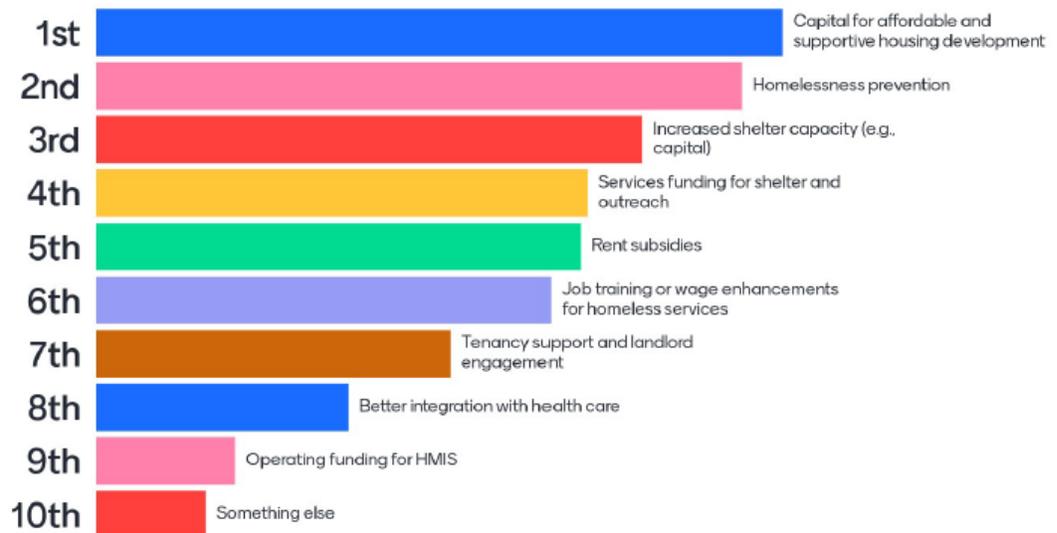


**Themed Summary of Provider Webinar Discussion on the Budget Surplus
 December 8, 2021**

How would you prioritize investments?



If you included "something else" in the previous question, what would that be?

- **Housing:** Ideas shared about having more housing options available including affordable housing, purchasing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) properties, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, utilizing housing stabilization services, affordable homeownership programs, stabilizing informal hosting arrangements youth first turn, and reentry housing for people with criminal histories.
- **Shelter:** Funding for more shelter services and updating and enhancing current shelter spaces.
- **Mental health and chemical health:** More mental health and chemical health care options and peer support services.
- **Staffing wages and training:** Increasing staff wages and hazard pay to ensure programs are staffed and supported. Additional ideas shared about training housing specialists to help clients with employment and budgeting.
- **Other:** Other ideas shared around funding specifically set aside for specific groups like tribal nations, case management funding, and COVID resources for testing and long haul COVID needs.

What other thoughts, guidance, or feedback do you want to share related to future investments?

- **Housing:** Ideas shared about having more housing options available including affordable housing, purchasing Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing (NOAH) properties, investing in land trusts, transitional housing, rapid rehousing, risk mitigation funding, increasing low barrier housing with supports, providing ongoing housing assistance, and lead safe homes. Additionally, program specific ideas shared included funding the Homeless Youth Act and specific resources for housing for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking.
- **Process and Implementation:** Ideas shared on the need for increasing transparency in the process, streamlining grant process and increasing the people who can respond to RFPs, and authentically engaging the people you are serving and Black, Indigenous and Persons of Color in the decision making. Additional ideas included increasing data capacity, more connection between levels of government, developing a no wrong door to housing approach that has trauma informed intake processes.
- **Staffing and Training:** Ideas shared around increasing staff pay, opportunities for peer counseling and certification, and providing free training for people who want to get into the trades.
- **Services:** Ideas shared around developing a spectrum of services to support people and allowing people to select the services that best meet their needs which for some could be no services. Additional ideas included case management to move people out of shelters and locations that offer multiple services in one place.
- **Prevention:** Ideas around developing innovative upstream solutions to prevent homelessness and reoccurring episodes of homelessness, programs that support people with multiple barriers to rental housing and funding for previous unlawful detainers and evictions.
- **Other:** A variety of other comments around encouraging us to be bold and propose large scale solutions, specific funding breakdown between shelter, housing and services, and funding specific to rural communities.