

**CoC Board**  
*Human Centered Design Session*  
*Top Voted Ideas*



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Shalimar Cabrera: Our design represents obtaining flexible funding (kept in one account) to fund: a homeless campus with low barriers, peer to peer outreach, homeless Uber (free rides to services), Homeless Go app for smartphones (finding the homeless), and travel to create progressive policies to alleviate homelessness and poverty which results in homelessness. 19 votes

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Kathi Thomas-Gibson: Fear creates a barrier to full discourse on homelessness (fear of competition, fear of funding loss, fear of change in general). We need to build capacity to have value based conversations that lead to reduced fear, increased efficiency, and increased effectiveness. We need to create definition clarity and answer the following questions:

- What is TRUE housing first?
- Are we okay with varying degrees of harm reduction?
- Is there Assertive Community Treatment?

We also need to create value clarity and answer the question, are we a housing first community or not? We proposed facilitating discussions to build consensus and to build capacity to be a housing first community. 10 votes

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Donna Jordan, Barbara G, Emily, 1 other: Our group's design was using abandoned buildings with eminent domain. We proposed a collaboration/MOU with schools for manpower to provide internship hours in social work, nursing, internal medicine and psychiatric residents. We suggested using retired law enforcement for security, creating something resembling Project Homeless Connect (various providers at location to assist with services), and utilizing a celebrity spokesperson to draw attention for donations. 8 votes

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Nick Spriggs, Danyell Cadell: In following the instructions, I interviewed Kathy who presented as a single mother of three daughters with previous drug addiction and felony convictions, but was not currently using drugs or employed. Further questioning determined that Kathy had no family support and had not previously used any community resources although her children were all in school. Her homelessness was the result of a recent job loss. Kathy's goal was to keep her family together in a safe environment and allow the children to continue the school year at their present school. The solution I proposed was a social benefit that rewarded Kathy for furthering her education while pursuing job opportunities and further rewarded Kathy with more benefits based on the grades her children received in school. The rationale for this solution was that being a caring mother of school aged children is a valuable role in the community and by helping the children complete school we might break the cycle of poverty and homelessness. 4 stars