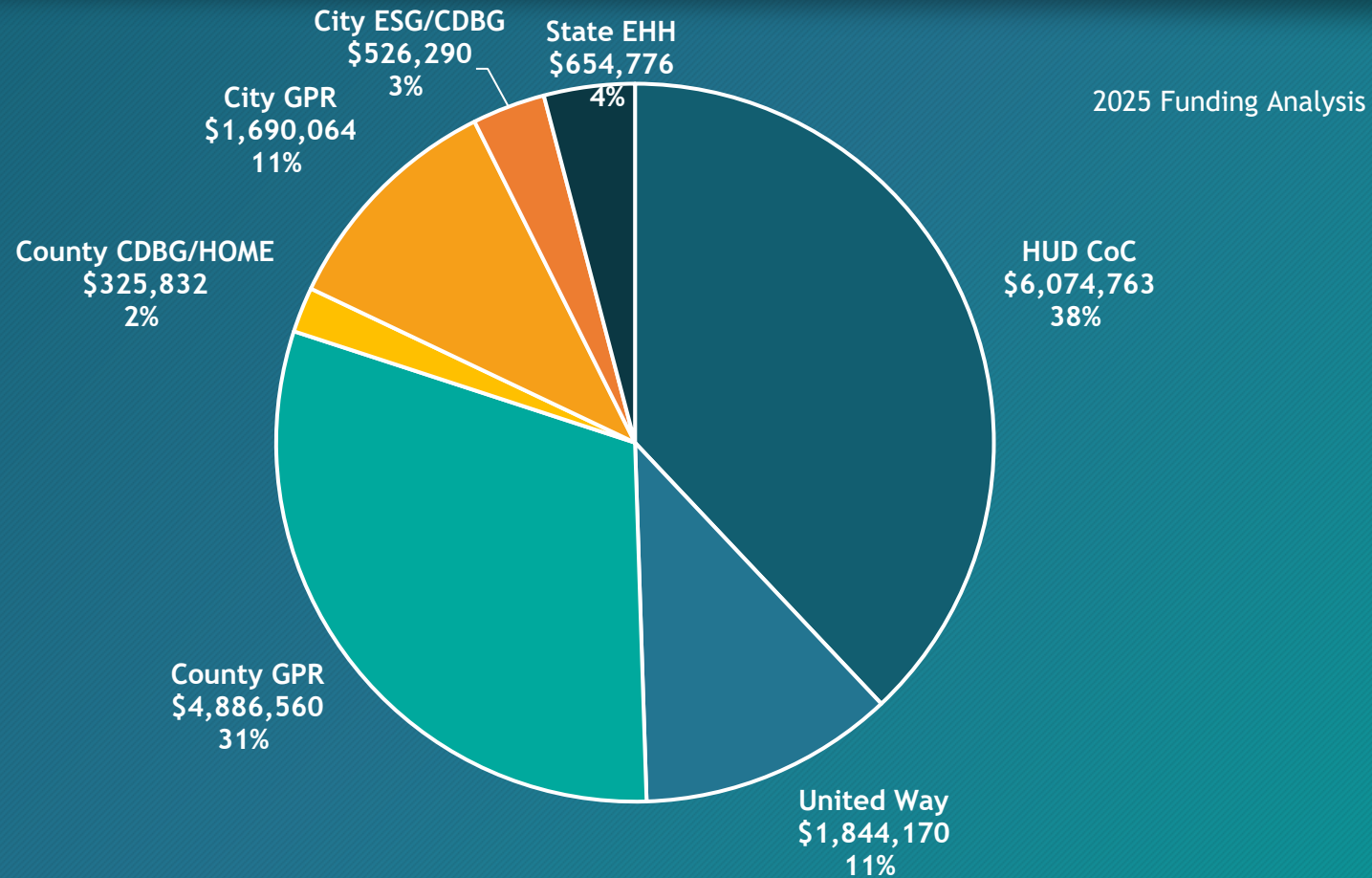


# Dane County Housing Support and Budget Process



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# Multiple Funding Sources Support Homeless Services in Dane County



# Homeless Services System and how the County Invests



2%

2%

82%

14%

## TENANT SUPPORT

Housing Counseling

Fair Housing Services

Housing Stabilization Services

## PREVENTION

Eviction Prevention

Legal Aid

Diversion

## CRISIS RESPONSE

Coordinated Entry

Shelter & Transitional Housing

Street Outreach/ Overflow

Other (housing navigation, transportation, employment, healthcare, etc.)

## PERMANENT HOUSING

Rapid Re-Housing

Permanent Supportive Housing

Other Permanent Housing

# Dane County's Investment Has Grown Over Time.



- Commitment to emergency shelter has been consistent for decades. Over \$3 million in funding to emergency shelter 2026.
- Investment in housing programs has increased since 2014 (rapid re-housing programs, housing navigation, housing development).
- Creation of County's Affordable Housing Development Fund
  - Since 2015, More than \$75 million in capital to help create more than 3,200 units of affordable housing.
  - Other investments to support development of three additional Tiny House Villages, Commercial Conversion (i.e. Hotel) in Housing.
- Creation of Housing Access and Affordability Division (HAA) in 2020.
- Historic Capital Investments for Shelters - \$10.5 million for new shelter for men, \$2 million for DAIS (2012)

# Major HAA Division Funding Sources



- Over \$8.2 million in GPR (general purpose revenue) for housing and homeless programs.
  - Over 80% supports crisis services such as emergency overnight shelter, Beacon Day Resource Center, and housing navigation.
  - Balance of funds support case management for people in housing, prevention services, and tenant support.
- \$20 million for the Dane County Affordable Housing Development Fund in 2026 (Capital Dollars)
- \$3 million in federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Funding (Federal Dollars)

# Current Budget Gap



- \$15 million deficit
- Collectively being asked to reduce GPR by \$10 million
- Examples of cost savings:
  - Identifying internal savings to lessen impact to services and staff
  - Hiring freeze
  - Identifying operational efficiencies
  - Voluntary Unpaid Leave
  - Retirement Incentive
  - Wage reduction

Future efforts to address housing stability will be informed by significant planning efforts.



- Regional Housing Strategy
- Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Development of New Emergency Shelter for Men
- 5-Year Consolidated Plan

# 2027 County Budget Process Timeline



- June: County Executive Sends 2027 Budget Directives to Departments
- End of August: Department Budgets Due to County Executive
- September: County Budget Hearings  
<https://board.danecounty.gov/budget>
- Before or On Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>: County Executive Introduces Their Budget
- October and November: County Board Budget Deliberations and Passage  
Health and Human Needs Committee is Oversight Committee for Human Services