

City of Biddeford
Budget Committee
April 09, 2024 5:30 PM Zoom only

Please click this URL to join:
<https://biddeford.zoom.us/j/95517683855?pwd=QnduSIVuZHlNaXgySmliMmtHNjNWdz09>

Passcode: 259815
Webinar ID: 955 1768 3855
Or One tap mobile:
+13052241968,,95517683855# US
+13092053325,,95517683855# US

Or join by phone:
Dial(for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location):
US: +1 305 224 1968 or +1 309 205 3325 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 558 8656

International numbers available: <https://biddeford.zoom.us/j/95517683855>

Status:

- 1. Roll Call**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Discussion**
 - 3.1. Non-property tax revenues
 - 3.2. Stand alone budgets
 - 3.3. Unhoused Strategy
[Unhoused Recommendations Overview](#)
 - 3.4. Budget Book for discussion
Link to documents
<https://www.biddefordmaine.org/fy25budget>
- 4. Adjourn**



Unhoused Recommendations

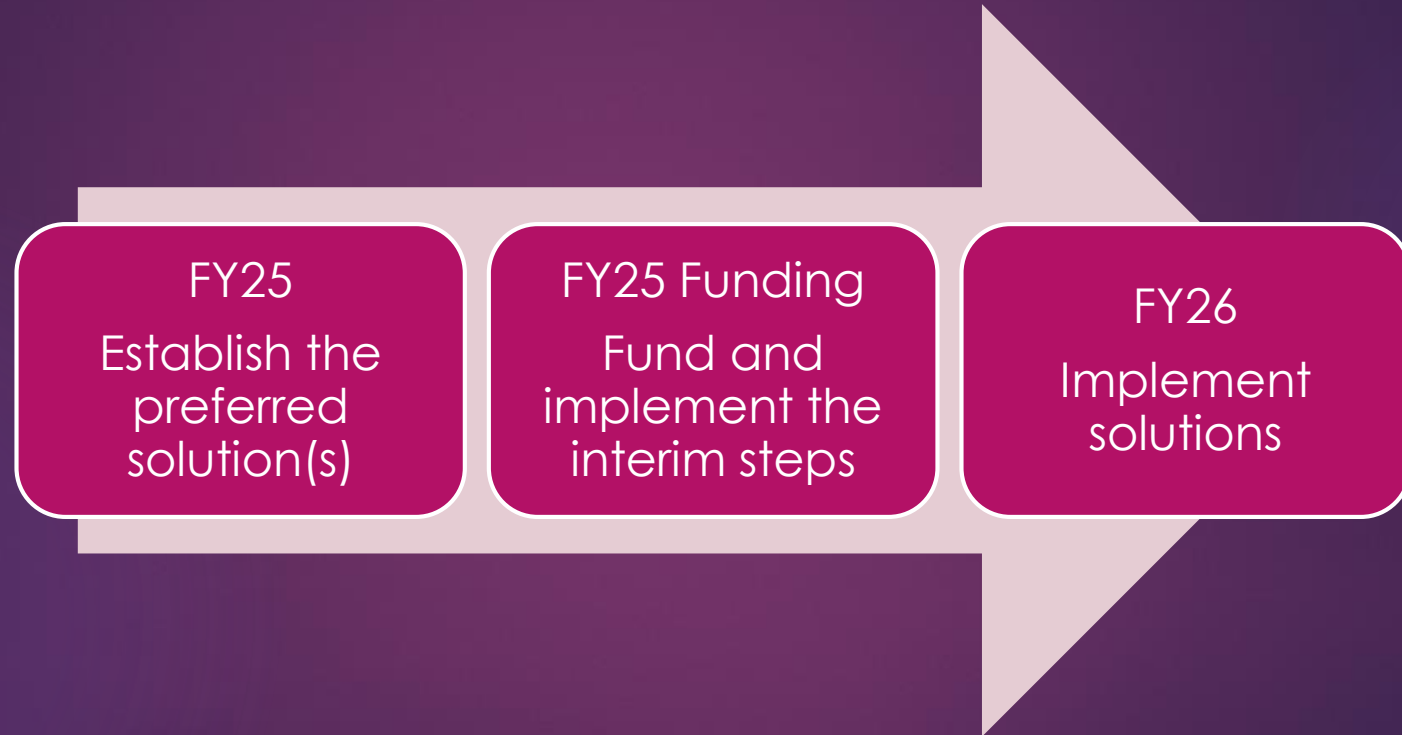
CONTAINED WITHIN THE FY25 BUDGET MESSAGE

4.9.24

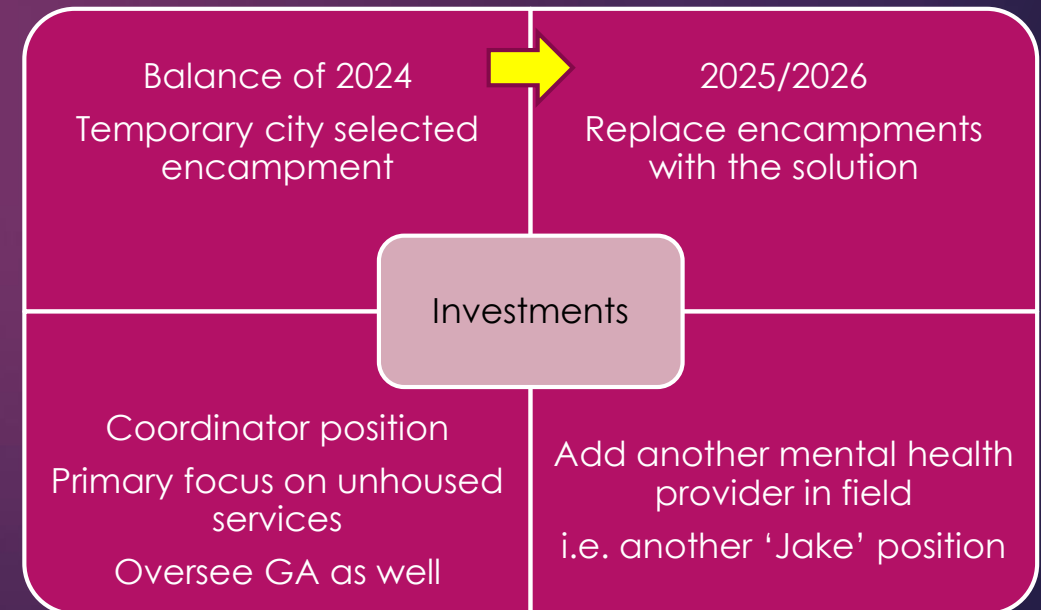
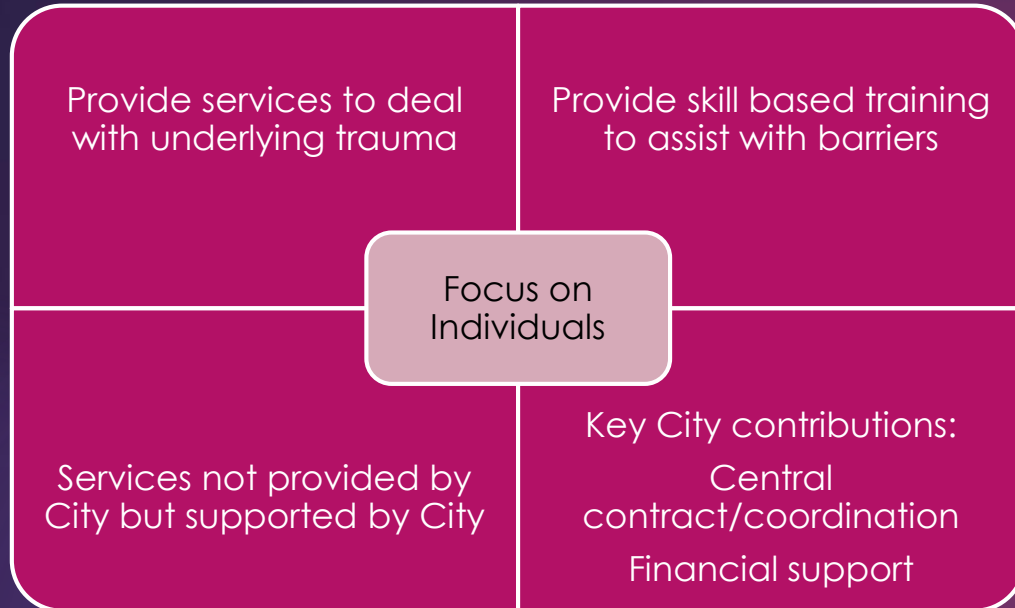
Underlying Assumptions

- ▶ Martin vs Boise
 - ▶ City can not 'criminalize conduct that is an unavoidable consequence of being homeless-namely sitting, lying or sleeping on the streets' when there are more homeless than available beds or in the absence of other adequate alternatives.
 - ▶ This includes public lands that are not otherwise legitimately restricted public parks
 - ▶ State of Maine and court systems view on the issue
- ▶ Inaction by City to provide 'available beds or other adequate alternatives' by default opens up all 'available' public space

The Big Picture



Unhoused Components



FY25 Additional Funding for Unhoused

Location Investment

Warming Shelter investment:

- Seeds of Hope gave notice to no longer service that need
- \$75,000 to fund alternative

Temporary encampment site:

- City has one authorized site for one year until permanent plan is implemented
- \$100,000 for improvements

Pilot Transitional Housing

- Use CDBG to support a pilot program for transitional housing model
- Partner with outside agency to run
- Funding for up to two years

Boots on the Ground

Fund new social worker position

- Another imbedded staff to directly work with individuals, service providers and city departments
- \$105,000 all in cost

Fund coordinator position

- Majority of time is working with unhoused service providers
- Dual expectations to oversee GA operations (non-department head)
- \$125,000 total cost



THE PLAN GOALS

- ❖ Unhoused services provided by non-City staff; recognition others will do it better
- ❖ City roles:
 - ❖ Setting goals and expectations
 - ❖ Measuring success
 - ❖ Coordination
 - ❖ Assist in funding
- ❖ Establish long term plan by Jan 1, 2025
- ❖ FY25 funding is taking tangible steps
- ❖ Expected costs in FY25
 - ❖ CDBG funds invested
 - ❖ \$425,000 in general fund appropriation
 - ❖ \$100,000 one time offset from Opioid settlement funds

The Difference If Implemented Successfully

Current

- ▶ Encampment
 - ▶ Default, no barriers
 - ▶ Very limited services
 - ▶ No direct support of individual needs
- ▶ Focus on Unhoused Individuals
 - ▶ Virtually none
- ▶ Compliance with 'Martin vs Boise'
 - ▶ Limited to none
- ▶ City ability to influence daily activity of unhoused
 - ▶ Limited to none

Future

- ▶ Temporary encampment
 - ▶ Some barriers
 - ▶ Increase services to support from community partners
 - ▶ Direct support for trauma and skills
- ▶ Focus on Unhoused Individuals
 - ▶ Significantly improved for those that desire
- ▶ Compliance with 'Martin vs Boise'
 - ▶ Improved
- ▶ City ability to influence daily activity of unhoused
 - ▶ Tangibly improved



QUESTIONS & NEXT STEPS