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Homeless Solutions Strategy Track Update: Track 1: Emergency Shelter Capacity

- Secured up to 20,000 COVID-19 Rapid Test Kits from the State Office of Emergency Management. This will fill
 the current Emergency Shelter beds more quickly and allow for maximum use of facilities during inclement
 weather shelter.
- Our Calling agreed to continue to serve as the location for the Welcome Center program with the OHS.

Homeless Solutions Strategy Track Update: <u>Track 2: Inclement Weather Shelter Operations.</u>

- Catholic Charities agreed to open and manage the new St. Jude Park Central which increases shelter capacity for COVID-19 (50 rooms).
- The Continuum of Care providers have worked together to find funding for additional overflow beds for Inclement Weather (150 rooms).

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Homeless Solutions Strategy Track Update: Track 3: Rapid Rehousing Efforts

- Through MDHA, the Continuum of Care providers are applying for over \$8M from the cities of Irving and Garland, as well as the state; which will include approximately 500 new units of Rapid Rehousing (RRH).
- MDHA has applied for new positions to help speed up the process of placing people in RRH units:
 - 5 new Housing Navigators staff to work directly with people who are homeless and get them connected to housing
 - 2 new Housing Locators staff to do landlord engagement and find more housing units for people who are homeless
- The Continuum of Care prioritized and helped streamline the process to get people in the RRH program that the OHS put out to the community in the fall.

Homeless Solutions Strategy Track Update: <u>Track 4: Creation of New Supportive Housing Units</u>

- Catholic Charities plans to renovate and turn St. Jude Park Central into affordable housing units as soon as possible.
- Several Continuum of Care providers have applied to operate hotels purchased by the City of Dallas as affordable housing.

DALLAS AREA PARTNERSHIP TO End and Prevent Homelessness

Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness Board Meeting:

The Dallas Area Partnership to End and Prevent Homelessness (DAP) board will have its next meeting <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>January 26, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.</u>

You can find the agenda and link to the video conference here: <u>https://cityofdallas.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx</u>