

Centralized Property Engagement through Technology-Enabled Service

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Our Why





How We Do It

Think of HOM as an HHA – A **Homeless** Housing Authority that operates **scattered site**, **tenant based** rental assistance programs

- PSH CoC Program (1,600), State Appropriation for those with Serious Mental Illness (2,300)
- RRH CoC, ESG, HTF, SSVF, Private, etc. (Approximately 600)
- Mainstream HCV for disabled households (194)





Our Partners

























What We Do

HOM centralizes the rental assistance administration and related housing program operations for **permanent** housing programs for individuals and families experiencing *homelessness* and *housing* instability.



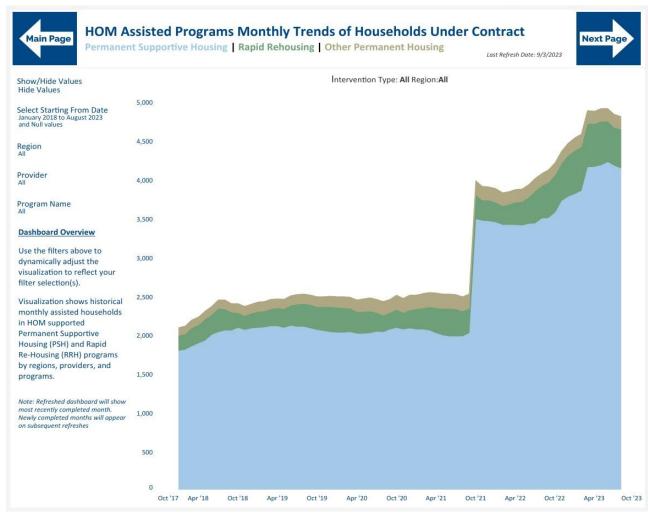




HOM: Landlord engagement + rental assistance administration + related housing program operations management

Partners: Housing stability case management and supportive services

4,500 households, **\$5.6** million in rental assistance paid monthly





The Need for Coordination and Centralization

Significant **regulatory** and **administrative** variation in homeless housing programs

Multiple providers, housing program interventions, program models with varied **capacity** and **capabilities**

Leads to **lack of consistency** or standardization of housing program operations

Silo at HUD between PIH and CPD starts at HQ and runs through the field

CoC governance issues – makes accountability and system performance challenging

All of this shows up in landlord engagement efforts





Property Engagement and Housing Search: Two Separate but Interrelated Concepts

Property Engagement is the cumulative efforts of rental market research, outreach and education, recruitment, incentivization, and retention of landlords to expand housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness.

Housing search assistance is the support provided to individuals and families to identify and secure safe, affordable, and accessible housing that meets their needs, and could include:

- Information sharing about available rental opportunities in the community
- Transportation to and accompaniment in viewing rental units
- Assistance with applications for tenancy
- Advocacy for reducing tenant screening criteria
- Successful lease execution and move-in



Threshold is....

Maricopa County Regional Continuum of Care's centralized property engagement service

The common table for owners, operators, tenants, providers, and the community

The nexus for available units and qualified applicants







What's in it for Property Owners?

- Financial incentives
- Assurance that rental assistance paid on time, in full
- Dedicated owner support team & 24-hr support hotline
- Software solutions for leasing property
 designed by and for property owners and managers
- Financial resources to keep property valuable and wellmaintained





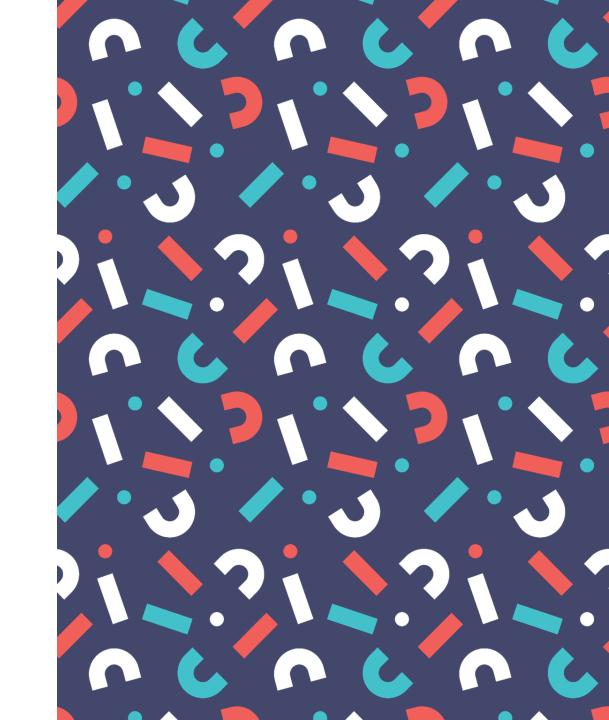
Financial Incentives

- New Landlord Partner
- Reduce Screening Requirements:
 - Income
 - Past eviction record
 - Justice System Involvement
- Reduced Rent from Market Rate for RRH

Incentive = 1.5 x Monthly Rent

Risk Mitigation

- Damage reimbursement up to 3 x Monthly Rent
 - Move-out charges
 - Unpaid Rent
 - Damages
 - Legal & Cleaning Costs
 - Cancelation Fees/Penalties
- Vacancy Loss reimbursement up to 1 x Monthly Rent

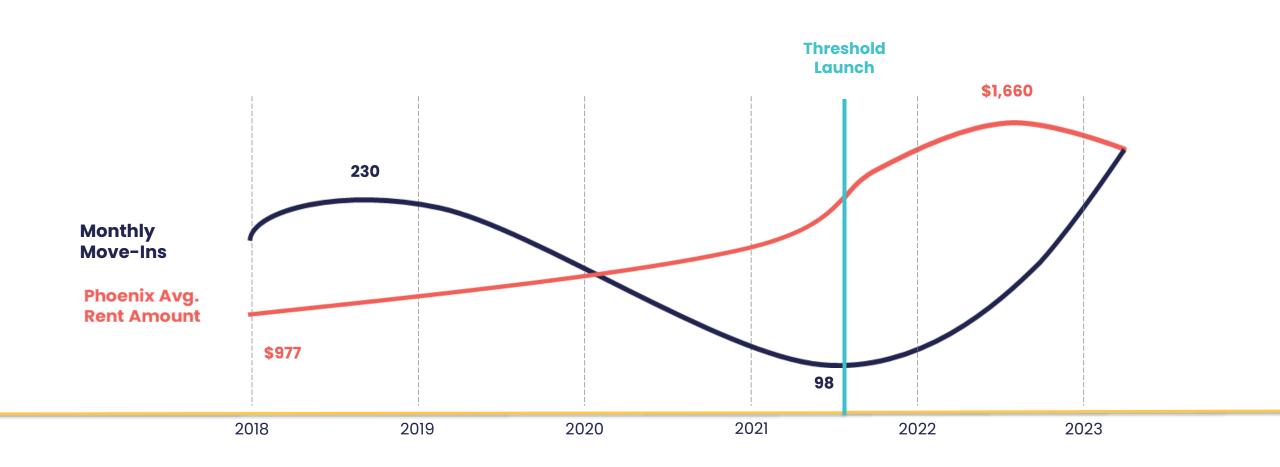






Example: \$1,200 Contract Rent	Market Renter	Threshold Renter
Incentive	0	\$1,800
Application Fees + Deposits	\$2,100	\$2,100
Rent/Rental Assistance	\$14,400	\$14,400
Move-Out Loss Protection	0	\$1,800
Vacancy Loss Protection	0	\$1,200
Total Rent and Risk Mitigation	\$16,500	\$21,300

Threshold's Impact on Move-Ins







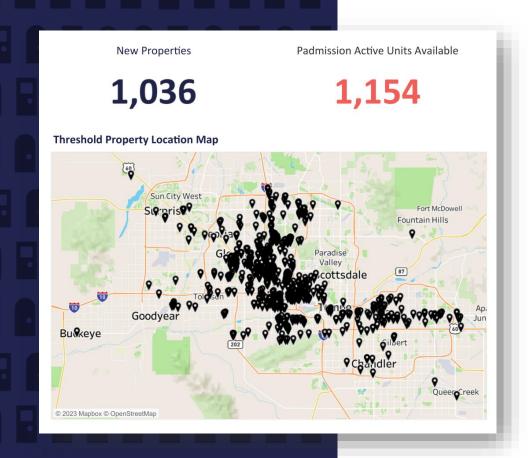
Year One Highlights

Achieved full utilization of rental assistance budgets

89% Lease-up Success Rate, up from 65%

1,250 new move-ins enabled

Nearly **8,000 days** off the streets, out of shelters, or out of their back seats.



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Year One Highlights

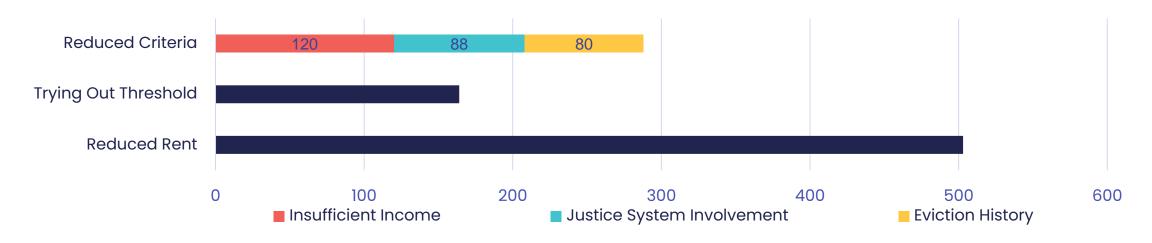
1,036 New Properties Accepting Rental Assistance programs

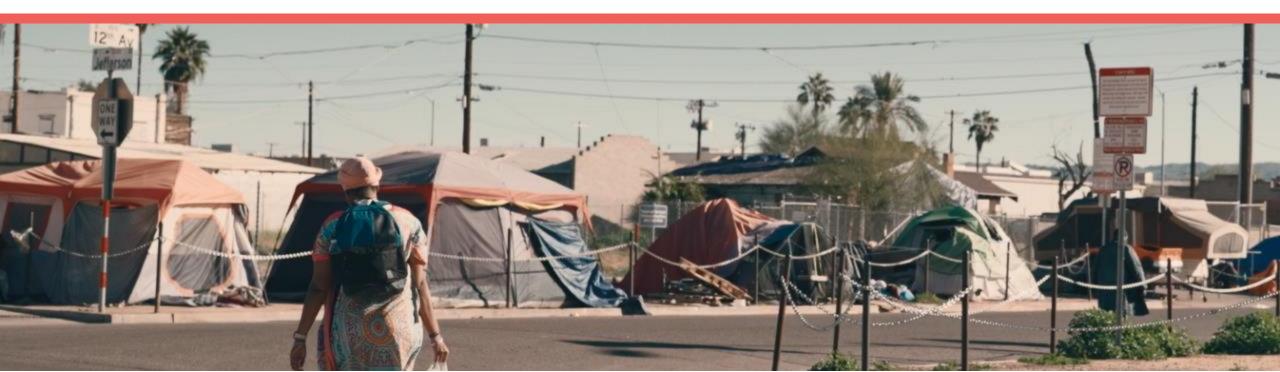
5 Cities to 16

74 Zip Codes to **113**

92 Available Units to 1,154

Incentives Invested









The Five Critical Aspects of Successful **Property** Engagement





COMMIT - Vacant Rental Units Are Available

The Basics

In January 2020, there were 580,466 people experiencing homelessness on our streets and in shelters in America. Most were individuals (70 percent), and the rest were people in families with children. They lived in every state and territory, and they include people from every gender, racial, and ethnic group. However, some groups are far more likely than others to become homeless.

https://endhomelessness.org/homelessness-in-america/ homelessness-statistics/state-of-homelessness/

☆ Housing Inventory Estimate: Vacant Housing Units for Rent in the United States (ERENTUSQ176N)

Q4 2022: **2,760** | Thousands of Units | Quarterly | Updated: Jan 31, 2023

https://fred.stlouisfed.org/series/ERENTUSQ176N

There are

4.75

vacant rental units for every

1

individual experiencing homelessness



BUILD - Communitywide System-Level Initiative

HUD Guidance

- A **proactive**, **affirmative** landlord engagement system is one of the most efficient means of increasing the supply of available rental units in your community.
- Landlord engagement needs to function at a system level across your community to:
 - Avoid duplicated or redundant engagement efforts
 - Ensure providers and direct staff are not competing against each other for limited resources
 - Communicate a clear and coherent message about the need to community members and landlords



RECRUIT - Property Engagement is Sales

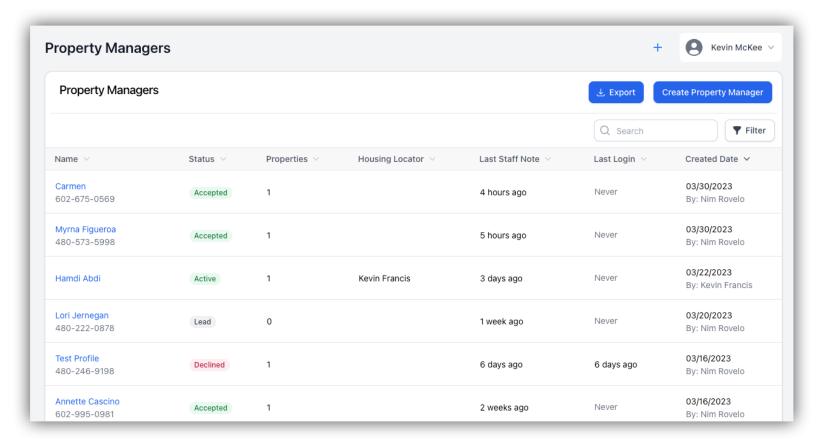
- Homeless services organizations need to sell rental assistance programs to property managers and owners
- Key aspects of any successful sales operation include
 - Lead Management
 - Task Organization
 - Activity Reports for Management
 - Customer Feedback

Use a CRM



Lead Management

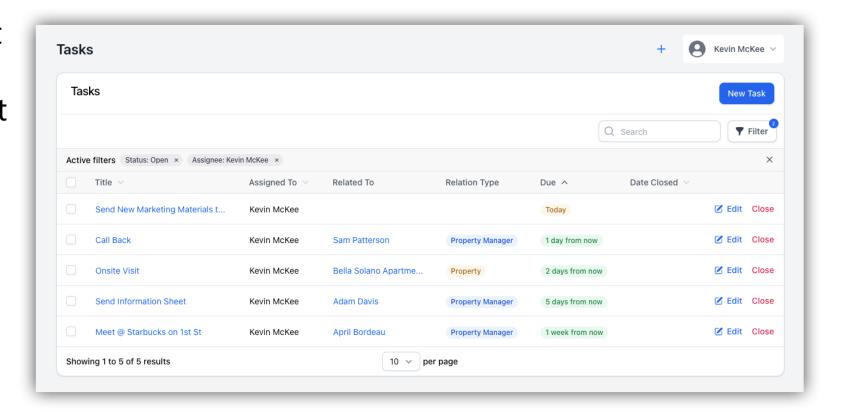
- Track all potential and current property management partners
- Record every outreach activity and update lead status
- Assign sales staff to build better relationships and reduce overlap





Task Organization

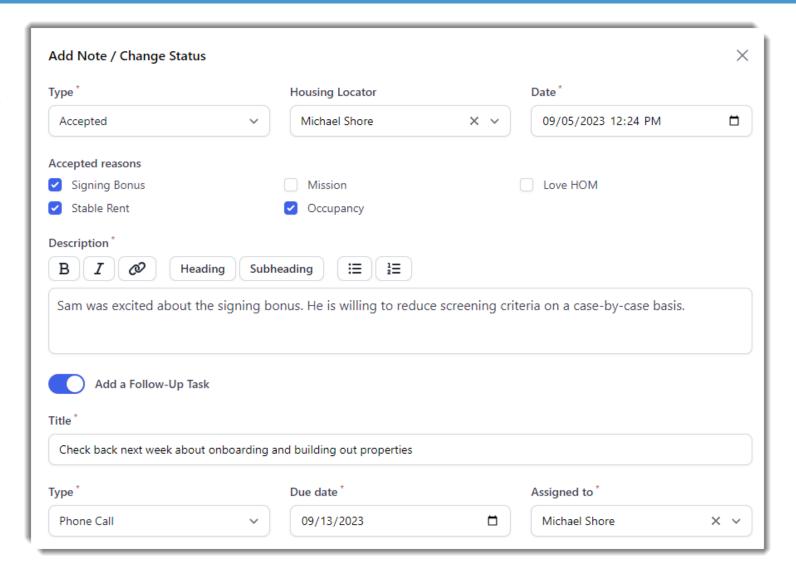
- Build trust by doing what you said you would do
- Ensure follow-ups are not missed, even when there is staff turnover or unexpected absence
- Provide management oversight into activities and timeliness of followups





Customer Feedback

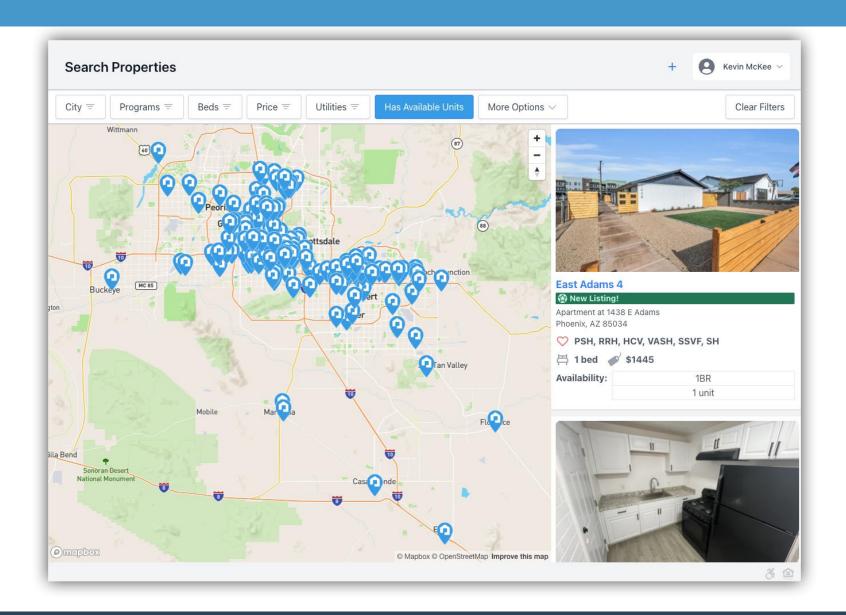
- Track what is important to your customers (property managers and owners)
- Maintain a successful relationship tailoring conversations around what is important to your customer.





NAVIGATE

- Provide Case Managers and Housing Program Participants with search functionality
- Maintain up to date availability and property information





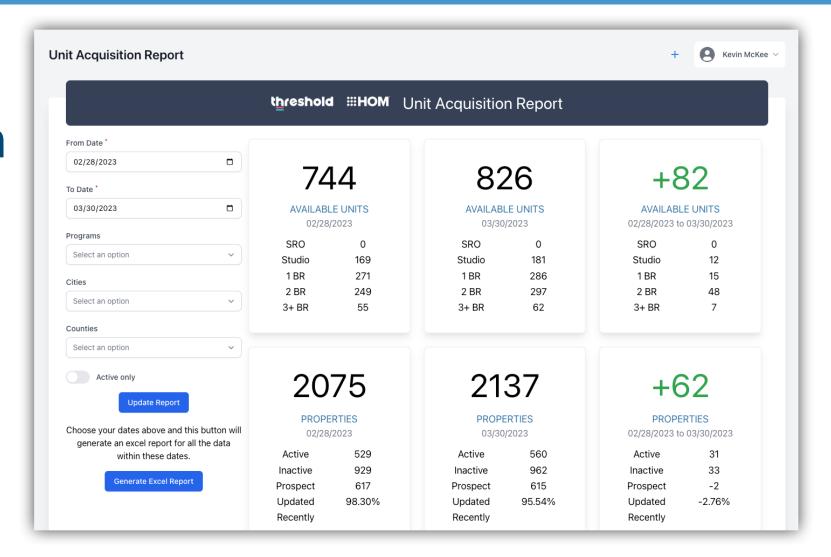
MEASURE – Is Property Engagement Working?

- The ultimate measure is progress towards ending homelessness. However, Property Engagement is only one piece of that puzzle.
- To understand if Property Engagement is working, key items to measure include:
 - Number of property management partners
 - Number of properties
 - Total units at those properties
 - Available units at those properties
 - Incentive Success



Property and Unit Acquisition

- Properties and their available units over time
- Breakdown by city/county to ensure equity throughout community





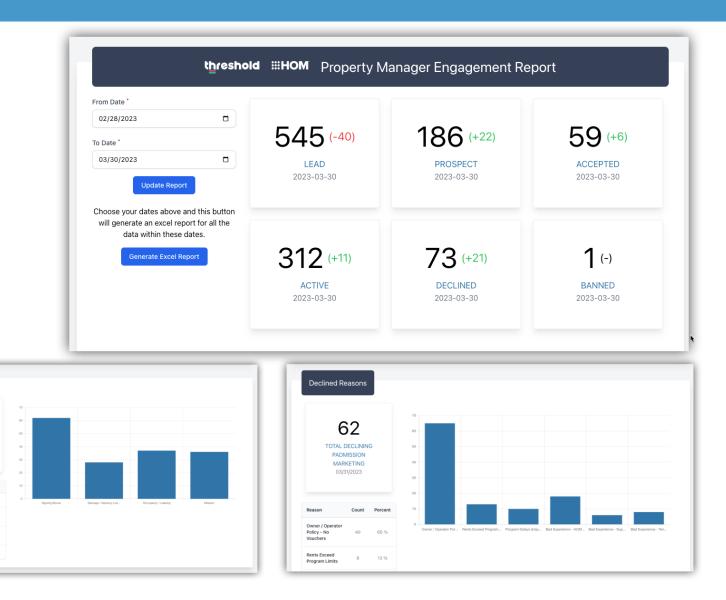
Property Managers and Owners

Accepted Reasons

107

TOTAL ACCEPTING PADMISSION MARKETING

- Status of property manager partner recruitment over time
- Incentive success and opportunities for improvement





Padmission Customers



