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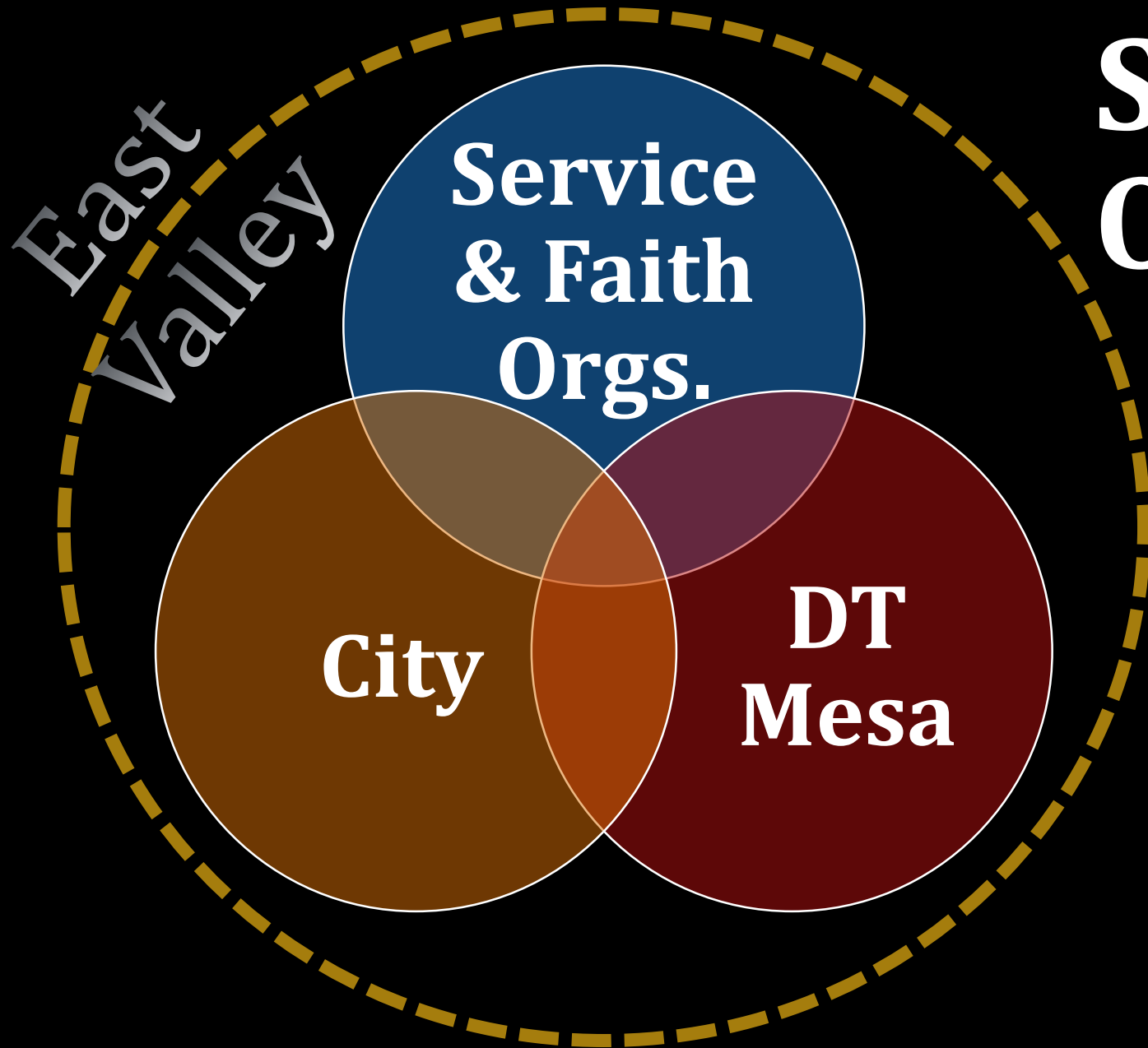


Strategies and Priorities to Reduce Homelessness

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**SHARED
OWNERSHIP**

COMMUNITY PRIORITIES



Now

Years 2-3

Years 3+

OUTCOME-FOCUSED

S3 Service Coordination
Safety Enhancements
Supportive Housing

S3
SERVICE

NOW

- Existing navigation center and hours expanded
 - Paz de Cristo , St. Vincent de Paul, Marc Community Resources
- Add two downtown navigators
- Quantify homeless population
- Designated staff member – service coordination.

Y2-3

- Panhandler mobile van/work program
- No wrong door capacities created, including common information resource tool.
- East Valley Navigation Center

Y3+

- Strategic Plan and Priority updates

S3
SAFETY

NOW

- **Top 15 connected to services, housed.**
 - **Greatest impact on existing resources/time.**
- **Mesa Libraries and Arts Center– updated safety and security policies.**
- **Encampments citywide identified, cross-sector steps to connect people to health and housing resources, and when needed, steps for safety/security enforcement.**

Y2-3

- **Community Court researched and implemented.**

S3 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

NOW

- **Emergency and bridge housing**
 - Pilot program with Conestoga huts, faith community
 - Seek partnerships with existing hoteliers, recovery housing

Y2-3

- **Expand collaborations & opportunities w/ churches**
- **Create a Mesa-based landlord incentive program**

Y3+

- **Increase housing options citywide**
- **Consider other transitional and affordable housing options, such as tiny homes**

What we need.

Advocacy and support, e.g. during upcoming federal funding process, housing master plan, Council strategic priorities, Continuum of Care.

Learn about programs, services so that you can help community understand what we are doing, and how they can help.

Understanding and patience. Solutions take time; and in the end our goal is to reach 'functional zero.'

Thank you.

Mesa United Way, Mesa New Leaf, Save the Family, Marc Community Resources, Paz de Cristo, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Lutheran Social Services, Catholic Charities, Community Bridges, House of Refuge, Downtown Mesa Association, Mesa Public Schools , and City of Mesa: Parks, Fire, Police, Courts, Prosecutors Office, Housing and Community Development, Diversity, Libraries, Arts and Culture, Solid Waste, and City Manager's Office.

QUESTIONS?



Priorities and Strategies to Reduce Homelessness

Measuring success

Goals

- Team secures ability to track/verify Mesa's unsheltered/sheltered homeless.
- Partnerships established with Mesa's churches, hoteliers, recovery homes– bridge housing.
- Existing team resources optimized through collaboration; added funding secured, where needed.
- Mesa's residents and businesses more informed about efforts underway, how they can help.
- General sense of reduced concern in the community about safety, security in shared public spaces.

Measuring success

Metrics (*)

- Numbers of individuals/families served vs. housed with services.
- Number of new bridge housing units provided and how many individuals/nights served.
- Number of panhandlers who choose to work; \$value of work provided.
- Number of cases adjudicated at community court; tracking caseloads related to homeless.
- Number of landlords in Mesa accepting vouchers/rental assistance tenants increase.
- Number of housing units/options citywide continue to grow, based on population needs (which includes affordable housing).

*** All metrics assume success in goals already stated in prior slide.**