

City of Mandurah – Rough Sleeper Count March 2020



Background

- The City established the Homeless and Street Present Network in 2018.
- From this network a strategic core working group was developed.
- The network acknowledges the lack of data relating to people who are experiencing homelessness
- The city supported engaging in the rough sleeper count on March 17 2020



Volunteers and Staffing

- 20 unpaid volunteers
- 6 City of Mandurah staff
- 4 members of the strategic core working group
- Team Leaders

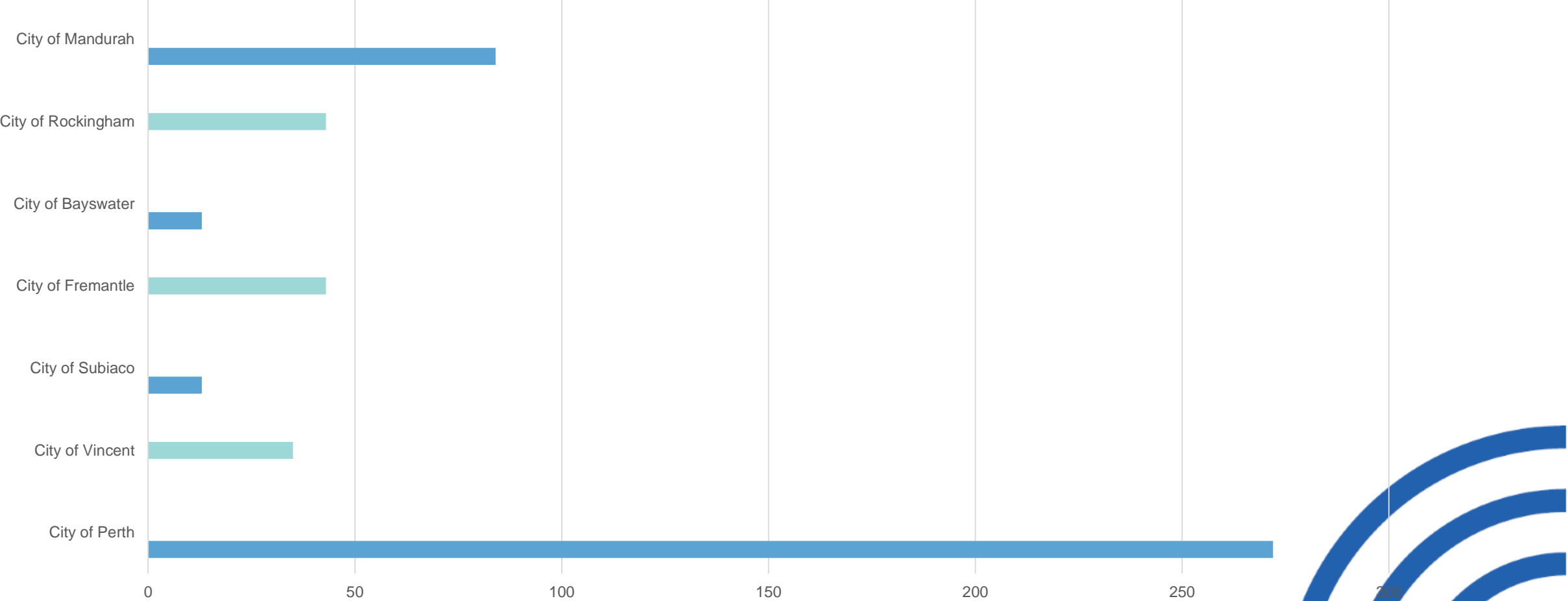


Logistics

- Command Centre
- Equipment
- Maps
- Allocation of teams and areas
- WA Police support
- Training
- Debrief



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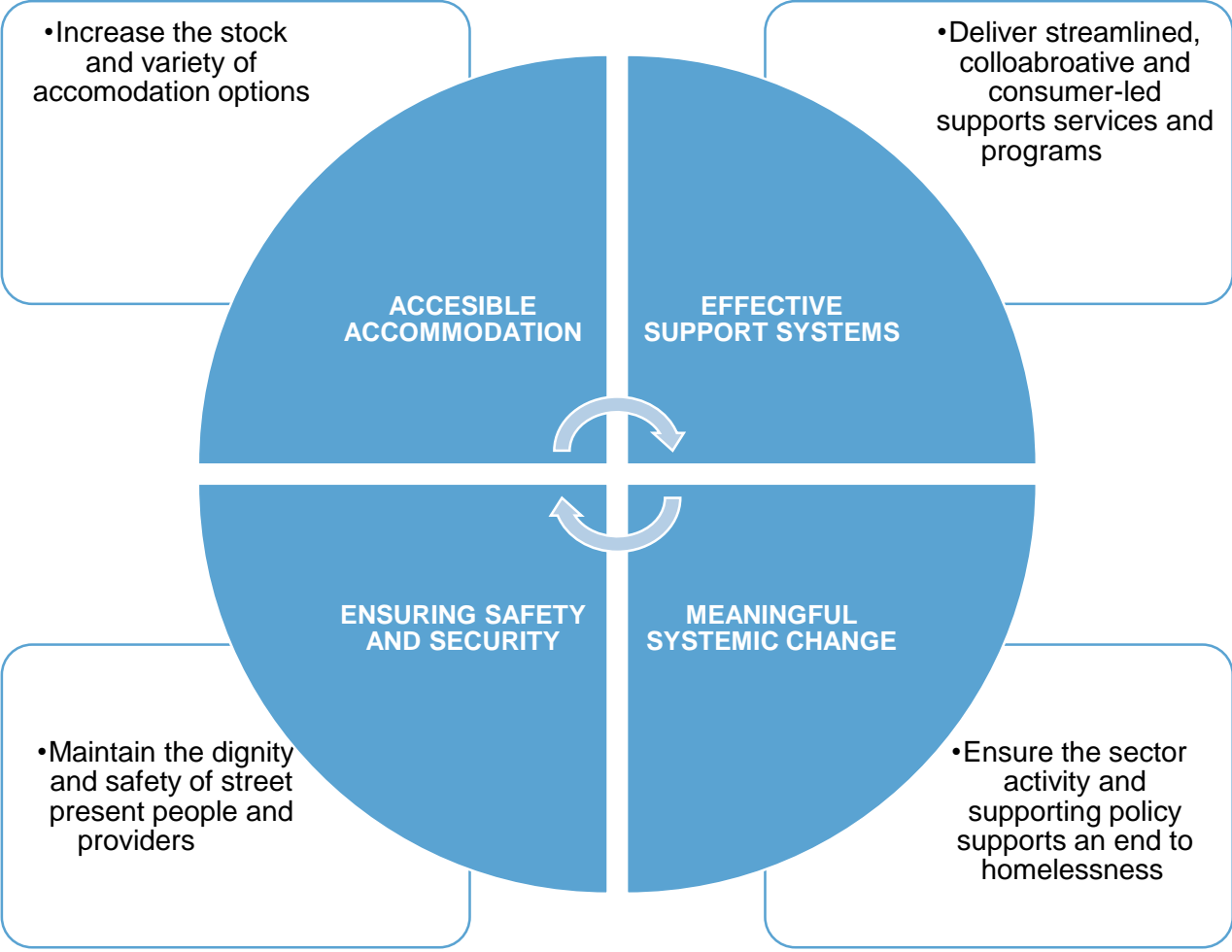
Lived Experience Stories



- According to people interviewed noticeable trends from the local story collection, which occurred between November 2019 to January 2020 indicated :
 - Departmental interventions such as child removal (or anything that disrupts a family unit) has major implications on mental health and payments/child support etc. and the person's capacity to maintain housing costs
 - During a person's experience of living in a situation of homelessness, they noted negative impacts of lacking mental health assistance with no options for local low threshold crisis accommodation
 - When transitioning out of homelessness, feedback that on going, one on one casework and capacity building opportunities would be required to help people remain housed



Peel Mandurah Homeless Strategy



Positive Outcomes



- Received \$350,000 for Assertive Outreach trial
- Possible location for Housing First
- Possible location for Common Ground model



Thank you.

