That's because the chronically homeless are high users of expensive health care and the criminal justice system. Since its inception in 2010, the SHOT Program at Renaissance Social Services, Inc. has served 145 chronically homeless men and women and saved the state more than $8 million in hospital and prison costs.

Permanent supportive housing is a cost-effective means to drastically reduce reliance on these expensive resources. And that has enormous financial implications.

Per the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness:

In-patient hospital care averages $1,940 per person, per day
E.R. care averages $905 per person, per visit
Jail/prison costs average $84 per person per day

Left unhoused, our clients would have incurred $14,185,832 in expenses.

Instead, the SHOT program provided housing, services and stability for $5,778,186 over a 4 year period - a savings of $8,407,646.

Permanent supportive housing saves lives and money. Permanent supportive housing works!

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