

# **Social Impact Partnerships to Pay for Results Act Independent Evaluator Annual Progress Report**

**Grantee:** City of Boise, Idaho

**Project:** Permanent Supportive Housing Pipeline (PSHP)

**Reporting Period:** July 1, 2025 – July 30, 2026

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## **Project Overview**

The Permanent Supportive Housing Pipeline (PSHP) Pay for Success Project is designed to reduce long-term homelessness among households with high service needs through the provision of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) coupled with Intensive Case Management (ICM). The project seeks to improve housing stability while reducing avoidable utilization of high-cost health care, criminal justice, and homelessness services, resulting in reductions in local, state, and federal government expenditures. As Independent Evaluator, Idaho Policy Institute (IPI) is responsible for implementing the approved Evaluation Design, validating project outcomes, and assessing whether the intervention produces the reductions in government outlays necessary to support future outcome payments.

During the current reporting period, project partners focused on implementation readiness. Significant progress was made in establishing the administrative, governance, and evaluation infrastructure necessary to launch the intervention. Activities included continued coordination among project partners, advancement of housing development activities, refinement of evaluation procedures, and execution of data sharing agreements needed to support the evaluation.

No participant households had enrolled in the intervention during this reporting period. Accordingly, no outcome analyses or outcome payment determinations were scheduled or conducted during this reporting period. The project remains in the implementation phase consistent with the approved Evaluation Design and Outcome Payment Schedule.

## **Challenges Encountered**

The evaluation has not encountered any challenges requiring changes to the approved Evaluation Design.

As anticipated for a multi-agency initiative involving numerous implementation partners and administrative data sources, project partners have devoted substantial effort to finalizing data governance and implementation processes. Although approval of data sharing agreements was

delayed due to staffing changing within some of the partner agencies, all required approvals have been obtained.

Two housing developments are part of the PSHP evaluation. New Path 2 Adult-Only PSH is on track. Sherwood Family PSH did experience a delay and is anticipated to open Sept 2027. The Sherwood delay affected the implementation timeline, but has not altered the intervention model or evaluation methodology. At this time, the Independent Evaluator does not believe implementation delays materially affect the project's ability to carry out the approved evaluation.

## **Changes to the Evaluation Design**

There have been no substantive changes to the approved Evaluation Design, research questions, or analytic methods during this reporting period.

The Independent Evaluator continues to implement the Regression Discontinuity evaluation methodology approved by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Minor operational refinements related to project coordination and implementation planning have not altered the study's theory of change, research objectives, or planned analytical approach.

## **Assessment of Project Implementation**

Project implementation continues to align with the approved Theory of Change and intervention model. During the reporting period, project partners continued preparations necessary to launch the intervention, including advancing housing development activities, coordinating implementation across partner organizations, establishing evaluation procedures, and completing data governance activities necessary to support future outcome analyses. Approval of the release of information form took longer than anticipated which impacted collection of ROIs from the target population. Capacity constraints within coordinated entry has also impacted ROI collection. A request has been made to data partners to enable electronic signatures for the ROIs. If approved, this implementation should facilitate obtaining ROIs at a pace required for project implementation.

IPI has worked closely with the City of Boise and project partners to ensure that administrative data systems, evaluation protocols, prioritization strategies, and reporting procedures remain consistent with the approved Evaluation Design. All required Data Use Agreements have been completed, positioning the evaluation to begin collecting participant-level administrative data once participant enrollment begins. Premature program referral of ineligible participants, due to a misunderstanding of eligibility requirements, has been corrected. To strengthen implementation, the project team is realigning meetings to ensure a more comprehensive understanding of the program to implement better checks and balances.

Although participant enrollment has not yet started due to implementation timing associated with housing availability, the overall intervention model (including Permanent Supportive Housing combined with Intensive Case Management) remains unchanged, and project implementation continues to be consistent with the approved project design. Despite this shift in implementation, the evaluation timeline and outcome payment schedule remain unchanged.

## Changes to the Intervention Model

No substantive changes have been made to the intervention model, project staffing, or implementation partnerships during this reporting period.

The project continues to implement the Permanent Supportive Housing and Intensive Case Management model described in the approved SIPPRa application. Existing implementation partners remain actively engaged in project planning and implementation.

## Assessment of Value to the Federal Government

Outcome analyses sufficient to estimate reductions in federal government expenditures have not yet been conducted because participant enrollment has not begun and the intervention has not progressed to the stage required under the approved Evaluation Design. The first outcome payment evaluation will occur according to the approved Outcome Payment Schedule.

## Additional Information

The Independent Evaluator believes the project continues to make appropriate progress toward implementation and remains well positioned to carry out the approved evaluation.

During the reporting period, the evaluation team focused on establishing the governance structure, administrative data infrastructure, and evaluation procedures necessary to support a rigorous assessment of project outcomes. The remaining implementation activities, including initiation of participant enrollment following housing availability, are not expected to require modifications to the approved Evaluation Design.

The Independent Evaluator will continue working closely with the City of Boise and project partners to ensure the evaluation is implemented with fidelity and that future outcome reports are produced in accordance with the SIPPRa award requirements.

## Implementation Status

| Milestone                      | Status (June 30, 2026)       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Evaluation Design approved     | ✓ Complete                   |
| Independent Evaluator engaged  | ✓ Complete                   |
| Data Use Agreements            | ✓ Complete                   |
| Evaluation protocols finalized | ✓ Complete                   |
| Housing developments           | Under construction           |
| First lease-up                 | Expected Fall 2026           |
| Participant enrollment         | Pending housing availability |
| Outcome evaluation             | Not yet initiated            |