

# Health & Housing Insecurity Among Milwaukee County's Older Adults

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# About the Project



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## Milwaukee's First Comprehensive Study Of Older Adult Homelessness

01

Develop a project team,  
evaluate current research  
and generate an IRB  
approved mix-methods  
survey.

02

Gather qualitative &  
quantitative data on older  
adults' experiences and the  
systems that impact them.

03

Hear from stakeholders and  
decision-makers on the  
systems and policies  
serving this population.

# How We Gathered the Data

118

Surveys with older adults  
experiencing homelessness

17

In-depth stakeholder &  
service provider interviews

5

Research domains  
explored in depth

IRB

Approved mixed-methods  
design

## Five Research Domains

- ◆ Who experiences homelessness
- ◆ Pathways into homelessness
- ◆ Experiences while unhoused
- ◆ Barriers & facilitators to stable housing
- ◆ Policy and solution recommendations from stakeholders

*Modeled on the California Statewide Study of People Experiencing Homelessness (CSSPEH) – the largest homelessness study conducted since the 1990's. Surveys and interview guides were locally adapted for Milwaukee County.*

# Who Is Experiencing Homelessness & Why

## The Majority Is:

Gender	Male
Age range	55 – 65
Race	Black / African American
Education	Highschool diploma + some college
Phone	Most have a working number

## Top Reasons Housing Was Lost

- 1** **Loss of income**  
Job loss or SSI / alternative income
- 2** **Family problems**  
Breakdowns, conflict, loss of support
- 3** **Health challenges**  
Physical disability, mental health, substance use

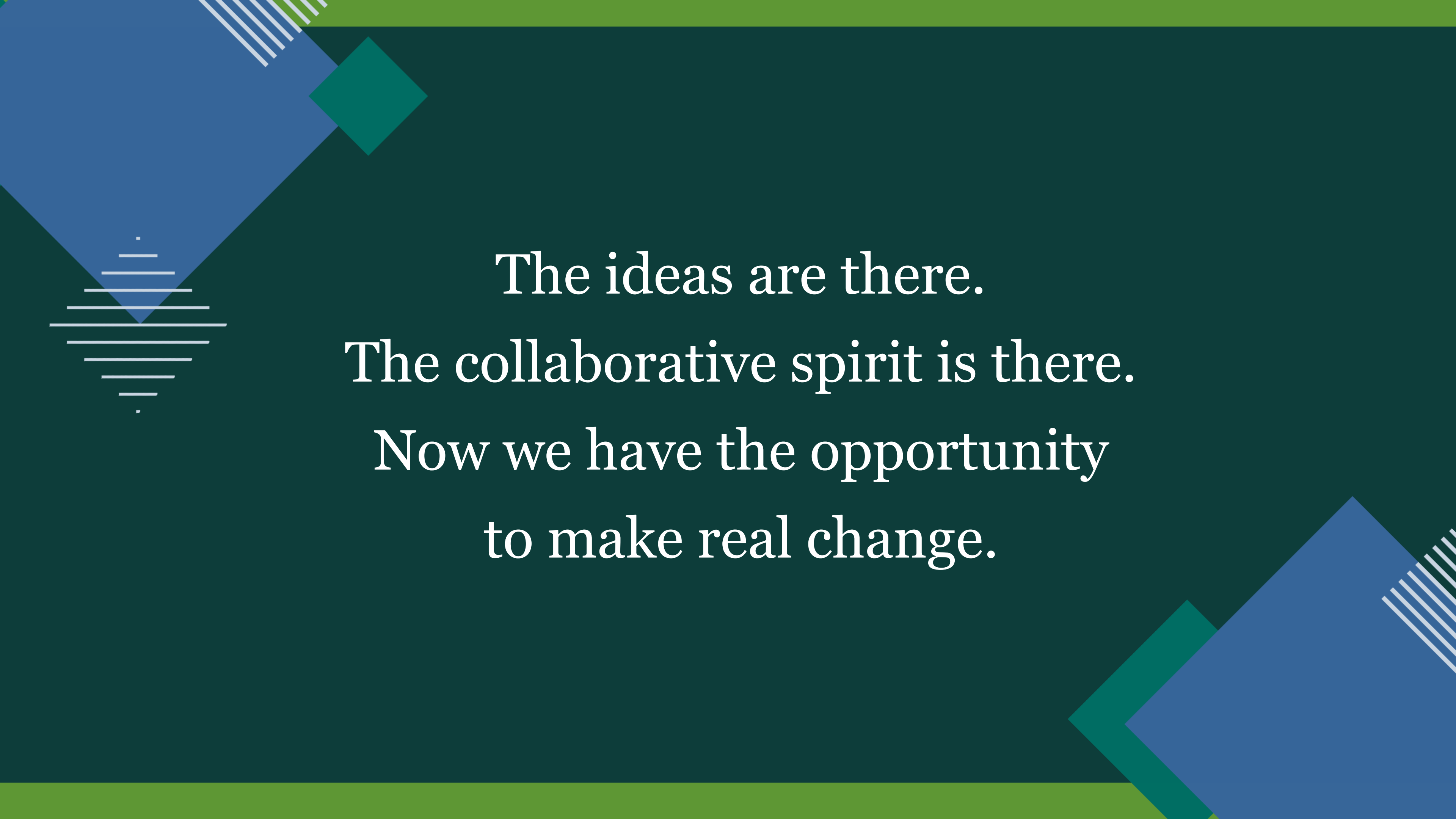
# What People Said Would Help & Promising Solutions

## Collective Voice



## Promising Solutions



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The ideas are there.  
The collaborative spirit is there.  
Now we have the opportunity  
to make real change.

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*Panel Discussion*

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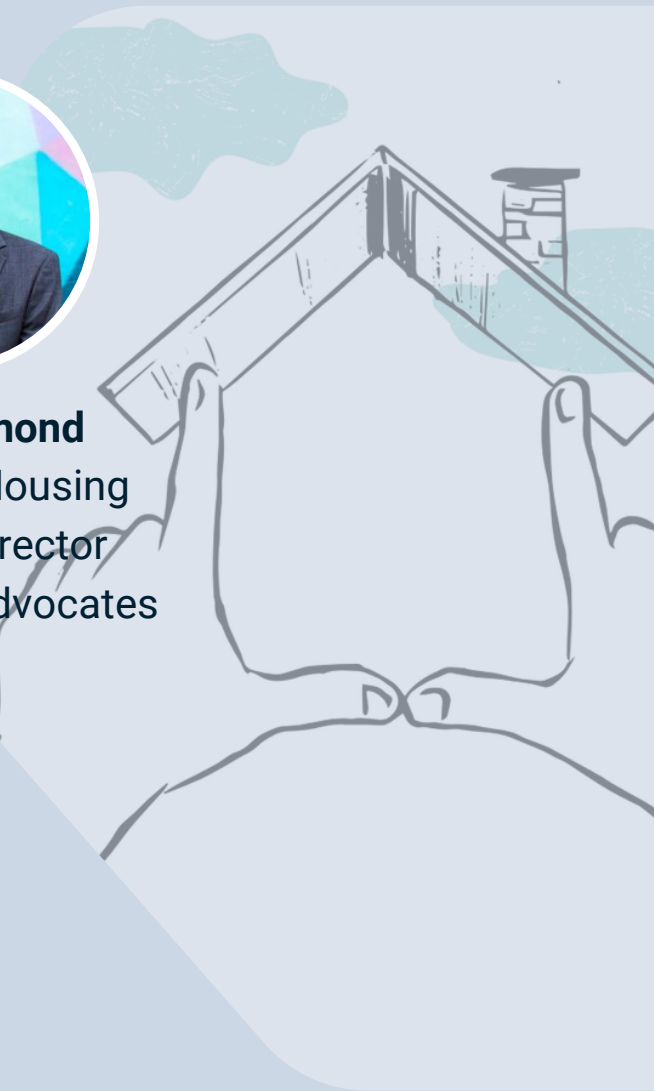
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