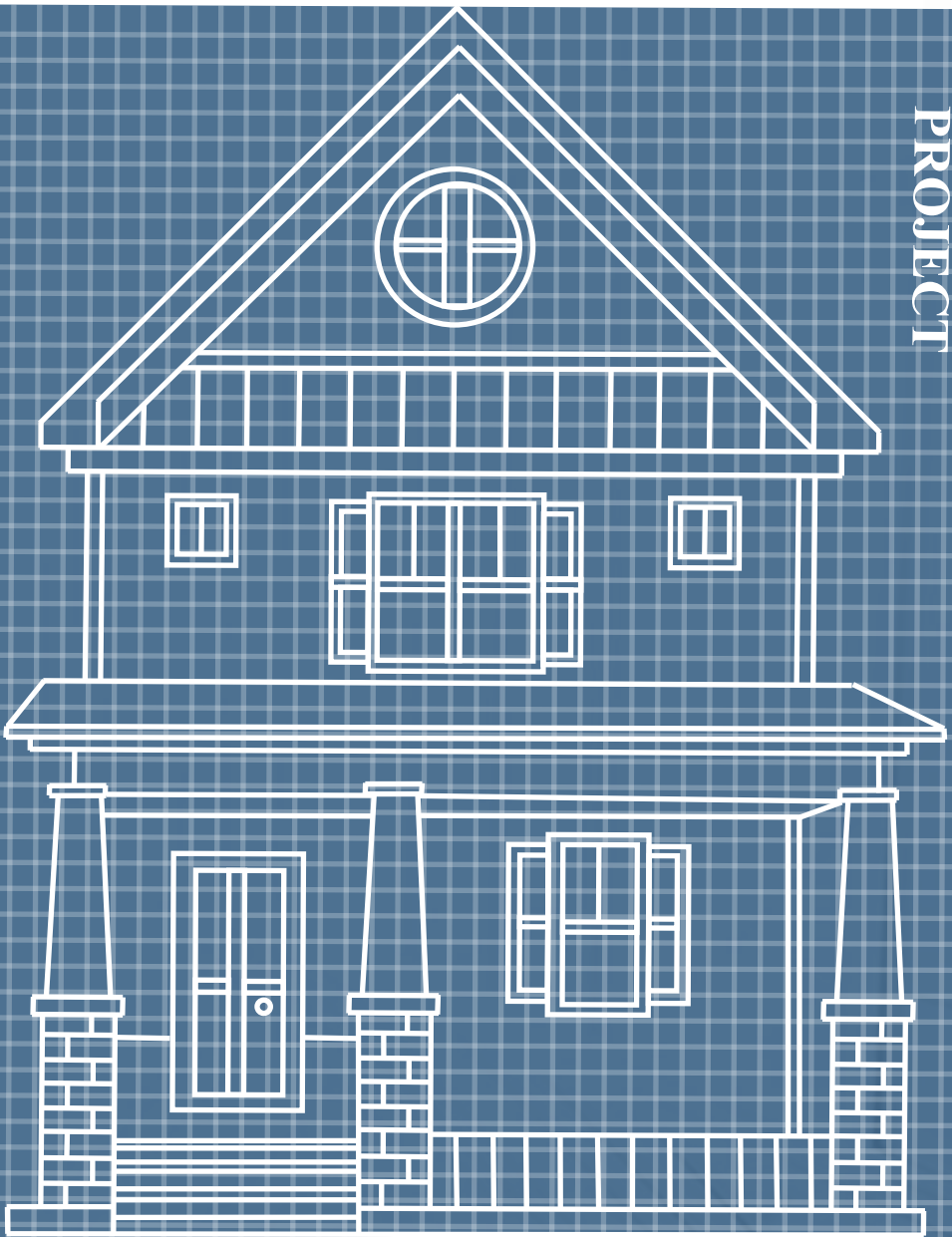


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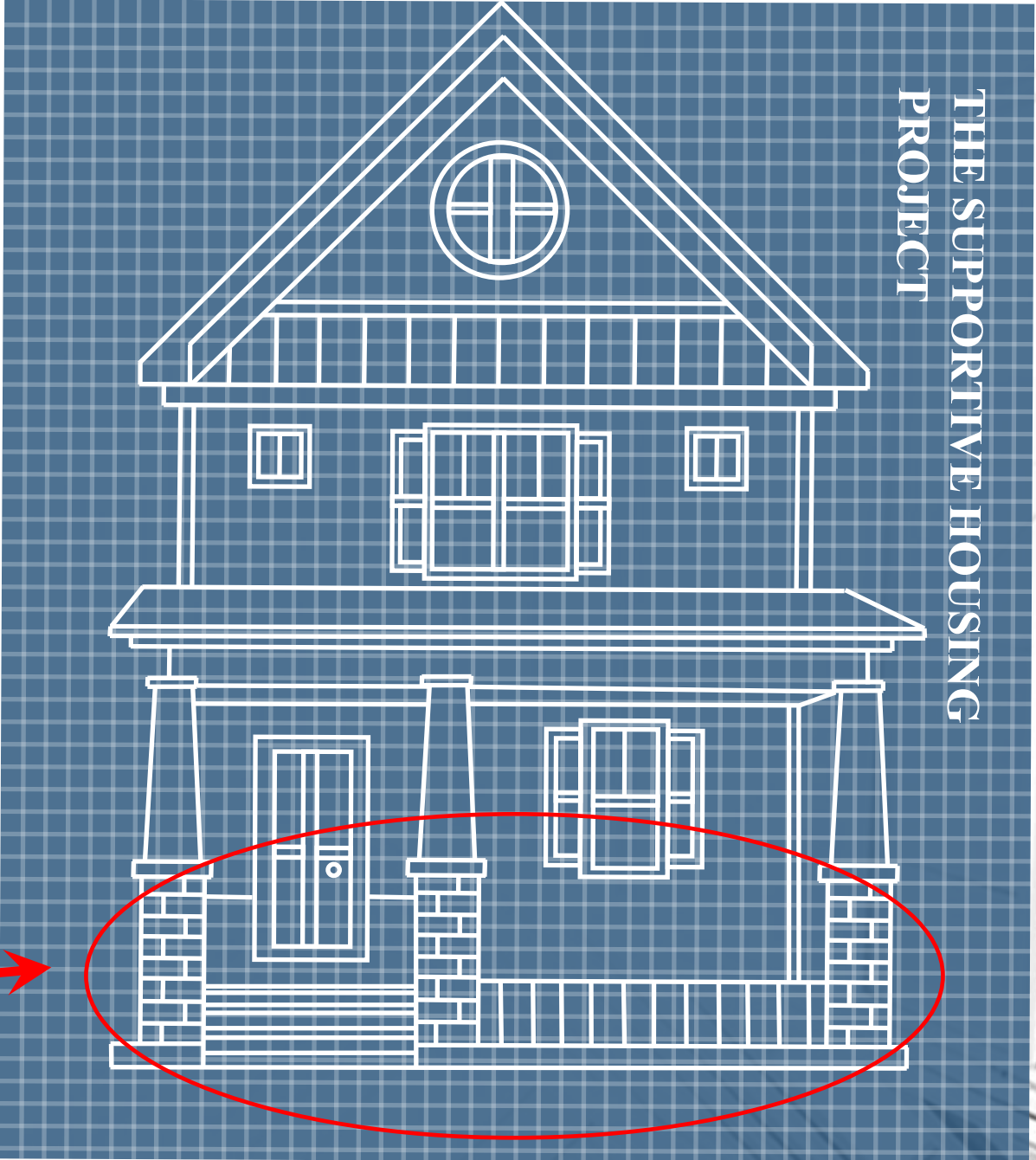
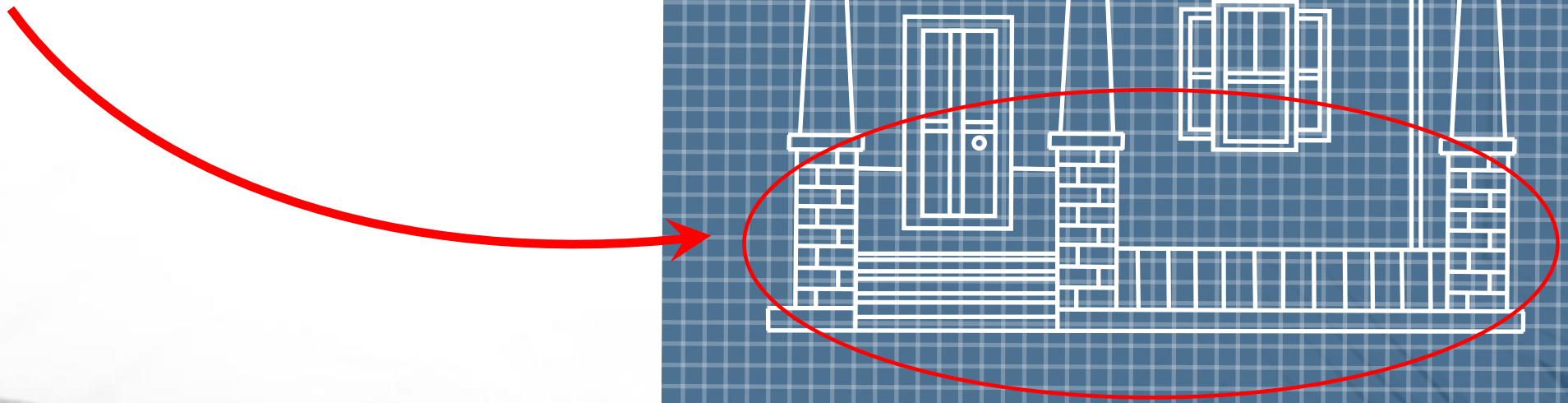
A Key Foundation for Safe and Thriving Communities

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THE SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
PROJECT



The foundation: The Hosts & Project Background



The Hosts



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The Peterborough Police

- Established 1850
- One officer- George H Johnston
- Currently there are 133 members and over 50 civilian staff
- Split into teams and operational divisions
- Participation in over 100 community based committees



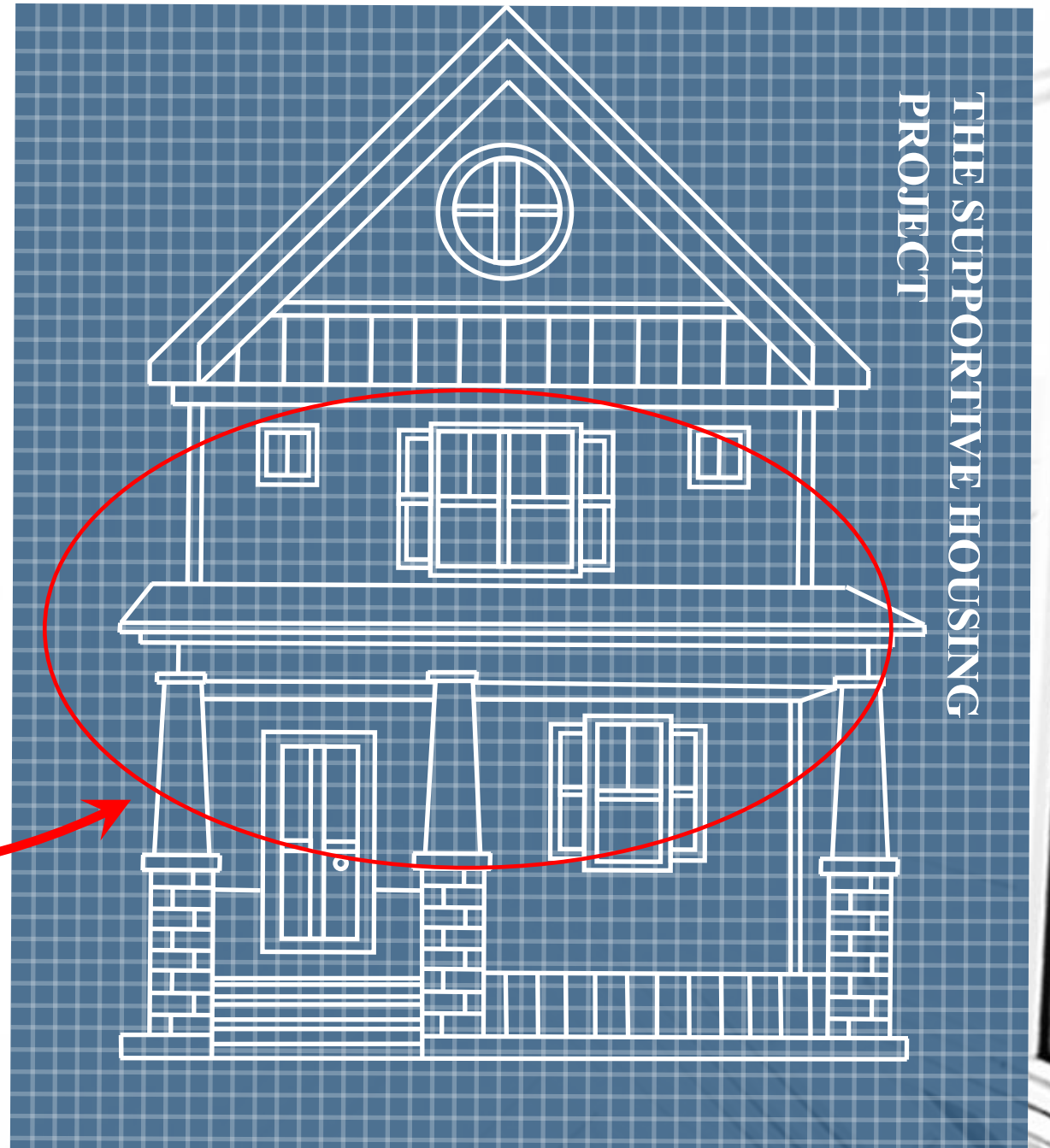
Project Background: The Purpose

- The relevance to policing
 - What the results of the study could show
 - How are the results going to affect the police
 - Why do the police want this study to be done
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- What is Supportive Housing?

Key Words

- Supportive Housing
- Homeless Shelter
- *Homelessness*
- *Mental Illness*
- *Unemployment*
- *Addictions*
- *Barriers*
- Housing First

The Structure: The Research Questions and Methods



The Questions

- Split into three subgroups
 - 1) Literature Review Questions
 - 2) Peterborough Focused Research
 - 3) External Community Research

1) Literature Review Questions

- 1) What constitutes a working definition of Supportive Housing?
- 2) What relevant reports currently exist on best practices in Supportive Housing?
- 3) What are the factors that seem most critical to the successful integration of Supportive Housing into communities? What are the best practices for community consultation and engagement in developing Supportive Housing?
- 4) Is there evidence that effective Supportive Housing reduces other costs be the calls for emergency services, hospital visits, police calls or long term care?

1) Literature Review Questions

- What is supportive housing?
- How does it work?
- Is there conversation with the community?
- Does it work?

2) Peterborough Focused Research

- 1) Who is involved in and providing Supportive Housing work in Peterborough? How are these organizations structured? How are these organizations funded?
- 2) What reports and information currently exists on the level of Supportive Housing need and service in Peterborough?
- 3) How/where is Peterborough Police currently involved?

2) Peterborough Focused Research

- Supportive Housing in Peterborough
 - Who is involved
- What is the Supportive Housing need
- The Peterborough Police Service

3) External Community Research

- 1) How does best practice in Supportive Housing elsewhere compare to Peterborough? What innovative approaches to Supportive Housing can be identified?
- 2) Have other communities implemented best practice guidelines on Supportive Housing? Can Peterborough learn from these guidelines?

3) External Community Research

- What Supportive Housing exists elsewhere?
- How does it work?
- Does it work?

Methods

1) Literature Review Research

- Websites
- Published Literature- peer reviewed articles and books
- Community Forums
- Reports

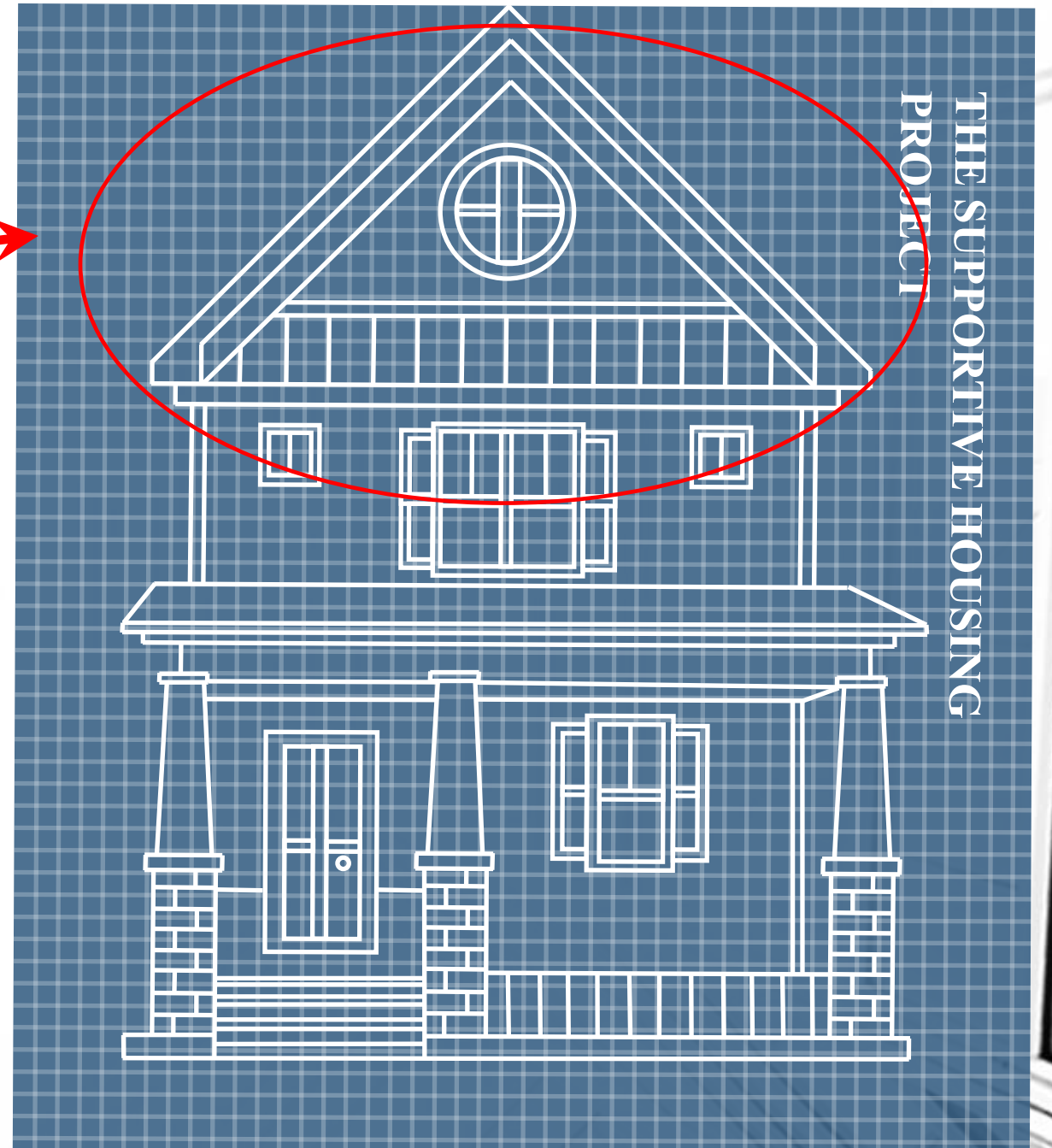
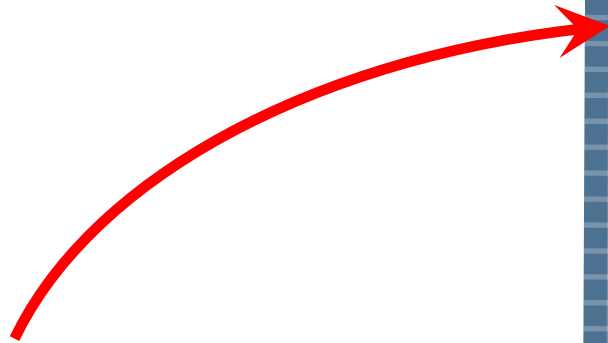
2) Public Survey

- 27 questions ranging from organization size to services
- Largely based on Group 2 Research Questions

3) Face to Face Interviews

- How does Supportive Housing aid communities
- Homelessness
- Peterborough Police

The Roof: Results and Conclusions



Results: Literature Review

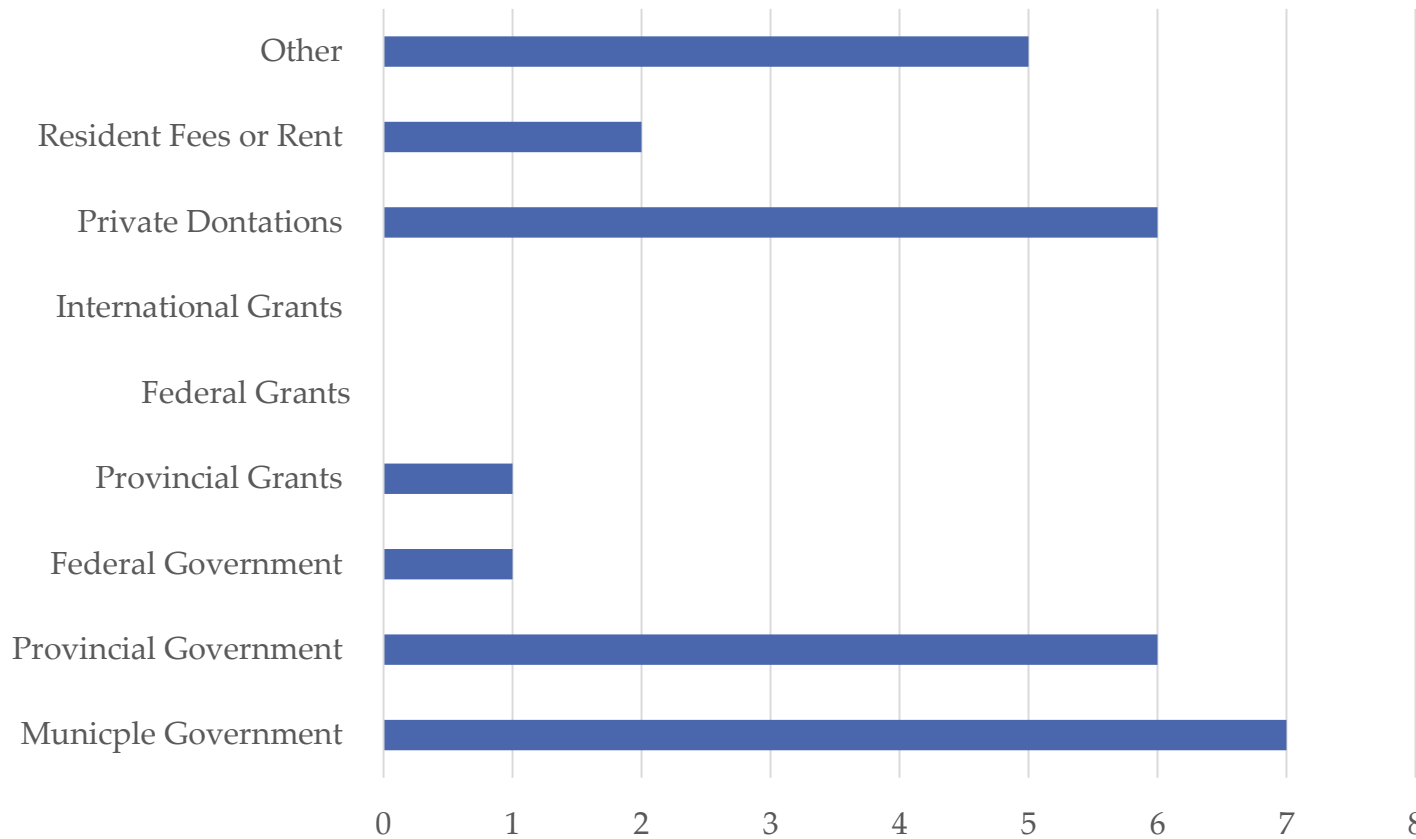
- What is Supportive Housing?
- Social assistance
- Range of temporal periods
- Range of Support types and services
- Large number of possible models
 - Emerging model: Housing First

Results: Peterborough Focused Research

- Who is involved in and providing Supportive Housing work in Peterborough? How are these organizations structured? How are these organizations funded?
 - Canadian Mental Health Association
 - Fleming College
 - Peterborough Health Coalition
 - New Canadians Centre Peterborough
 - CCRC- Housing Resource Centre
 - Christian Horizons
 - Brock Mission- Men's Shelter
 - Victorian Order of nurses
 - Affordable Housing Action Committee
 - KPP
 - Merriam and Associates
 - Peterborough Social Services
 - Four Counties Addictions Services

Results: Peterborough Focused Research

Supportive Housing Organizational Funding



Other

- Fundraising
- United Way
- Ministry of Community Social Services
- Assisted Living Services
- Private Businesses

Results: External Community Research

- Have other communities implemented best practice guidelines on Supportive Housing? Can Peterborough lean from these guidelines?
- Housing First
- Medicine Hat Alberta
- Housing First Ottawa
- Housing First Peterborough

Conclusions

- Is Supportive Housing Effective?
 - For the Community
 - For the Clients
- Are there good models that can be used?
- Is there evidence of cost reduction?
- Will this help the Peterborough Police?

Thank You



Questions?

