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The Housing Trust Fund grants will enable the contracted organizations to serve a total of 694 beds or individuals. The contracts will be for a period of one year, with options to renew. The Housing Commission established the Housing Trust Fund in 1991. To date, the agency has used the fund to invest over \$68 million in the local community, leading to the production of over 8,000 units and supporting an average of 480 transitional housing beds each year.

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