Using Flexible Funding to Prevent Homelessness of Domestic Violence Survivors

Research Study
55 unstably housed or homeless survivors who received “flexible funding” grants from the District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH) were interviewed 1-, 3-, and 6-months after receiving the funds.

Primary Factors in Flexible Funding:
- Funded by an innovative public-private partnership:
  - Public funds used for staff costs
  - Private funds used for grants to survivors
- Goals: assist survivors in achieving housing stability (avoid homelessness) and achieving safety
- Guiding Principles: Low-barrier, fast, no cap on amount, support for variety of needs

Six months after receiving funds:
- 94% housed
- 91% no further domestic violence
- 100% felt their lives were better off

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