Challenge
To address the needs of local low-income residents through a coordinated statewide funding program that results in stabilized housing and employment as delivered by various culturally-specific and population-specific community-based organizations.

Innovation
Analysis supported by Meyer Memorial Trust determined that systems alignment generated more occupational training completions, more access to career-track employment, higher income increases after participation, and better housing retention outcomes for customers served with aligned services. This approach grew community capacity to serve local low-income residents with proven one-on-one, relationship-based, career coaching to support access into high-demand, family-wage jobs.

Overview
In a broad partnership, resources were gathered to address low-income residents’ most pressing county-wide challenge: homelessness. The initiative links employment and housing services to funding that creates stability for the network of community-based organizations dedicated to helping customers access occupational training followed by increased likelihood of achieving both housing and employment security.