Hobart City Mission
Caring since 1852

The limits of emergency shelters and the need for systemic change

Ewan Higgs

Safe Space Program

Hobart City Mission
Caring since 1852

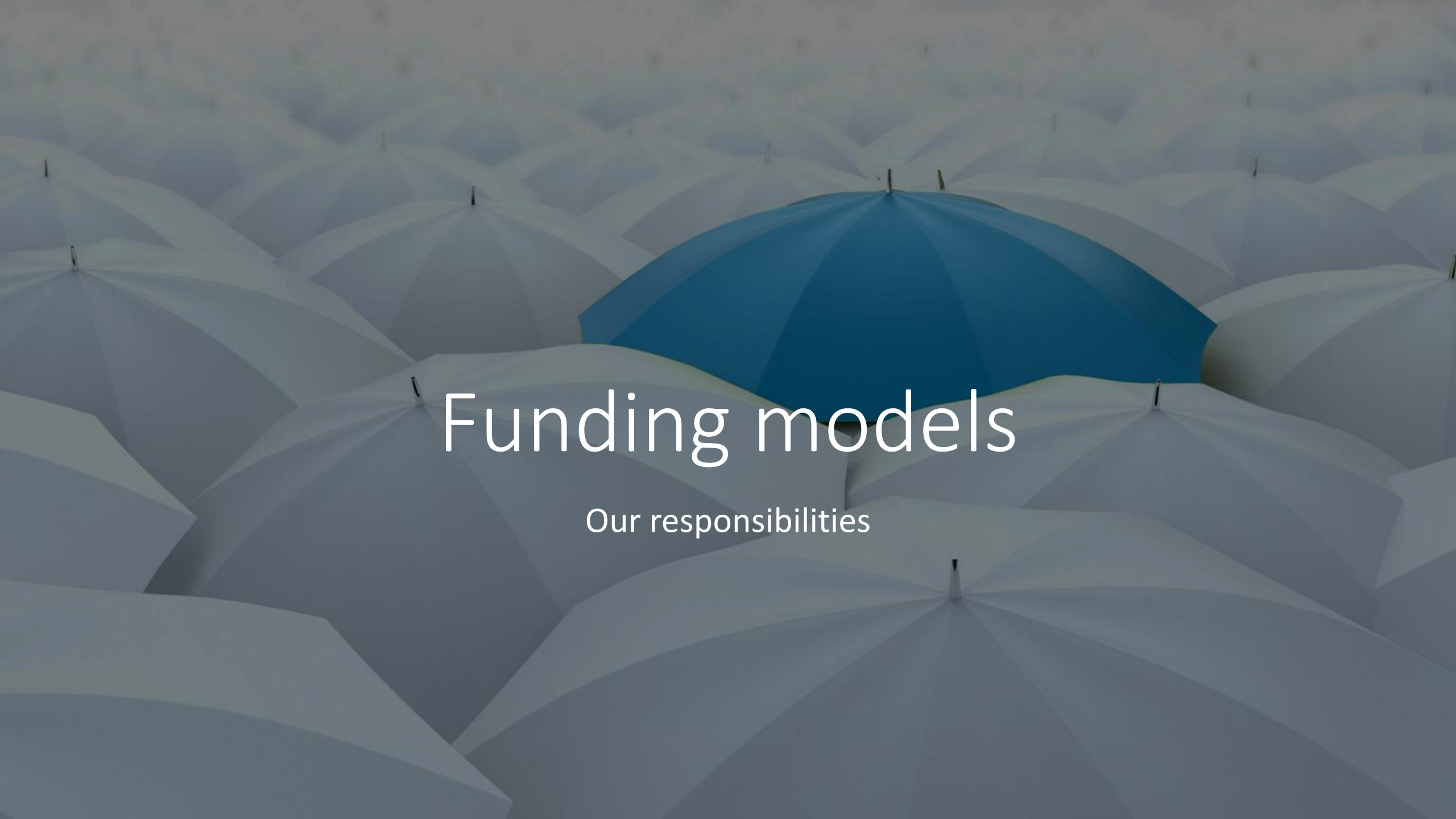
- Opened in 2019 – First rough sleeper shelter in Tasmania
- Designed around what we did not want to do – people have already lost too much dignity, choice and control.
- So what did we do -



Safe Space Program

Hobart City Mission
Caring since 1852

- Provided over 10,000 bed nights
- Developed sophisticated trauma informed and psychologically informed environments
- Created an effective service hub model connecting people to
  - Housing
  - Health
  - Mental Health
  - AOD supports



Funding models

Our responsibilities

Costs

- Crisis Accommodation – $235 per night
- Prison – $620 per night $172,000p.a.
- Hospital – $2,000 - $3000 per night
- Eviction – $10,000 plus
- Housed -



Change