


Homeless Response Strategies



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Homeless Response – Immediate Action Goals

- Align with Thurston County’s Five Year Strategic Homeless Housing Plan
- Move to a 24/7 shelter system
- Support the Providence Community Care Center
- Provide safe, legal, and supportive options for unsheltered individuals
- Increase capacity for caring for our most medically vulnerable individuals
- Create a safe community for everyone

2018 – Timely Priorities

1. Expand Community Youth Services to 24/7
2. Expand Salvation Army to 24/7 (Day Center)
3. Secure Storage Partnerships
4. Plum Street Village Site

Expanded Shelter System

CYS-Rosie's Place Shelter



Salvation Army Shelter



SA – Future Day Room



Secured Storage



Providence Community Care Center Support

- 24/7 Shelter expansion
 - All of the other prioritized interventions
- Street Strategies
 - Secure Storage
 - Continue working with partners on funding relocation of Interfaith Works and Respite Center at Martin Way
- Partnership with Olympia Police Department
 - Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design recommendations
 - Continuing to improve relationship between OPD and CCC staff

Plum Street Village Site



Martin Way Site



24/7 Shelter Beds

| | 2017 -18 | | 2018 -19 | | Increase | |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|----------|-------|----------|-------|
| | Day | Night | Day | Night | Day | Night |
| Interfaith | 0 | 42 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 18 |
| Salvation Army | 0 | 57 | 100 | 62+ | 100 | 5+ |
| CYS | 0 | 35 | 55 | 35 | 55 | 0 |
| Nursery | 0 | 0 | 40 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| Respite | 0 | 0 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Car Camping | 0 | 5 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 15 |
| UGM | 225-350 | 60 | 225-350 | 80 | 0 | 0 |
| FSC | 50 | 36 | 50 | 36 | 0 | 0 |
| Community Care Center | 75-200 | 0 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 350-600 | 235 | 627-752 | 325 | 237 | 90 |

Martin v. City of Boise

- As you may or may not be aware, last week the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals issued a decision in *Martin v. City of Boise*, which involved allegations that citations under Boise's Camping and Disorderly Conduct Ordinances violated the 8th Amendment's prohibition on cruel and unusual punishment.
- To sum it up, the Ninth Circuit panel (made up of three judges) held that the Cruel and Unusual Punishments Clause of the 8th Amendment precluded the enforcement of a statute prohibiting sleeping outside against homeless persons with no access to alternative shelter. The Court held that as long as there is no option of sleeping indoors, the government cannot criminalize indigent, homeless people for sleeping outdoors, on public property "... on the false premise they had a choice in the matter."
- Due to this decision, the City paused the planned clean-up of downtown encampments so that we could fully understand the implications of this decision as it relates to Olympia's ordinances. We are still working through this.
- Provides the City with an opportunity to work with our social service partners and community to proactively design a set of street strategies (secure storage, pressure washing, alternative sheltering, and enforcement).

Next Steps

- Homeless Response Plan
- Street Strategy
- Explore options for relocation of Interfaith Works
- Respite Center at Martin Way