

## Faith Community & City Tiny House Pilot Partnership

**Purpose:** To provide support services to enable faith communities and non-profits to establish and manage tiny house and transitional shelter facilities on public or private properties to house homeless people.

**Description:** The City of Olympia will provide funding and support for a one-year pilot program (2019) for one mid-size and two small sites. The non-profit and faith communities will host and manage these tiny house/shelter villages on their property with City-contracted support, as well as build and supply the tiny houses. The faith community may also contribute to group facilities for homeless people on public land managed by the City.

### Steps:

1. Form a Working Group with City staff, representatives of faith communities and individuals with expertise in establishing tiny house communities.
2. Identify faith community sites/hosts
3. Design a program for the City to contract with a non-profit organization to provide services for faith communities including:
  - a. Screening of potential candidates for tiny houses (*the City prefers Coordinated Entry be used; hosts may establish overlay criteria to fit their needs*)
  - b. Provision of portable sanitary facilities
  - c. Provisions for water and sewer services
  - d. Provision for removal of trash
  - e. Linkage to social service providers for aiding residents to deal with mental issues, find jobs and transition to better housing
  - f. Develop a sample contract format for residents to sign with the managing non-profit and the faith community (*the NGO must be willing to sign a non-discrimination agreement*)
4. With support of City resources, use best practices to engage with surrounding neighborhoods.

## Three Types of Partnerships

### Small Size Sites

- Small number (1-6) of houses/huts on church properties
- City will provide support for two small sites\*
- To incentivize this, faith partners are asking the City to modify its emergency (homeless) housing ordinance to simplify the permitting process or make no permit required for 6 or fewer units

### Mid-Size Sites

- Approximately 10-20 houses/huts on non-profit or faith community properties
- City will provide support for one mid-size site\*
- Some communal facilities (showers, cooking and sanitation - maybe others)
- Association of faith communities to manage and support
- To incentivize this, faith partners are asking the City to modify its emergency (homeless) housing ordinance to simplify its permitting process

### Faith community contribution of Tiny Houses to Government Sites

- Faith community contracts with a governmental entity to operate tiny houses/huts on government owned properties
- Faith communities contribute or fund tiny houses/huts to supplement facilities on government sites
- Government host has some communal facilities on site and services such as showers, laundry, cooking, meeting place for clinic and wrap-around services, trash removal

\* The City has committed funding in 2019 for portable toilets, hand washing stations, water and sewer services, trash removal, fencing to meet screening requirements if needed, and a contract for services with a non-profit to help manage all three sites.

## Estimated Costs for Pilot Project

\* For budgeting purposes only. Line items subject to change. The City has pledged up to \$100,000 in 2019 to support the Pilot Project.

| <b>City &amp; Faith Community Pilot Project Partnership for Emergency Housing Facilities<br/>Estimated Cost - 2019</b> |              |                 |   |
|--|--------------|-----------------|---|
| City Contribution  | Monthly Cost | Annual Cost     | Note  |
| <b>Small Site #1 (Up to 6 units)</b>   |              |                 |   |
| Portable Toilets   | \$200        | \$2,400         | <i>1 ADA stall, maintenance 1/wk</i>  |
| Portable Handwashing Stations  | \$150        | \$1,800         | <i>1 station</i>  |
| Water Service  | \$35         | \$420           | <i>Difficult to separate billing from primary use</i>   |
| Sewer Service  | \$22         | \$264           | <i>Difficult to separate billing from primary use</i>   |
| Trash Service  | \$61         | \$732           | <i>95 gallon 1/wk</i>   |
| Fencing  |              | \$7,500         | <i>May be needed as screening required</i>  |
| <b>Small Site #2 (up to 6 units)</b>   |              |                 |   |
| Portable Toilets   | \$200        | \$2,400         | <i>1 ADA stall, maintenance 1/wk</i>  |
| Portable Handwashing Stations  | \$150        | \$1,800         | <i>1 station</i>  |
| Water Service  | \$35         | \$420           | <i>Difficult to separate billing from primary use</i>   |
| Sewer Service  | \$22         | \$264           | <i>Difficult to separate billing from primary use</i>   |
| Trash Service  | \$61         | \$732           | <i>95 gallon 1/wk</i>   |
| Fencing  |              | \$7,500         | <i>May be needed as screening required</i>  |
| <b>Mid-Size Site (10-20 units)</b>   |              |                 |   |
| Portable Toilets   | \$320        | \$3,840         | <i>1 ADA + 1 standard stall, maintenance 1/wk</i>   |
| Portable Handwashing Stations  | \$300        | \$3,600         | <i>2 stations</i>   |
| Water Service  | \$35         | \$420           | <i>Difficult to separate billing from primary use</i>   |
| Sewer Service  | \$22         | \$264           | <i>Difficult to separate billing from primary use</i>   |
| Trash & Recycling Service  | \$157        | \$1,884         | <i>1.5 yard dumpster picked up 1/wk</i>   |
| Fencing  |              | \$12,000        | <i>May be needed as screening required</i>  |
| <b>Contract with NGO</b>   |              | \$25,000        | <i>Based on Eugene cost. Screening of potential candidates, link to service providers, assist with management</i> |
| <b>Contingency</b>   |              | \$25,000        |   |
| <b>TOTAL ESTIMATED ANNUAL COST</b>   |              | <b>\$98,240</b> |   |