



Summary of Mobile Hygiene Infrastructure Program Operating Plan and Budget - October 29, 2019

Build a Bus Home (BABH) has initiated a Mobile Hygiene Infrastructure Program (MHIP) to deliver hygiene services to our unsheltered and homeless neighbors in Thurston County. We will serve encampments, mitigation sites and tiny home villages at locations selected in coordination with the City of Olympia and other funding partners throughout the County.

Providing these services may help to:

- enhance quality of life, health and self-esteem of these individuals
- reduce demands on public and private services.
- improve health, job, income, housing and service outcomes.
- increase the level and number of social contacts of the residents, and their upward mobility

The MHIP is a start-up program, run initially by volunteers, that is being phased in over time as equipment and funding sources are acquired. In the first phase it will consist of a shower trailer and supporting equipment accompanied by field operations staff with well-thought out procedures developed by people with knowledge and experience of working with homeless clients.

The **immediate-term plan** is to demonstrate the proof of concept by testing the deployment of the shower trailer and the operating procedures in at least two locations under controlled conditions. We will assess the interest and effectiveness of a mobile shower service for guests that are homeless or in transitional tiny houses with little to no hygiene services. We are growing our volunteer base and expanding our relationships with strategic partners.

This immediate phase (November-December 2019) will cost approximately \$25,000, of which half will be supplied by private businesses and individual donations. ¹ We are requesting \$25,000 from the City of Olympia to cover:

1. Fuel (diesel and propane)
2. Hygiene supplies: liquid soaps, towels, and cleaning
3. Insurance and permit fees
4. Vehicle maintenance and supplies

This proof of concept will be video recorded and used both as a learning tool and for future fundraising campaigns.

The **short-medium term plan** (2020) will start up scheduled operations in conjunction with our funding partners and add laundry and toilet services, with the scope and frequency of operations determined by the level of funding. We will continue creating agreements with our key strategic partners and expanding our volunteer program. Our field procedures will be continually updated and improved as we learn what works best in actual life experience.

¹ We have also received a permit from LOTT, and blessed with free grey water dumping.

We will move from an all-volunteer staff to a few contracted key staff who are also volunteers. This operations model will need to be tested and converted to a more formal operation as experience dictates.

The anticipated MHIP budget for 2020 will be in the range of \$150,000-\$250,000 depending on the number of days of service provided and the costs to be covered. This budget range reflects opportunities to reduce costs through in-kind donations of fuel, spare parts, food for volunteers, propane and possibly discounted contract maintenance services.

We are requesting \$50,000 from the City of Olympia for 2019 deployment of Hygiene Program

(to complement funding from other jurisdictions and funding sources to cover:

1. Fuel (diesel and propane)
2. Paper towels, disposable bath towels
3. Insurance, registrations and permit fees
4. Vehicle supplies
5. Volunteer support costs
6. Water supply costs (where applicable)

We are also working with several business and individual donors to contribute significantly to our funding needs.

More detail is available in the MHIP Operating Plan document which has been supplied to City staff. More description of our plans and aspirations is available from a recent Thurston Talk article which can be found at <https://www.thurstontalk.com/2019/09/29/shower-power-mobile-hygiene-infrastructure-program-with-build-a-bus-home/>



