

Homeless Response Coordinator

Responsibilities:

- **One Community Plan** – Implementation of the City’s One Community: Healthy, Safe and Housed plan
- **Coordination of Homeless COVID-19 Response** – Coordinate with Thurston County Department of Health to ensure shelters, unsanctioned encampments, homeless response programs and other services are all implementing Department of Health guidelines
- **Day or Warming Center** – Lead role in the development of a partnership to locate a site or sites, develop a funding and operational plan, and monitor ongoing operations of a day center or seasonal warming center
- **Hazardous Weather Taskforce** – Participate on behalf of the City in a regional homeless hazardous weather response effort and lead the City’s part in implementation
- **Regional Coordination** – Monitor and assist regional policy development and resource allocation bodies such as the Community Investment Partnership, Health and Human Services Commission, Housing Action Team, Outreach League, Homeless Housing Hub and other regional entities focused on homeless response and COVID-19 response
- **Outreach** – Advise Code Enforcement and Police staff in how to effectively perform outreach to campers on private property and maintain an active understanding of homeless encampment numbers, populations and distribution
- **Organization Support and Development** – Help to solicit and build the capacity of local and regional non-profit groups to partner with to manage homeless services and facilities
- **Data Collection** – Support ongoing data collection efforts to understand the needs of homeless including supporting Thurston County’s Annual Point in Time Census
- **Communicate** – Respond to inquiries about the homeless response in Olympia
- **Business Support** – Coordinate with local businesses to understand and respond to their concerns regarding the impacts of homelessness
- **Best Practices** – Understand best practices from a regional and national perspective in responding to homelessness. Coordinate with social service providers, other cities, etc to implement best practice shelter and housing
- **Ordinance and Policy Reform** – Work with other governments and area faith organizations to facilitate their participation in responding to homelessness including developing and supporting changes to programs and policies related to homelessness and COVID-19 response