

Faith Community & City Tiny House Pilot Partnership

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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.

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

