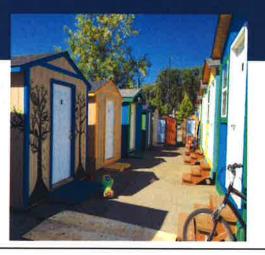


# Homeless Response Strategies



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## Homeless Response – Immediate Action Goals

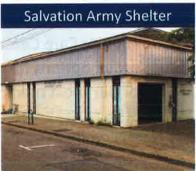
- Align with Thurston County's Five Year Strategic Homeless Housing Plan
- Move to a 24/7 shelter system
- Support the Providence Community Care Center
- Provide safe, legal, and supportive options for unsheltered individuals
- Increase capacity for caring for our most medically vulnerable individuals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







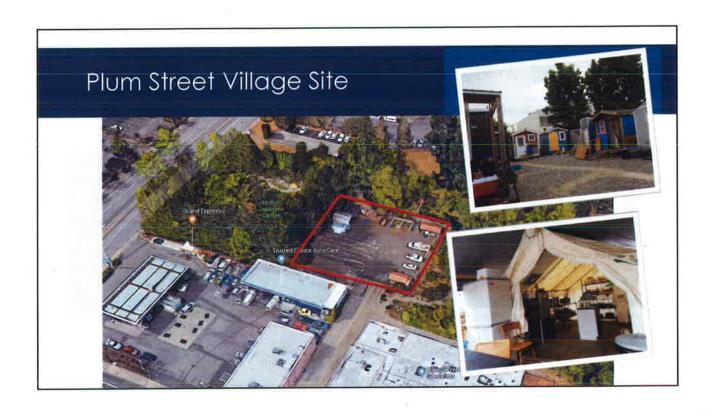
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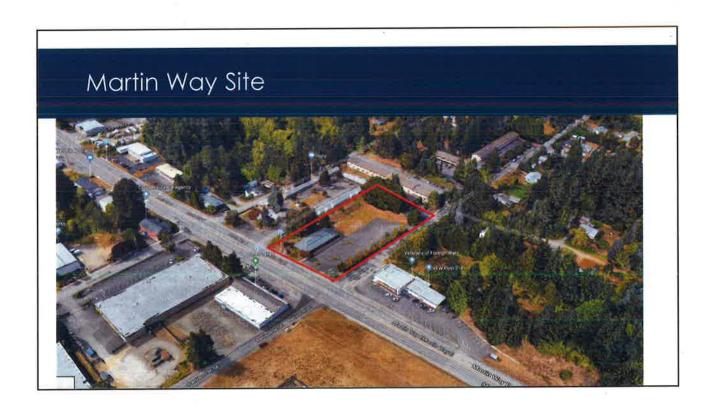




### Providence Community Care Center Support

- 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





#### 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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