

HOMELESS ACTIVITIES

CITY OF NORMAN EMERGENCY SHELTER

A 30-day notice to vacate was received on May 31 from the property owner cancelling the lease due to the cancellation of the property insurance. The lease was executed in November 2020 for a one-year period. At the time of renewal, the City of Norman was pursuing a change to a different location and the lease converted to month-to month status.

The last night of operations for the City of Norman operated Emergency Shelter was June 26/27. The shelter had operated continuously since December 4, 2020 with an average nightly attendance of 25. Two Emergency Shelter Grants funded the shelter. The contract for the second grant went thru August 31, 2022, closure of the shelter was scheduled for that August date.

The Emergency Solutions Grant has been closed out and ODOC is in the process of reallocating the \$89,000 remaining to other Norman entities for their use.

RFP-2122-53

Two proposals for RFP-2122-53 (operation of an Emergency Shelter) were received. Salvation Army proposed changing to a low-barrier shelter for up to 20 women and children and Food and Shelter proposed the operation of a low barrier shelter at a location separate from their facility on Reed for up to 50 men. Interviews were held with both agencies regarding their proposals on July 26, 2022. The status of these proposals are still being evaluated.

CONTINUUM OF CARE COLLABORATIVE APPLICANT

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has completed the transfer of the Collaborative Applicant for OK504 CoC from the City of Norman to Thunderbird Clubhouse. Thunderbird Clubhouse will facilitate the CoC through the 2022 NOFO process which began last week and is due September 30, 2022.

CREST ENCAMPMENT

Private contractors began the clearing and grading of the UNP parcel immediately north of Crest in July. On June 20, the City was informed by the contractor that construction would begin and that there was evidence of an encampment. Regular scheduled outreach had occurred at this site for several years by both the Veterans Administration and Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health, in addition to other entities performing outreach on occasion. All recent reports indicated that there was one full-time resident. The outreach teams stated that the one resident was permanent but three or four other individuals would come and go to the site. The site appeared much larger due to the amount of trash that is present. Announcements were made during the Coordinated Case Management Conferences on three different occasions to inform case managers that this clearing was beginning. The last outreach was conducted on Monday prior to the commencement of work on Wednesday.