SWEET HOME COMMUNITY

ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

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By collaboratively working with the City of Sweet Home, we will build an assisted client-centered homeless program that addresses homelessness and creates a path to safe, affordable housing and services for people who experience homelessness.

What?

> Develop and build a low barrier Sleep Center to address homelessness in Sweet Home

Why?

- > Homelessness is a growing problem within our community
- ➤ It is required by the law Martin vs. Boise "Right to Rest"
- There are no Low Barrier sleeping accommodations in Linn County, east Linn County does not have any shelters







COMMUNITY GOALS & KEY STRATEGIES

Goal I

Provide health equity through innovative low barrier Housing Crisis Intervention and Advocacy for the homeless and those at risk

Activities and Expected Outcomes:

- 1. Sleep center that is safe, secure and stable
- 2. A housing first model with services that focus on helping people find stability as quickly as possible.
- 3. Permanent connections to our continuum of care partners
- 4. Education & Employment
- 5. Social and emotional well being



COMMUNITY GOALS & KEY STRATEGIES

Goal 2

Create pathways from low barrier sleep center housing to permanent housing through coordinated partner plans and individualized client management

Activities & Expected Outcomes:

- I. Setup a process pathway from Sleep Center to transitional housing to permanent housing solutions
- 2. Health respite solutions
- 3. Create a program that addresses physical and mental health needs, facilitates goal-setting, life skills development and networking with services to support self-sufficiency

COMMUNITY GOALS & KEY STRATEGIES

Goal 3

Provide a continuum of care through new techniques and technologies to provide coordinated care and individualized client management.

Activities & Expected Outcomes:

- I. Client management system would be able to track the most elusive of clients
- 2. Health and Health Care Providing linkages to Lebanon Community Hospital, Linn County Health Services (Mental Health, Alcohol/Drug, etc.)
- 3. Economic Stability Coordinated care that reduces financial impact on City services, medical/legal systems and social services
- 4. Social and Community Context Advocacy and Community building for homeless and unstably housed







Proposed Location: Linn County mill property next to Sweet Home Public Works

- Managed "low barrier" environment with 24-hour oversight
- Individualized shelters for "Sleep Center"
- RV/Car parking spots for Nightly "Emergencies"
- Tent spots for nightly "Emergencies" overflow or "timeout" alternatives.
- > Restrooms / Shower / Laundry options
- Mailing address
- Transportation access
- Near community services
- Away from schools

Sweet Home - FAC Homeless Facility



Not to Scale

INNOVATIVE

This pilot program is innovative because it is the only one of its kind in the East Linn County area. The Sleep Center will be modeled after the Walla Walla, Washington site and will operate by the guidelines adopted by the City of Sweet Home and its leadership (see Sweet Home Operating Guidelines).

Will provide emergency housing and programs that facilitate actions from low barrier emergency housing to transitional housing and eventually permanent housing.





Family Assistance and Resource Center Group

Our mission is to establish *TRUST* and inspire *HOPE* by providing access to resources, services, and education to those who are experiencing homelessness and housing instability.

Shirley Byrd, Executive Director

QUESTIONS: BROCK BYERS



BIGGEST QUESTION OF THE NIGHT:

Will the Sweet Home City Council support this program and direct the City Manager to negotiate an agreement with the Linn County for the use of the "Knife Property" for the development and operation of the proposed sleep center?