



Homelessness Action Update: Lane County & Eugene

IMPLEMENTING A PLAN TO REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN EUGENE & LANE COUNTY

Homelessness directly impacts the people experiencing it and the communities that are working to positively address the challenge. The City of Eugene and Lane County governments are working collectively to create systematic change and reduce homelessness through programmatic interventions and increased investment in shelter and housing.

HOMELESS SYSTEM AND SHELTER FEASIBILITY

In March 2018, Lane County and City of Eugene contracted with the Technical Assistance Collaborative (TAC) to conduct a Public Shelter Feasibility Study and Homeless Service System analysis. The TAC's work provided information about our system-wide needs and gaps as well as recommendations about actions and investments that will fill those gaps and make our system more effective at providing pathways out of homelessness. The Lane County Board of Commissioners and Eugene City Council each endorsed the TAC Report and recommendations and agreed to support implementation in May of 2019.

IMPLEMENTATION UPDATES

The City and County are working to addressing homelessness throughout our communities to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring.

LOW BARRIER, 75-BED EMERGENCY SHELTER

The shelter will provide 75 low barrier beds and a navigation center that connects people to additional services and housing.

The City and County siting team has formed and is evaluating possible sites for the shelter.

In the interim, the City and County partnered to increase capacity of the Dawn to Dawn shelter which will serve over 250 people per night through April.

The Dusk to Dawn program is operated by St. Vincent de Paul (SVDP) and funded by the City and County to provide people experiencing homelessness with a place to safely sleep and keep their belongings at night.

Technical Assistance Collaborative Recommendations

HOMELESS SERVICE SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS	
<p>1</p>  <p>EXPAND AND COORDINATE STREET OUTREACH</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>EXPAND DIVERSION & RAPID EXIT STRATEGIES</p>
<p>3</p>  <p>EXPAND AND COORDINATE RAPID REHOUSING</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>350 UNITS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING</p>
<p>5</p>  <p>MOVE-ON STRATEGIES</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>TENANCY SUPPORTS</p>
<p>7</p>  <p>COORDINATED ENTRY CHANGES</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>LANDLORD PARTNERSHIPS</p>
<p>9</p>  <p>BEST PRACTICE TRAINING</p>	<p>10</p>  <p>75 BED EMERGENCY SHELTER</p>



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PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

City and County are partners in supporting 51 new units of permanent supportive housing as part of the MLK Commons project which breaks ground on Nov 14. This housing will be available to some of the hardest to serve – those who experience chronic homelessness.

MOBILE STREET OUTREACH TEAM

City staff have actively engaged people with lived experience and community partners to inform program services and structure. The service is slated to launch in Spring 2020.

PILOT LANDLORD ENGAGEMENT PROGRAM

Lane County and City of Eugene staff are meeting with Homes for Good to explore a process for use of one-time funding to create a pilot incentive program for landlords who will make their properties available to people experiencing homelessness.

JOINT HOUSING AND SHELTER STRATEGIST

The City and County partnered to hire a Joint Housing and Shelter Strategist, a catalytic leader who will bring together teams from the City and County to achieve results. This position will be in charge of implementing two essential recommendations from the TAC report: the creation of 350 units of permanent supportive housing and the siting and development of a 75-bed low barrier shelter and navigation center.

EUGENE SERVICE STATION HOURS STABILIZATION

After learning that a funding shortfall would lead to reduced hours at the Eugene Service Center, the City and County began working with SVDP to address that gap. The agencies have agreed to jointly fund \$91,000 to ensure that the site can remain open during its current business hours serving those in need.

OVERALL SYSTEM OF SERVICES AND HOUSING

Move On Strategies – beginning in September 2019, this partnership with Homes for Good helps people stabilize and transition into longer term housing.

Coordinated Entry - allows service agencies to provide efficient, effective services that match the need of people experiencing homelessness.