


THE EMERGENCY OF BEING HOMELESS DOES OCCUR IN PEOPLE'S LIVES... ...but it should be rare, brief, and one-time

Over 1200 homeless persons served in shelters last year on the Eastside



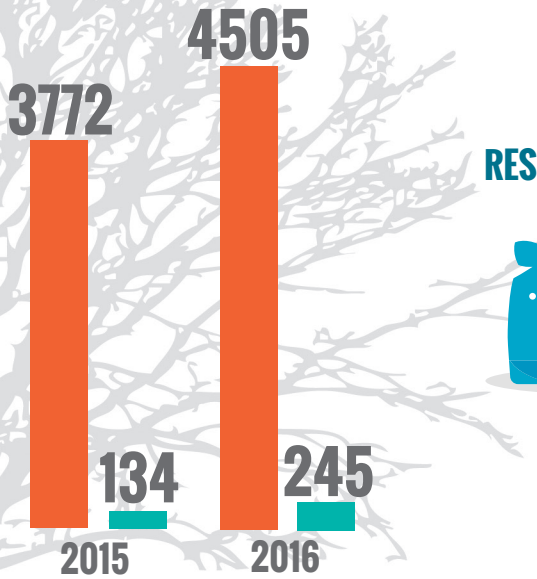
SCHOOL CHILDREN
252 Bellevue School District 2015-2016

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ENCAMPMENTS (Permitted in Bellevue)
Average of 90 individuals with Tent City 4

10

ENCAMPMENTS (Unpermitted in Bellevue)
Separate locations estimate nightly, changes with weather



VEHICLE RESIDENCES



50
Separate vehicles counted by Bellevue Police-June 2016

30
Separate vehicles counted by Bellevue Police-October 2015

ONE NIGHT COUNT UNSHELTERED

Bellevue City Council's Two Year Priority (2016-17)
Work with regional partners, establishing an eastside permanent homeless shelter to be ready for the winter of 2018/2019.

Provide a range of affordable housing options and support efforts to move homeless persons and families to long-term financial independence.

409 homeless served

Year Round Shelters
(men, women, families, young adults-2015)

76 Men (Eastside rotation, 11-12 churches in Bellevue)
69 Women (Bellevue)
264 Young adults (Redmond)

844 homeless served

Winter Shelters
(men, women & families) November-May
150-200 per night average, men in Bellevue, women and families between Bellevue and Redmond.

Men's Shelter (2015-16)
Unduplicated clients-571 (309 Bellevue residents)

Women's Shelter (2015-16)
Unduplicated clients-86

Families Shelter (2015-16)
Unduplicated clients-78 (109 children)

Eastside Men's Shelter and Supportive Housing is a partnership between City of Bellevue, King County, Public Health - Seattle & King County, Congregations for The Homeless and Imagine Housing. For more information see FAQ documents at <http://bellevuewa.gov/eastside-mens-shelter.htm>



EASTSIDE MEN'S SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Stakeholders briefings available now

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The "One Night Count" of the Homeless in January 2016, found nearly 4,500 people in King County living outside without shelter. On the Eastside in selected urban areas, there were 245 found unsheltered. Homelessness is here and an Eastside Men's Shelter is a critical need. The Eastside Men's Shelter will provide emergency overnight shelter for men to receive a hot meal and safety from the cold elements. The trained staff of Congregations for the Homeless and Public Health — Seattle & King County will also help connect the homeless to necessary services and resources, to help them transition out of homelessness.

The partnership will include a permanent men's shelter (capacity of serving 100 men a night), with additional supportive housing units, a drop-in day center, accommodating public health services, as well as office space for social service providers. Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) will be the primary operator of the shelter. Imagine Housing will be the developer and operator of the supportive housing. The goal is to have the Eastside Men's Shelter operational by winter 2019.

We want to hear from you. Now is the time to share your thoughts, concerns and ideas on the Eastside Men's Shelter and Supportive Housing. In the coming months, we will be meeting with surrounding businesses, neighbors, and interested parties to identify concerns and potential solutions to inform the best possible outcomes for the neighborhood and the Eastside.

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There will be multiple ways to stay engaged and participate:

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Frequently Asked Questions – Site Location

1. What is going on?

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A Joint Letter of Agreement authorizes the City and King County to take all reasonable steps, within a 6 month period (beginning August 2016), to negotiate an agreement for the use of the property by the City and/or its partners for the purposes of developing and operating a men's shelter, homeless housing and potentially supportive and public health services.

2. What is King County's role in this partnership? What is the role of the City of Bellevue?

The Eastside Men's Shelter and Supportive Housing would be located on property owned by King County. The City, along with the development partners will lead the efforts to undertake community outreach to the immediate and broader community.

3. What else is included? Who else is involved?

With the objective of helping men transition out of homelessness, the partnership will include a permanent men's shelter with additional supportive housing units, a drop-in day center, public health services and office space for social service providers. Public Health — Seattle & King

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County, will provide public health services for the men through the Eastgate Public Health Center. Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) will be the primary operator of the shelter. Imagine Housing will be the developer and operator of the supportive housing.

4. Bellevue has a temporary shelter each winter – isn't that sufficient? Why is a permanent Eastside Men's Shelter necessary?

The Eastside Winter Shelter does not have a permanent location and has needed to change location over the years. In 2015-16, the Eastside Winter Shelter was located on property owned by Sound Transit. This building is scheduled for demolition. Temporary shelters are often located in less preferred locations that may have limited transit, in or near residential neighborhoods, and with facilities that are not optimally set up for shelter operations. A permanent men's homeless shelter on the Eastside can be located to best serve those in need, ensure ease of access, coordinate social services and minimize the impacts the shelter has on the surrounding community.

5. Why here?

Every location has challenges. However, the partnership with King County and the City of Bellevue provides a unique opportunity to align services, meet community needs and minimize the impacts to the surrounding community. Several factors were taken into consideration to find an optimal location for the Eastside Men's Shelter, including:

- Avoid single family residential areas.
- Location near transit center and/or accessible bus lines.

- Proximity to human services and medical care.
- Adequate street lighting and sidewalks.

6. When will the shelter be operational and who will operate it?

The goal is to have the Eastside Men's Shelter operational by winter 2019. The shelter will be open to single homeless men age 18 and older and house up to 100 men per night, who will be supervised at all times. Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) will manage the shelter and day center. CFH has been successfully operating men's homeless programs on the Eastside since 1993 and builds relationships with the community as well as with everyone who comes into the shelter. CFH has a high success rate of helping men transition out of homelessness.

7. How can I get involved?

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Frequently Asked Questions – Permanent Shelter – Daily Operations

1. Who will this Shelter/Day Center serve?

This shelter will be open to single homeless men who are 18 years and older. The goal is for the Shelter to begin operations Winter of 2019.

2. What is the goal of the Shelter/Day Center?

The Shelter/Day Center provides the only place on the Eastside for men to access showers, laundry, computers, case management, clothing, bus tickets, supportive services and hygiene products during the day. This provides a prime opportunity to build relationships with the most chronic of the homeless and reconnect them to society. It creates an environment that allows the newly homeless to quickly rebound back into stability and independence.

3. Who operates the Shelter/Day Center?

Congregations for the Homeless (CFH) will manage the Shelter/Day Center. CFH has been successfully operating men's homeless programs on the Eastside since 1993. They successfully provide a very safe atmosphere for the clients, staff, volunteers and surrounding community.

4. How will the Shelter/Day Center be funded?

CFH will receive funding from many Eastside cities, King County, Washington State, United Way, private foundations, corporations, congregations, and many individuals.

5. What are the operating hours of the Shelter/Day Center?

The evening Shelter would be open 5pm-8am, and the Day Center would operate 8am-5pm. This facility would provide 24/7 access for our clients.

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6. Won't this Day Center just bring more homeless to the Eastside?

A vast majority of people experiencing homelessness are connected to specific geographical communities just like those who are housed. People experiencing homelessness often have a daily routine and a community of support in a particular location. They prefer to stay in that geographical area. A majority of the clients that CFH serves have become homeless while living on the Eastside and continue to have substantial connections to the Eastside. The Eastside has many hundreds of people experiencing homelessness who are camping, couch surfing, sleeping on the streets, or living out of their car who will utilize the Shelter/Day Center.

7. Will the addition of the Shelter/Day Shelter bring more litter and loitering issues to the area?

CFH staff will be make sure that staff, clients, and volunteers monitor both inside and outside for cleanliness and loitering. Clients will not be permitted to loiter in the neighborhood. Bus tickets will help to ensure clients have the means to travel to and from the Shelter/Day Center location. In addition, CFH will build solid relationships with the neighbors to address any issues of clients who may need to be reminded of community interaction guidelines. CFH has a very strong relationship with the Bellevue Police Department and other emergency services in order to address any of the communities' needs and concerns.

8. What services will the Shelter/Day Center provide?

The Shelter/Day center will provide a place for men experiencing homelessness to find a safe, empowering community to rest, rejuvenate, and start the process towards recovery and a transition out of homelessness. The Shelter/Day Center will offer breakfast, lunch, dinner, showers, laundry, hygiene items, bus tickets, clothing, and computer access. One-on-one and

group support by trained case management professionals and qualified volunteers will be offered for addiction, mental health, life skills, employment needs, etc.

9. Will the Shelter enforce a code of conduct for clients?

Through offering an accepting, respectful, empowering environment a vast majority of clients proactively work to respect the Shelter/Day center and surrounding neighborhood. Those who exhibit aggressive behaviors are not allowed into the Shelter/Day Center at any time. In addition, the police are contacted when deemed necessary. CFH has a policy to never release emotionally, medically, or behaviorally fragile individuals into the community around the Shelter/Day center location. CFH always deals with the issues that arise on-site and calls emergencies services as needed.

10. What oversight will there be at the Shelter/Day Center?

The clients at the Shelter/Day Center will be supervised at all times. Every client will be signed in and accounted for. The Shelter/Day Center will be staffed with a manager and site staff at all times. The Shelter Director, case managers, and trained volunteers will be supporting day-to-day operations.

11. Are volunteers welcome to be a part of the Shelter/Day Center?

Volunteers are encouraged to provide support for the running of the Shelter/Day Center and to contribute to the movement towards stability of the clients accessing the center

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