

“Safe Camping” Commitments



(1) To create a safe, clean, self-governed community environment for economically distressed residents of the State of Oregon, through establishment of an open-air place where people living on the streets can have their basic needs met in a stable, sanitary environment, until they are able to access another form of housing more in keeping with said resident’s personal goals and aspirations.

(2) To promote community wide interest and concern for homeless and other economically distressed residents of the State of Oregon, to the end that: (a) their quality of life may be improved, (b) their educational and economic opportunities may be improved, (c) sickness, poverty and crime may be lessened, (d) all constitutional and human rights of all people are respected and protected, (e) mutual interdependence of all people may be recognized, and (f) the mutual aid among, by and for poor people may be facilitated.

(3) To provide basic living facilities for otherwise homeless individuals, using temporary and/or semi-permanent structures, and to engage in alternative, sustainable, earth-friendly housing development and production and related activities in order to improve the living conditions and economic well-being of said individuals.

(4) To create a social environment of non-violence, self-determination and cooperation that encourages economically distressed residents to pursue their life goals and aspirations, especially with regard to adequate housing and employment, with a sense of self-respect and dignity.

(5) To provide community-based living facilities and related peer-based support services to said residents to assist them in the pursuit and actualization of their life goals and aspirations with regard to housing and work, and to enter into collaborative partnerships with certain private businesses, non-profit organizations and/or government agencies for such purposes.

(6) To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attainment of the foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental agencies, bureaus or departments.

‘Navigation Center’ Specific Deliverables

- Current “to-go” meals are donated by Eight Churches and three businesses. Since the beginning of the emergency, our numbers continue to grow for 60 per meal to 100 people on site daily.
- “Safe Parking” has been provided by C@TP since January 2020. Four sites have been committed for four months. We believe we can manage 8 sites, 64 vehicles and 128 guests.
- Adminstrating a “Cash for Trash” program for up to 180 individuals a week to improve sanitation for the Cascade Gateway Park & Camping Guests.
- Church@thePark staff will check-in, background check, screen, monitor, and provide navigation services to 30 campers a night at 2460 Turner Rd SE. This will take place on 1/2 acre of fenced and level ground.
- Church@thePark will provide clothing, shoes, sleeping bags, tents and tarps for camping individuals as needed.
- The Church Collaborative maximizes the strength and resources from eight unique congregations: Peoples Church, Church on the Hill, Gateway Foursquare, Grace Community Church, Tabernaculo de Salem, Refuge, To God be the Glory, and Emmaus Community Church.