

ARPA Sheltering Considerations

Rules reinforce focus of APRA funds for those disproportionately impacted by COVID. Access to shelter has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. As shelters faced the COVID-19 requirements for social distancing to keep shelter residents safe, fewer shelter beds were available to those in need.

One-Time Acquisitions - \$3,500,000

Hotel Acquisition Contribution – \$500,000

The Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency is acquiring a hotel that will be converted for use as a non-congregate shelter. Up to 60 rooms are anticipated for use in the initial year of operation; as many as 80 rooms would be available in future years. The shelter will be available to couples, helping up to 120 people when fully operational.

SE Salem Navigation Center Site Acquisition – \$3,000,000

In late May, the City received a two-year operating grant from the Oregon legislature for a navigation center. A navigation center is a low-barrier shelter with intensive case management to connect people to public benefits, health services, and permanent housing through a Housing First philosophy. The navigation center can also reduce pressure on the existing warming network and provide expanded duration capacity throughout winter months. The navigation center also provides access to basic services such as toilets and potable water. The navigation center will include up to 50 shelter beds.

This estimate represents the purchase price of \$2,750,000, \$3,000 in closing costs and \$25,000 in property taxes. An additional \$222,000 for possible site improvements is included.

Sheltering Projects - \$4,355,290

Current Hotel Program Extension - \$172,830

A program to provide emergency shelter is schedule to end. With the ongoing shelter crisis in Salem, extending the program with City funds is recommended. The amount will provide about fifteen hotel rooms for ten

weeks and include security. The program is for persons with medical fragility or disability.

Temporary shelter (former Union Gospel Mission location) - \$1,921,460

This estimate represents six months of operation for a shelter to serve 70 persons for daytime and overnight hours. The estimate is a maximum and may be less depending on operating hours.

Portland Road Outdoor Shelter Operation - \$375,000

A shelter at 2640 Portland Road NE currently has operational funds through October, 2021. This allocation would extend the use of this property until March 31, 2022.

Portland Road Indoor Shelter Operation – \$200,000

2640 Portland Road NE has space under evaluation for indoor sheltering. If the space can be activated, costs would be \$25,000 per month to serve 25 persons indoors. This estimate presumes August, 2021 – March, 2022.

Windows to the West Outdoor Operations and Shelter: \$540,000

The 500 Block of Commercial St. SE land parcel could be utilized for safe RV vehicle parking, outdoor shelter sites, or a combination. This budget presumes twelve months of managed operations and acquisition of eight outdoor shelter units (estimated at \$40,000) and \$20,000 should site modifications be necessary.

New Site Indoor/Outdoor Operations: \$1,146,000

Activating indoor and outdoor space on Portland Rd. NE would serve an estimated 148 persons. The recommended budget includes operations and acquisition of 30 outdoor shelter units (estimated at \$150,000). Activate in summer, 2020 through end of fiscal year.