Homeless Services Update

City of Tacoma | Neighborhood and Community Services

City Council Study Session
June 22, 2021
OVERVIEW

Updates:

• City of Tacoma 5-Year Homelessness Strategy
  • Engagement Timeline and Details
  • Connection to Affordable Housing Action Strategy (AHAS)
• TEMS Site at 69th & Proctor Street
• Young Adult Services at Beacon Center
• ARPA funding overview
  • Support for immediate and urgent need project
The City is on track with developing a 5 year homeless strategy aligned with Pierce County’s strategic planning efforts.
Homelessness Strategy

Engagement Details

• Virtual Engagement Workshops will be held throughout the summer across departments and with the community.

• Resources will focus on ensuring BIPOC, LGBTQ+ and lived expert voices are included.

• Neighborhoods and business district perspectives will be included in outreach and engagement

• Feedback will be incorporated and presented back to all stakeholders in September.

Engagement and outreach is inclusive and will encourage input.
1.11 Explore innovative low cost housing solutions to serve persons experiencing homelessness

3.2 Create a range of resources for households experiencing a housing crisis

4.2 Create stronger alignment across the Tacoma/Lakewood/Pierce County Continuum of Care

The City’s 5 Year Homelessness Strategy aligns with the Affordable Housing Action Strategy.
TEMS Site at S 69th and Proctor St

- May 2021: UHI agrees to re-locate and expand
- June: Community engagement
- Community Meeting
- June 23: Site construction begins
- Late June-early July: Facilities and new shelters constructed
- Community open house
- Re-location from E 60th and McKinley
- Sept 2021: Site opens
- Sept: Community Advisory Committee begins
- Dec 2023: Anticipated site removal

City staff responsive to community concerns
• Existing provider contract is terminating June 30, 2021

• City is investing $1.3 Million in Beacon Center renovation scheduled to begin in July

• Valeo Vocation has begun supporting the transition between service providers

• Beginning July 1 only overnight services for young adults will be available

• A new Community Advisory Committee will begin in August

The City is working with multiple providers to ensure continuity in young adult shelter services
Tacoma ARPA Spending Objectives

Direct City Funding - $61 M

- Focus 2021 funding on targeted priority areas such as
  - Housing, Homelessness, Jobs
  - Returning Services, Deferred Maintenance, & Lost Revenue
- Leverage all possible ARPA funding and use direct assistance to fill gaps
- Plan on actions that will set the community up for success for when regional and federal funding runs out
- Focus on big transformational projects with partnerships
- Avoid spreading funding too thin
## 2021 ARPA PROPOSED DISTRIBUTIONS

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Immediate Need: Property Acquisition

- Comfort Inn – 86th & Hosmer
- 91 furnished rooms with microwaves & refrigerators
- Built in 2000
- Under contract by Low Income Housing Institute @ $8.8M (appraised at $11.1M)
- Total acquisition budget $10.15M ($111,540/unit)
- Environmental Assessment Complete
- Condition Study Pending
Immediate Need: Acquisition

- Financing Contingency: September 15, 2021
- Closing: No later than October 29, 2021
- City Investment of $5M ARPA funds ($55K /unit)
- Matched by County and/or State Funds
- Can close earlier with financing in place
Immediate Need: Acquisition

- Initial use through 2023 – 120 bed shelter
- 6 rooms for offices, case management, storage
- Operating funds available from ESG-CV and MHSUD
- 2024 Permanent Affordable Housing - 100% @ or below 50% AMI
- Rehabilitation / Conversion estimated @ $2.5M
- 80 units permanent housing
Affordable Housing and Homelessness Summary
31% or $9.3M

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Other Items for Consideration – Study Session in July to Review Allocation to these Programs

- Additional Affordable Housing Property Acquisition
- Homeless Hiring Program
- Youth Homelessness Services
- Returning Homeless Services Reduced during Budget Development
- Rental and Utility Assistance – OTHER ARPA FUNDING IDENTIFIED

Remaining 2021 Allocation $2 M
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