



NORTH SNOHOMISH COUNTY OUTREACH

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North County Covid Response Crisis Housing

What it is: Temporary Covid response crisis housing with resource coordination

Operator: North Snohomish County Outreach partnering with Everett Gospel Mission

Why: there are not enough shelter beds in Snohomish County and none in north county for single adults. This community provides non-congregate, dignified shelter to residents of north county experiencing homelessness that have barriers to participate in traditional shelters.

What it will include:

- 8 Pallet shelters – 16 beds
- 24/7 onsite supervision
- Fully fenced
- Restrooms/wash stations
- Weekly mobile shower
- Video surveillance
- Placement by referral only and selected to be appropriate for the location
- Coordination with other resources

What it is not:

- Volunteer run
- Day Center
- Drop-in Shelter
- Meal program
- Services Center

Because we do not want:

- Lines to get into the community
- Congregating that impacts the neighborhood
- Duplication of services
- A negative impact on the surrounding community



North County Covid Response Crisis Housing – Frequently Asked Questions

What kind of shelter is the North County Covid Response Crisis Housing?

This pilot shelter program, with a 90-day review, is a 24-hour emergency homeless shelter facility in North County serving single men and women. Residents will be allowed to stay onsite all day and not have the need to congregate around the property. The shelter's primary focus is assisting program residents with creating a housing plan, making connections to housing resources, and ending their homelessness as soon as possible. The shelter will have 16 beds and will be run by staff, not volunteers.

Who can use this shelter?

To ensure that the shelter will meet the needs of the community in serving chronic and vulnerable homeless people, residents will be referred by NSCO and the Embedded Social Worker Teams. It will not be a day center, or a warming center. Only those who have a bed will utilize the property.

Each resident will be screened for sex offender, arsonist, and active felony warrant status before admission (screening will take place prior to referral to the facility).

How long can someone stay here?

The goal of this shelter is to connect residents to housing as quickly as possible. With a 90-day pilot, many will be here the entire time. If extended, our program will continue to work with residents toward their next step in their homeless recovery.

Is there a mandatory program or curriculum for residents?

All residents will have the opportunity to create a customized homeless recovery plan to the extent that they can. All residents are assigned a resource and/or housing navigator who will help them connect with existing resources and move toward their homeless recovery.

What makes this shelter different?

It over comes congregate shelter barriers, and it meets people in the community they live. Many chronically homeless people are unable to utilize traditional congregate shelters. Reasons for this may include anxiety of others, service animals, fear of personal belongings being stolen, fear of physical harm, no privacy, fear of disturbing others with snoring or night terrors, and couples with fear of being separated.