HUD OR-502 Continuum of Care

JACKSON COUNTY HOMELESS TASK FORCE

WORKGROUP OF THE HUD OR-502 CONTINUUM OF CARE

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Homeless Task Force Minutes: December 20, 2022

6. Questions/Discussion - Heather Hassett stated that she would like to find out how the coordinated entry list is working in our community, that there are currently over 500 people on the Kelly Shelter wait list. She would like to know if and how other agencies are pulling people off the Coordinated Entry list to fill beds and how that is working for them. Rogue Retreat may be interested in doing away with the "waiting list" system they are currently using and move towards utilizing the Coordinated Entry list as a way to work the way HUD intends for communities to. Are SPDAT's being updated every six months by other agencies?

VII-SPDAT= Scoring system (Vulnerabity Index = Risk Factor) Service Prioritization Decision Assistance 2) HMIS - Database JACO Tool) (data entered Homeless Management Info 3) Coordinated Entry-based on some = 1. System OHRA

OHRA mission: Moving people from crisis to stability - Ashland News - Independent, Nonprofit, Community News



The Options for Helping Residents of Ashland Resource Center at 2350 Ashland St. OHRA photo

A new approach

Started in 2012 by volunteers concerned about homelessness in Ashland, OHRA began with a laundry-shower trailer, then a small resource center with a staff of one, and finally the management of the Ashland Winter Shelter, which for many years rotated from one church to another over the course of the winter.

In 2021, all of this changed when the Oregon Community Foundation awarded OHRA the first Project Turnkey capital grant of \$4.2 million in state funds, promising to address the depth and breadth of homelessness in the community. With these funds, OHRA purchased an underutilized Ashland motel and transformed it into The OHRA Center: a year-round low-barrier shelter with 52 rooms for guests; a resource center with a professional staff of six to assist anyone seeking help with rent, jobs, utilities, benefits and more; and a permanent home for the shower trailer.

"We were blown out of the water in the best way," Sinclair says, "going from 5 mph to 50 in a few short months, from a staff of five to 36, from managing a budget of \$225,000 to \$2.6 million."

What sets OHRA apart from the 19 new shelters started statewide with Turnkey funds is the open door policy of its resource center. The center serves not only shelter guests. Others helped include people who are not housed at the shelter but simply show up and folks who have housing but are at risk of losing it.

Staffed by six case workers aptly named "navigators," the center's services are many: from preventing eviction, getting a job, accessing health care to securing an ID, picking up mail, SNAP food benefits, and much more. The starting place is not what staff believe is in the best interest of the client, but the needs the client identifies.

"We don't get out in front of them, we work alongside of them," Sinclair stresses.

The importance of "navigators" exploded in the first year of COVID-19 when many public facilities and support systems across the valley closed down, removing lifelines those experiencing homelessness relied upon. This extended from public bathrooms and transportation to accessing official records.

"We'd have 80 or 90 people a day showing up in our small office next to Safeway, desperate for help," says Sinclair.

OHRA's catchment area has also grown. It is now an access point for the Jackson County Continuum of Care (ACCESS), which means that OHRA may shelter people in crisis from elsewhere in the county, based on their score on a common intake tool. OHRA can also refer its guests to service providers countywide through relationships and referrals.

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A half century in the making

We tend to think of homelessness as a 21st century phenomenon, but the roots of "modern" homelessness in America stretch back half a century.

In the 1970s, when government policy closed inpatient mental health facilities nationwide, patients with severe and persistent mental illness were left without care or housing, often ending up on the streets.

In the 1980s, when the federal government cut its annual housing budget, the largest source of affordable housing, by three-quarters — from \$80 billion to \$20 billion a year — new construction halted and the public housing infrastructure crumbled. Homelessness skyrocketed.

In the 1990s, when homelessness spilled to urban sidewalks and parks, making the invisible visible, a patchwork of emergency shelters, clinics and street outreach programs emerged, as unprepared to meet the crisis then as they are now.

The Oregon equation

Oregon has the second highest percentage of unhoused in the nation, with 14,655 people experiencing homelessness on any given day (U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2021.) It also has the highest rate of unsheltered families with children, numbering 23,765 public school students in 2018-2019 (U.S. Department of Education).

The challenges of an inadequate housing supply and rising rents that leave tens of thousands of children and families at risk of becoming homeless (the cost of living in Oregon is the fifth highest in the country) is a national story. So, too, is the persistence of a smaller population of chronically homeless people in need of intensive social services.

Still, statistics in Oregon are staggering. Oregon ranks worst in the nation for prevalence of mental illness, according to a new study by Mental Health America, and at the bottom for mental health spending. It ranks third in the nation for mental illness among youth and has consistently claimed the top spot for addiction rates (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2021.) In 2020, the homeless represented 3% of the state population while representing 52% of arrests (World Population Review), an expensive solution when the arrest leads to jail.

OHRA Website

Roque Ridge Apartments (Internet)

Rogue Ridge Apartments (est. 2022) is 28-unit Permanent Supportive Housing program providing affordable housing to local citizens who are low-income and without housing. ColumbiaCare is a non-profit, behavioral health organization who offers the combination of safe and stable affordable housing, along with services that help promote resident success, and will prioritize individuals who will benefit from this combination of housing and specialized support.

General staffing includes an on-site Resident Manager available to provide access to housing support; and a Supportive Housing Associate and Certified Recovery Mentor (Peer) providing 7-day a week presence and services such as skills training, tenancy assistance, housing stabilization, and community navigation. The program is supervised by a full-time Supportive Housing Supervisor, and ColumbiaCare's Property Management team offers tenancy support around move in/out, rent collection, and maintenance and repairs.

Rogue Ridge is a true community resource, with referrals coming through the Jackson County Coordinated Entry System. Jackson County citizens who meet criteria will have access to this housing based on need. A portion of the units will be designated for Jackson Care Connect and AllCare members.

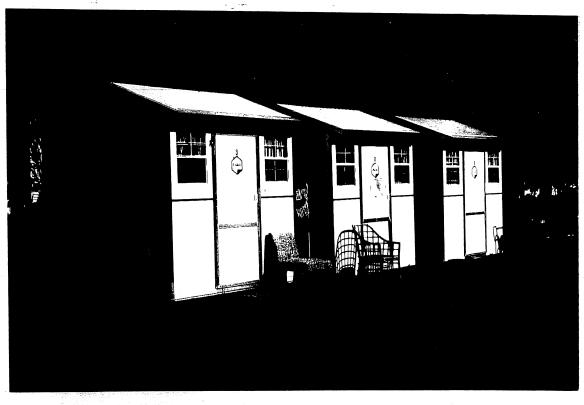
Rogue Ridge is a beautiful, three-story complex complete with elevator and ADA-accessible units. There is a community/activity room for residents to participate in supportive services, community and skills-building activities, engage in structured learning, and find social connection. There are multiple community spaces for residents to enjoy, including a sky bridge which connects the buildings and offers beautiful views of the mountains. The grounds include outdoor seating areas and a bike room for storing personal transportation. The building was designed to ensure congruity with the surrounding buildings in the area and fits beautifully into the community. We are proud to share that the project was developed according to Earth Advantage Certification to ensure eco-friendly "green" standards.

Pallet Housing (10 units) Stored on City Property NMM/BST City Owned





RV Unitarian Universalist Church Pallet Housing (3) FEMA Rumor: Being Renoved Fatality This winter - Jeffrey Glenn





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Ashland seeking new location for extreme weather shelter for use due to cold, heat or smoke

\$1M state grant could pay for finding a place, but no ongoing source for operating costs has been identified

By Stephen Floyd, Ashland.news

The Ashland City Council has directed staff to identify a location for a new emergency shelter to house people in need during severe weather or similar disasters.

The city is working with a \$1 million state grant to purchase or lease property that could be used during extreme heat, cold or smoke conditions, as well as during sudden emergencies such as wildfires.

City Manager Joe Lessard said the city has already identified around 15 properties that could be suitable, and at its meeting Tuesday, Jan. 17, the council directed staff to examine options in-depth and return with a recommendation.

Lessard said a property would ideally be selected within 30 to 60 days with the intent to open a new shelter by next winter, and his office is exploring multiple possibilities from leasing an existing building to purchasing a plot and building to suit.

"The churches have always been very gracious," said Reid, "and I'm sure they would actually continue to be very gracious, but essentially the outcome of the stakeholder feedback was the city needs to do more. The churches are overburdened at this time, and it's just harder for them to provide the level of volunteerism — including the buildings — for these purposes."

Lessard said staff have looked at properties the city currently owns, properties that are for sale, and properties that would be suitable for a shelter but are not on the market. He said one goal is to identify a property that would "mature over time" and be suitable for services beyond severe weather sheltering, such as the storage and distribution of emergency supplies and shelter for residents during a disaster.

"What we're really talking about is a health and public safety issue in terms of having shelter in any emergency," he said.

Seeking a long-term solution

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Punishing someone by sending them somewhere else

Evicting and forcing to leave

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(the act of) forcing someone, or being forced, to leave

WORDS RELATED TO EXPULSION

banishment, discharge, displacement, ejection, eviction, exclusion, ouster, purge, removal, suspension, boot, bounce, debarment, deportment, dislodgment, dismissal, dispossession, exile, expatriation, extrusion





Notice of Expulsion

Warning of Consequences

No person shall knowingly enter or remain in any park at any time in violation of a park expulsion order as issued and served upon the person in accordance to AMC 10.68.350. Entering a park in violation of an expulsion order constitutes Criminal Trespass in the Second Degree (ORS 164.245), which is a class C misdemeanor.

Appeal Process

The person receiving this notice may appeal within 10 days in accordance with AMC 2.30 to have written notice rescinded or the period shortened. The appeal notice shall specify the relief sought and the reason for said relief. The written appeal should be delivered to: City Recorder, 20 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon, 97520.

The Hearing Officer shall uphold the expulsion if, upon de novo review, the preponderance of the evidence convinces the Hearing Officer that, more likely than not, the person in fact committed the crime or violation, and that the expulsion is otherwise in accordance with law. If an appeal of the expulsion is timely filed under AMC 2.30, the effectiveness of the expulsion shall be stayed, pending the outcome of the appeal. If the expulsion is affirmed, the expulsion shall be effective immediately upon issuance of the written decision and then shall commence and run for the specified number of days

Expulsion Periods

Any peace officer, or park official or city code compliance officer may expel any person who violates any applicable provision of law in a city park from any or all city parks for a period of 30 days for any violation or for a period not to exceed the maximum jail period for any particular criminal offenses. If the person to be expelled from any park has been expelled from a city park on two or more occasions within two years before the date of the present expulsion for criminal offenses, the expulsion shall be for a period not to exceed 180 days.



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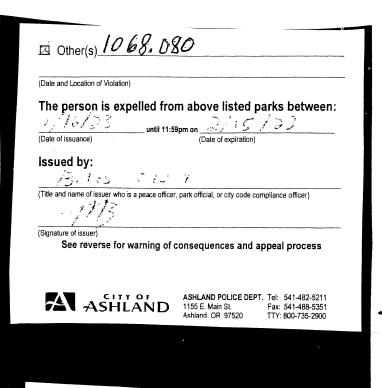
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- ☐ Park Rules—Parks Commission Authority (AMC 10.68.030)
- ☐ Open Container of Alcohol (AMC 10.40.040)
- ☐ Liquor Prohibited (AMC 10.68.090)

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- ☐ Using Marijuana in Public (ORS 475B.381)
- ☐ MIP Marijuana (ORS 475B.316)
- ☐ Camping Prohibited (AMC 10.46.020)
- □ Dog License Required (AMC 9.16.015)
- ☐ Dog Control Required (AMC 9.16.010)
- ☐ Skateboarding Equipment Violation (AMC 11.54.030)



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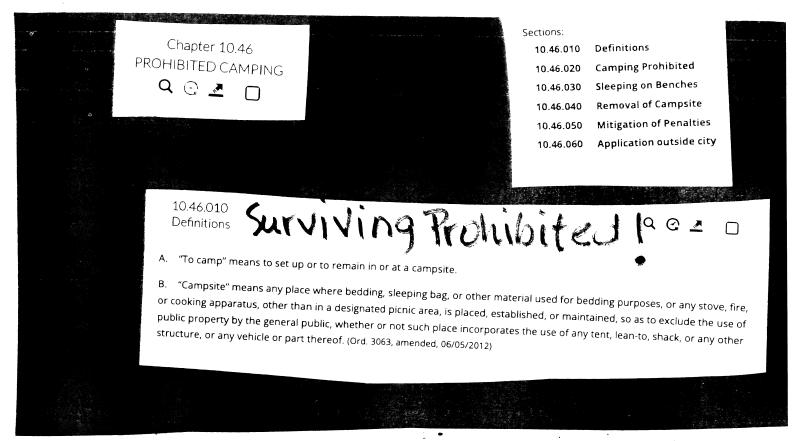
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A. No one shall erect on any pole or post or attach any notice, bill, poster, sign, wire, rod or cord to any tree, shrub, fence railing, fountain, wall, post, structure or other device of any kind whatever, on any of the bases, statues, bridges, or monuments in any park without permission of the Park Commission.

B. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter is subject to

Section 1.08.020 of the Ashland Municipal Code. Any violation of this section is a Class IV violation. (Ord. 3137, amended, 2017: Ord. 3026, amended, 08/03/2010)

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ASHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 10.46.020 Camping Prohibited:

- A. No person shall camp in or upon any sidewalk, street, alley, lane, public right-of-way, park, or any oth publicly owned property or under any bridge or viaduct, unless otherwise specifically authorized by this by the owner of the property, or by emergency declaration under AMC 2.62.030.
- B. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter is subject to Section 1.08.020 of the Ashland Mu Code. Any violation of this section is a Class IV Violation. (Ord. 3137, amended, 2017; Ord. 3026, among 08/03/2010; Ord. 2972, amended, 11/04/2008)

ASHLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 10.46.040 Removal of Campsite:

- A. Prior to removing the campsite, the City shall post a notice, 72-hours in advance. All posted notices s in English and Spanish. A City enforcement officer shall not issue a citation for violation of Chapter 10.4 citation would be issued within 200 feet of the notice (identified above) and within two hours before c the notice was posted.
- B. At the time that a 72-hour notice is posted, the City shall inform a local agency that delivers social s to homeless individuals where the notice has been posted.
- C. The local agency may arrange for outreach workers to visit the campsite where a notice has been po assess the need for social service assistance in arranging shelter and other assistance.
- D. All personal property shall be given to the police department whether 72-hour notice is required or reproperty shall be stored for a minimum of 60 days during which it will be reasonably available to any inclaiming ownership. Any personal property that remains unclaimed for 60 days may be disposed of corwith state law and AMC 2.44 for disposition of found, lost, unclaimed or abandoned property, as applica

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EXHIBITORS NEEDED FOR THE HOUSING HELP FAIR

APRIL 15, 2023 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MEDFORD PUBLIC LIBARAY 205 S CENTRAL AVE,
MEDFORD, OR 97501

Join the Fair Housing Council of Oregon and our community partners at the first annual Housing Help Fair at the Medford Public Library in celebration of Fair Housing Month! The goal for this event is to bring together local social service providers, especially those who provide housing navigation and rental/utility assistance, to educate the community about resources available in the region. Registration deadline March 20, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

Who should register?

Organizations and agencies who provide...

- Housing
 Services/Education
- Rental/Utility Subsidies
- Health and Wellness
 Education
- Resources for Individuals and Families with Low Incomes

Spanish Interpretation Available for Morning and Lunch Presentations

Flow of the day:

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Set Up 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM Welcome and Direct Guests to Tabling

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM Morning Presentation,
Tenant Rights or Rental Readiness (TBA)
11:45 PM - 3:00 PM Lunch Service Available
12:45 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch Presentation,
Housing Authority of Jackson County,
Housing Choice Vouchers
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM Tabling Continued and

20 Minute Housing Help Tables
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Clean Up

Register Here! tinyurl.com/ExhibitorHHF2023



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