



Council Study Session

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Agenda Item	Council Discussion- Goals for Facility/ Program	
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SUMMARY

Mayor Graham is putting this proposal forward for Council's consideration in order to articulate clear goals for this new facility and pilot program. By having clear goals, the City and community will be able to assess progress more effectively. In addition, the neighbors of the facility will see the Council's commitment to ensuring that the facility is a good neighbor and that the facility and pilot program are a benefit to this neighborhood, which has seen escalating challenges linked to homelessness over the past few years.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Proposed Goals

The new facility and pilot program will:

- Provide immediate safety for Ashland residents who are experiencing homelessness.
- Reduce the garbage/litter found on neighborhood streets, around businesses, in Clay Street Park, and along the bike path and train tracks.
- Provide a pathway to long-term housing for Ashland residents who are experiencing homelessness.
- Improve the sense of safety in the neighborhood, especially along the bike path under the overpass and at Siskiyou School
- Support the dignity of Ashland residents who are experiencing homelessness by providing for their basic needs on a temporary basis so that they can get on their feet.
- Reduce the risk of wildfire in the neighborhood caused by cigarette smoking and illegal cooking.
- Provide a means by which Ashland residents who are experiencing homelessness can contribute back to the community as they are receiving services at the facility.
- Invest in ensuring that the rate of certain crimes (household theft, trespassing, etc.) are no higher in this section of town than in the rest of Ashland.

FISCAL IMPACTS

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS N/A

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS N/A

