Argyle Village Proposal
In partnership with the City of Portland, Catholic Charities, and the Joint Office of Homeless Services

Program Description

The residency model consists of 14 female residents residing on a transitional basis in a village-style community that includes self-governance by the residents as well as oversight and ongoing support from a contracted non-profit. The residents will sleep in micro-housing sleeping pods, designed by local architecture firms, and have access to sanitation and cooking facilities, as well as continued social service and permanent housing placement support. The model will be similar to OpportUNITY Village in Eugene. The strong leadership and organizational capacity of a managing partner such as Catholic Charities fills a gap in the existing village model in our community and creates the opportunity to ensure a quality living environment in the Village, access to necessary transition services for the residents, and effective ongoing partnership with the community, the City of Portland, and the Joint Office of Homeless Services.

Catholic Charities will provide support for this initiative in three important ways:

1) From its Housing Transitions program, offer housing placement, case management; linkages to services; and job preparedness to residents of the village.

2) Dedicate staff to support the organization of self-governance of the village, and provide a daily on-site presence.

3) Contract with the City/County to provide site-specific infrastructure such as sanitation, lighting, fencing, etc.

Core Principles

- Housing first – a focus on moving residents into permanent housing as quickly as possible while providing voluntary support services to the residents
- Transition into permanent housing – the village provides a temporary and transitional housing opportunity for women finding permanent housing solutions
- Support services – connecting the residents to the appropriate services that they want and need
- Self-governance – the village residents will participate in mutual support and community development that is governed internally with the support of Catholic Charities
- Safety and Security – ensure the village residents have a safe place to sleep and create community, and a secure place for their personal belonging
- Health – ensure property sanitation, fresh water and cooking environment for the village; and link resident to appropriate health providers
- Community participation and healing – bringing together individuals without other housing options provides a new opportunity for reintegration and community building among residents and the neighborhood
- Good Neighbors – the community of women and the participating organizations will be good neighbors and intend to participate and support the continued neighborhood development

Goals

- Create a sense of community between residents and the neighborhood
- Provide temporary transitional housing to 14 women
- Support and develop the infrastructure for successful replication within other areas of Portland
Location and Timeline

- Location: 2221 N Argyle St – The fenced empty lot
- Proposed timeline for 1-year Pilot:
  - Programmatic and site planning: December 2016 – February 2017
  - Initial program check-in: January 2017
  - Proposed move-in: February 2017
  - Second check-in with Kenton Neighborhood: February 2017

Site Map – 2221 N Argyle St
Example Pod

S.A.F.E. POD (SANCTUARY AND ACCEPTANCE FOR EVERYONE)

PARTNERS ON DWELLING INITIATIVE

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Pod was a hub for the development of the modular and standardized a full scale and a fully functional "lifeguard" that can be assembled in a variety of configurations. The wood panels are spaced on the ends to create windows that project outward with additional "bulbs" for both in the main and the exterior. The galvanized metal treads within the length limit and expose the other than it.

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SITE CONFIGURATIONS

TRUSS WALL MODULES

KIT OF PARTS

POD CONSTRUCTION

CENTER FOR PUBLIC INTEREST DESIGN

THE LANADEE LEAGUE

HAZELNUT GROVE

REBUILDING CENTER

THE LAVENDER LEAGUE

COMMUNITY

COMMUNITY ARCHITECTURE

FUSED ARCHITECTURE

THE CITY AT WORK