

COMMUNITY PROGRESS UPDATE ON SHELTER STRATEGIES

1.	<i>Provide motel stays for families with children</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Conducting a Feasibility and Scoping project for a facility-based shelter for FWC ✓ Increased Case Management support to FWC ✓ Increased funding to support motel stays <p>Started with 68 Households, have placed an additional 60 new households Average 71.5 households each month YTD Average length of stay is 65 days, with 17% exiting to unsheltered status Average cost per stay is \$5,570, based upon 108 households who have completed stay</p>
2.	<i>Establish Overflow Winter Shelter to offer individuals when Base Camp is full</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Commitment from CTK to expand months of service from November through March for 30 additional beds per night
3.	<i>Establish Severe Weather Shelters to offer individuals who typically don't utilize shelters when Base Camp and Overflow Winter Shelter capacity has been reached</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Exploring dedication of motel stays for transgendered individuals whose needs are not met well with congregate shelters ✓ Working with NWYS to establish a Young Adult Shelter ✓ Exploring additional partnerships to shelter vulnerable populations: seniors and women
4.	<i>Establish a data collection process to assist in ongoing analysis and planning</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Working with Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) to centralize collected information ✓ HOT employing a SUD professional ✓ Consider that up to 30% of population experiencing homelessness in county are transient (moving in and out of Whatcom County), so night-by-night shelters need to be available <p>Before protests, Base Camp was full; now experiencing ~ 80% capacity Percentage of those interviewed prefer not to use congregate setting due to rules, restrictions, prefer staying with partner Some among vulnerable populations express safety concerns in congregate settings</p>
5.	<i>Support continuation of Specialty Shelters</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Increased funding to Sun House, YWCA, and others as needed to retain staff support ✓ Developing Young Adult Shelter in collaboration with NWYS ✓ Reviewing potential for increasing capacity for youth shelter with NWYS (PAD program) ✓ Exploring capacity to provide behavioral health support to shelters in need ✓ County working with partners on development of "Way Station" for medically fragile
6.	<i>Support continuation of current Tiny Home Villages as well as pending village contracted by City of Bellingham</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recommending increased time limit for sanctioned encampments from 2 to 5 years ✓ Seeking new location sites for Homes NOW's two Tiny Home Villages ✓ City of Bellingham providing operational support for Gardenview village once open ✓ Recommending local governments contribute to infrastructure investments for relocation of Homes NOW Tiny Home villages ✓ Determine need for expansion of Tiny Homes once Gardenview is operational
7.	<i>Encourage local elected officials to work with Skagit and Island counties to increase shelter capacity for their residents</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ County Executive has been in communication with Skagit County; Burlington establishing a tiny home village
8.	<i>Relocation of Base Camp to permanent home</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Local governments working with LMM to seek grants and providing other assistance