



# MONROE CITY COUNCIL

## Agenda Bill No. 20-105

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Authorization to Submit Grant Applications for Emergency Shelter</b>
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<b>DATE:</b>	<b>DEPT:</b>	<b>CONTACT:</b>	<b>PRESENTER:</b>	<b>ITEM:</b>
07/14/2020	Executive	Deborah Knight Rachel Adams	Deborah Knight	Consent Agenda #16

**Discussion:** 07/14/2020

- Attachments:**
1. Emergency Shelter and Rotating Shelter Proposal
  2. HPAC Recommendations

**REQUESTED ACTION:** Authorize City Staff to submit applications for County and State grants to expand the Monroe Cold Weather Shelter into a low barrier emergency shelter and establish a high barrier year-round rotating shelter hosted by the local inter-faith community.

### POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

*City Council approves the City budget. The proposed grants are not part of the 2020 adopted budget. The City Council would need to approve a budget amendment if the grant funds are received.*

*The City Council would also have to commit to providing any financial match required in the grant application. If there is a financial match required city staff would seek prior approval from the City Council before accepting the grant.*

### DESCRIPTION/BACKGROUND

The recommendations of the Homelessness Policy Advisory Committee (HPAC) were adopted by Resolution 007/2020 on February 25, 2020. One of the HPAC recommendations is to establish temporary housing (Attachment 2). Currently, city staff is researching, attending workshops and drafting grant applications for upcoming county and state human service grants.

The proposed grant applications would expand the Monroe cold weather shelter into an indoor year-round low barrier emergency shelter that would serve to move homeless men directly from the streets to be assessed. From there, they would be able to move into the high barrier indoor year-round rotating shelter with case management services attached to it. These two shelters, working together in tandem, is modeled after the Congregations for the Homeless operating out of Bellevue, WA. (Attachment 1).

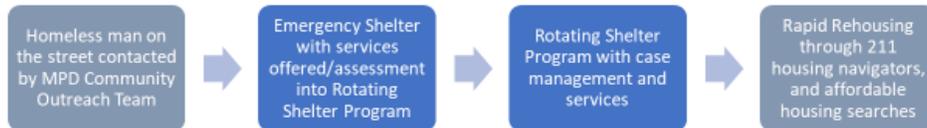
The City has been meeting with a group of local clergy to discuss implementing the Congregations for the Homeless model in East County. The group of inter-faith local churches is interested in learning more about and participating as host churches.

This model has the flexibility to expand and serve more people if additional congregations were interested in hosting. There is enough initial interest and support to present the idea and pursue additional funding by applying for county and state grants to fund this project.

This model would support the priority of providing shelter in Monroe. It is also consistent with the City’s interim encampment code and meets the requirements of Boise v Martin.

Proposed Shelter Model:

# Path to Housing



## FISCAL IMPACTS

City staff is asking Council approval to submit applications for the following grants:

- \$250,000 from the Snohomish County CoC Grant which requires a 25% match (\$62,500) in financial contribution or services.
- The Snohomish County (HOME) Grant that has a shelter supplemental application from the Chemical Dependency and Mental Health (CDMH) funding that also asks about any matching or capital campaigns.
- The Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter Expansion which has been released for initial feedback of projects but has yet to be released for a joint County application process.

Additional grants may also become available over the course of 2020-2021 that could be applied for to increase the available budget to implement a Monroe shelter expansion program and fulfill one of the HPAC recommendations.

Preliminary Budget(s) of launching The Sanctuary Project:	Plan A.	Plan B.
Mats/Cots	\$1,000	\$1,000
Safe Storage	\$1,000	\$1,000
Case Manager	\$50,000	\$50,000
On Site Oversight Person(s)	\$100,000	\$50,000
To go food items/Hygiene kits	\$10,000	
Annual retainer for overnight emergency low barrier space.	\$25,000	\$25,000
Administration and oversight person.	\$50,000	\$25,000
<b>Subtotal</b>	\$237,000	\$152,000
Additional insurance & business set up costs, EGM Shelter Bed, Data System RFP and beginning buffer for cost estimates.	\$13,000	\$13,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$250,000	\$165,000

## **TIME CONSTRAINTS**

Delay to authorize city staff to pursue grant funding may result in missed funding opportunities to expand the Monroe cold weather shelter.

Delay to authorize city staff to pursue grant funding of the emergency shelter and year-round rotating shelter model for providing a shelter will increase frustration within the community surrounding homelessness.

Delay to authorize city staff to pursue grant funding of the emergency shelter and year-round rotating shelter model for providing a shelter will reduce the capacity to respond to the potential impacts of the COVID-19 crisis.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not authorize staff to pursue grant funding to implement a shelter program.
2. Do not authorize staff to pursue grant funding to implement a shelter program and suggest an alternate funding source for shelter.



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#### *PROPOSAL:*

The City of Monroe requesting the support of Snohomish County in the amount of \$250,000 to expand the Monroe Cold Weather Shelter into a low barrier emergency shelter operating in tandem with a high barrier year-round shelter with case management that rotates between several host churches in East Snohomish County. The proposal is based on the Congregations for the Homeless model which has successfully operated in Bellevue for the past 28 years.

The low barrier emergency shelter would provide an alternative to sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation or camping in public spaces to anyone between the hours of 7pm – 7am. It would not have a program attached to it but would offer access to services.

The rotating shelter would also operate between 7pm and 7am and provide a safe place for the men to sleep, safe storage for their things, three meals a day provided by the Support Churches and to-go items purchased by the program. Coordination with our local partners would provide services including showers at the YMCA, laundry services at the Monroe Laundry Co., transportation to bus routes, and case management. The case management program component of the shelter would include: a standardized assessment of services needed for each individual, the joint production of a two-year plan toward becoming housed, occupational therapy, and support towards a life of recovery and sobriety.

The proposed rotating shelter program would allow for many levels of community support through volunteer opportunities and service. The requested



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funding will successfully establish the shelter for future years of progressive operations.

***FUNDING SOURCES:***

The City is requesting grant funds through Snohomish County and the new Washington State Department of Commerce Shelter Expansion funds to support the launch of this program.

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***SHELTER SERVICES IN EAST SNOHOMISH COUNTY:***

Currently the Monroe Women’s Gospel Mission and a Monroe Cocoon House serve homeless women and youth in the City of Monroe and the East Snohomish County. East Snohomish County does not have a shelter for single men who make up most of the homeless population seen in encampments and living in cars in the region.



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The Monroe's Cold Weather Shelter operates seasonally. The Cold Weather Shelter is only open on the nights that are forecasted to drop below Freezing. It is a partnership between one of Monroe's Churches along with the Medical Reserve Corps and is financially managed by Take the Next Step. This past season the Cold Weather Shelter was open 25 nights and saw a total of 38 unduplicated visits on the nights that they were open. Of these 38 unduplicated visits 19 stayed 10 nights or more. From this data we estimate 10 -15 men in Monroe would utilize a year-round shelter and associated services in Monroe.

#### *PROJECT SUPPORT:*

The City has been meeting with a group of local clergy to discuss implementing the Congregations for the Homeless model in East Snohomish County. The City has assembled an interfaith group of seven churches interested in learning more about participating as a host church. This model has the flexibility to expand and serve more people if additional congregations were interested in hosting.

There is enough initial interest and support to present the idea and pursue additional funding by applying for County and State grants to fund this project.

There is also beginning to be support and interest from the City of Sultan and the City of Snohomish in joining with these efforts.





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HPAC Final Recommendations  
Approved January 16, 2020

#### HOUSING

- Establish Temporary-Housing in a permanent facility to serve Monroe residents with adjacent secured parking for those living in vehicles and RVs for overnight stay
- Establish a Sky Valley Housing Consortium to establish short, long-term, and alternative housing
  - Increase alternative housing that includes but is not limited to men, youth, LGBTQ, and families and pets

#### PARTNERS

- Establish Service Provider Networks to provide services and housing 24/7 in Sky Valley
- Increase public transportation between Monroe & Everett
- Involve other public entities in a network to prevent and end homelessness in Sky Valley
- Create an education campaign that supports affordable housing, job training, and treatment options

#### PREVENTION

- Gather and analyze accurate data about homelessness in Monroe
- Create an education campaign about homelessness: causes, prevention strategies, and alternatives
- Promote social services networks focused on youth and families

#### POLICY/BUDGET

- Lobby legislators at all levels to increase funding for addiction and mental health treatment, affordable housing, job training, and support services
- Identify and lobby for new law enforcement strategies focused on personal accountability
- Engage developers in building affordable and subsidized housing
- Implement HB 1406 Explore all revenue options for housing, mental health, and chemical dependency
- Continue HPAC as standing committee Monitor progress towards implementing HPAC recommendations. Review Technical Committee recommendations.
- Adopt and fund a Six-Year Plan to fulfill HPAC's recommendations

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

- Implement law enforcement strategies and regulations that increase personal accountability and adhere to civil and personal rights
- Gather and analyze accurate data about crime in Monroe HPAC Final Recommendations Approved January 16, 2020
- Initiate a residential and business crime prevention program



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- Continue to budget for the Embedded Social Worker/Community Outreach
- Use technology to increase public safety and protect infrastructure.
- Implement Community Court so treatment for addiction and mental health can be offered as an alternative to jail

#### SUPPORT SERVICES

- Create a coordinated homeless response center.
- Create a system of services that responds to the homeless crisis 24/7
- Establish more accessible mental health and addiction services in Monroe
- Obtain supportive services to navigate people through resources
- Support agencies that serve and promote self-reliance among people in need