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From: Casey Kulla
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To: Ken Huffer; Carolina Rook; Keri Hinton
Subject: FW: Proposal: YCAP Emergency Motel Shelter Project
Attachments: YCAP Motel Shelter Project Description 9.28.20.pdf; YCAP Motel Shelter Project Budget 9.28.20.pdf

Can you add this to the agenda packet or send to the other commissioners? Thank you!

From: Alexandra Hendgen <AlexandraH@yamhillcap.org>
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 4:36 PM
To: Casey Kulla <kullac@co.yamhill.or.us>
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Commissioner Kulla,

Please see the attached document describing the current scope of the YCAP Emergency Motel Shelter Project. As a COVID-19 response for Yamhill County since March 2020, you will see that we have had highly positive outcomes serving our most vulnerable unhoused community members.

With current committed funding, this project is winding down over the next 2 weeks. YCAP is seeking out every possible opportunity to extend this project for an additional month due to 1) the high volume of need we continue to see come through our Coordinated Entry screenings, 2) the pandemic is still ongoing and unhoused community members with significant health issues are still at risk, and 3) the evidence that to date 66% of participants engaged in this project have experienced positive exits (housing options that provide safety and stability during the pandemic, many permanent housing placements).

Also included is a one month budget proposal, that would allow this program to continue through mid-November with the support of Yamhill County and YCAP. YCAP has requests out to several other funding sources as well, but without any confirmed commitments as of this date. YCAP also continues to work through our established funding sources to support the project.

If there are any further questions or concerns about this project, please do not hesitate to reach out.

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Temporary Motel Sheltering Project In Response to COVID 19

SUCCESS RATE DATA

- 61 total households served to date.
- 47 households have exited the project to date
- 66% of exits were to a positive housing location (YCAP housing project, transitional housing, rehabilitation facility, reconnection and diversion to natural supports such as family)
- Of the 14 households still active in the project, 8 households have been enrolled in a YCAP housing project or connected with a Housing Choice voucher and are actively searching for open apartments with YCAP staff. 1 is actively awaiting an adult foster care placement. 1 is expected to increase their income enough to support themselves in housing without subsidy. The remaining 4 households are still working with their case manager to identify a viable housing plan to pursue.

OTHER STATS

- 100% of households enrolled have a member with a chronic health condition
- 37.6% of persons served in the project were seniors (55+)
- 16.3% of households enrolled contain a Veteran
- 6.8% indicated that they were fleeing domestic violence

PROJECT PARTNERS

YCAP continues to work collaboratively with a host of community partners to support households enrolled in the motel project. A few examples of these partners include:

- Yamhill County Public Health
- YCCO
- Willamette Valley Cancer Foundation
- Housing Authority of Yamhill County
- Willamette Valley Medical Center/Providence Hospital

RECENT SUCCESS STORY

A family of five exited the motel project into permanent housing this past month. The couple had experienced street homelessness in McMinnville for over a year before being placed in the motel project. While experiencing homelessness, their children were separated from them, living with family. They were able to complete YCAP's Rent Well tenant education class during their motel stay and worked with their Case Manager to complete paperwork for a Housing Choice Voucher. Their Case Manager searched for appropriate apartments and submitted an application with them for a local unit. They were approved and moved in as a family in mid-September, with deposit assistance through YCAP.

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Exhibit "A"



Project Description

This project description provides details on YCAP's current motel shelter project, which was launched to increase locally sheltering capacity during COVID 19.

If funded to continue, this project allows shelter providers to expand distancing in their facilities as needed and create opportunities for persons currently living outside to access basic resources needed to maintain health/hygiene and isolation/distancing.

BED AVAILABILITY:

Budget calculations have been created for a 20-bed option for this project that would be located among the three participating hotels, two of which are located in McMinnville and one in Newberg.

POPULATION:

This project would be aimed at serving the following priority populations:

1. Literally homeless residents of Yamhill County have significant risk factors for complications due to COVID 19 -as per attached screening.
2. Literally homeless residents of Yamhill County who are displaying symptoms of COVID 19 and or awaiting testing. (Assigned to Travelodge Hotel- with Public Health guidance and oversight).

STAFFING:

1.5 Case Managers will be needed to manage the case load of clients sheltered in the motel project, providing daily check-ins to connect with supportive services/partner agencies, completing daily symptom screenings, and manage client related issues as reported by motel staff.

CASE MANAGEMENT/ PROJECT GOALS

- 1) Provide an isolated space to stay healthy, while ensuring clients abide by motel policies.
- 2) Connect client with access to basic needs while they are on our motel program, including connection to food, hygiene, and mental and physical wellness resources.
- 3) Continue to search and arrange for any other safe places they could be, including natural supports and diversion options.
- 4) Create and implement plans whenever possible for an exit to permanent or stable housing



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Beyond Case Management services, a few other supportive services will be provided including;

- Meal supports to fill current gaps in community meal options.
- Laundry support to increase ability to maintain personal hygiene
- Hygiene kits, basic clothing items

PROJECT ENTRY

Entry into the project would occur in the following ways:

1. Through Coordinated Entry System- persons calling into the AnyDoor Yamhill System will be screened for risk factors and current COVID 19 symptoms. Those most at risk will be prioritized for entry first.
2. Current shelter providers could refer clients into the project as needed if they have medically high risk persons who necessitate an isolated placement given their medical concerns. Shelter providers who refer in symptomatic persons should understand that the client will be discharged back into their shelter after symptoms resolve and a safe period of time has passed in consultation with Public Health.
3. Medical Providers or Public Health Staff could refer literally homeless persons into the project who need an isolated place to recover. If medically suitable, these persons will be discharged back into a shelter after symptoms resolve and a safe period of time has passed in consultation with Public Health.

Upon screening, all clients sign an agreement to abide by basic program expectations and motel policies. Additionally, all clients will be asked to sign an Release of Information with the Motel and key community partners, such as YCHHS and the client's medical provider.

PROJECT EXIT

Persons enrolled in the project would exit before the project end date for the following reasons:

- A safe housing alternative becomes available to them
- They no longer require isolation and can return to a communal shelter environment
- They must be exited due to behavioral concerns by the Motel.



Motel Shelter Project Budget (Monthly Cost)

		Funding Needed	YCAP Funded
STAFFING			
Motel Staffing	1.5 FTE	\$	\$ 4,810.00
	SubTotal	0	4,810
OPERATIONS			\$
Food/M Meal Supplies	Weekly Food Boxes	\$ 500.00	0
	SubTotal	500	\$
LAUNDRY			0
	Client Laundry	\$ 350.00	\$
	SubTotal	350	0
COMMUNICATION			\$
	Staff Cell Line (YCAP Issued cell)	\$30	0
	SubTotal	30	\$
SUPPLIES			0
	soap etc)	\$ 100.00	\$
	SubTotal	\$ 100.00	0
MOTEL COSTS			\$
	Room Charges (Rate of \$69 night)	42,780	0
	Damages	1,000	\$
	SubTotal	43,780	0
ADMINISTRATIVE			\$
	Operations/Oversight	5,240	0
	SubTotal	5,240	\$
			0
Total One Month Operations	20 Hotel Room/Bed Capacity	50,000	4,810

Current Funding Project operates through mid October
Requested Funding Extends project through mid November

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