

Recommendations: A Safe Night's Sleep for people sleeping outside (ranked during 9/16/09 CCEH discussion)

Goal: Homeless people sleeping outside have a safe and good night's sleep.

Background: More than 1,600 homeless persons sleep outside every night and shelters are full with long waiting lists. Reports of assaults/harassment of unsheltered persons are on the rise. An Alternatives Workgroup met three times over the last two months to develop recommendations for CCEH input.

Next steps: Following the discussion at the 9/16/09 CCEH meeting, recommendations will be presented to Commissioners Fish, Kafoury and Fritz. Follow-up conversations will be led by champions with other stakeholders. The presentation of final strategies will need to coincide with a broader community education/outreach campaign to develop community support for ongoing implementation, expand networks of potential partners, and encourage greater cross-class communications.

Recommendation (in rank order of priority)	Details	Achievable within 6 mos?	Co\$t?	Champion(s)	Next steps	What do we want City & County to do?
1. Develop camping guidelines. Work with police to develop policy that campers will not be cited or disturbed under anti-camping ordinance if guidelines are followed. Include people sleeping in cars.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May address acceptable locations, times, camp sizes, equipment , and behaviors • Work with police to request leniency in enforcement of expired tags for cars in which people are sleeping 	yes	0	Marc Jolin & Brendan Phillips	Stakeholder meetings to refine details.	<u>Immediately:</u> Ask PPB and Sheriff's Office to allow tents between 8pm-7am. <u>By Nov 1:</u> Support adoption of camping guidelines to ensure that PPB & Sheriff implement policies consistent with the guidelines.
2. Establish car camper access to parking lots and other privately-owned spaces. Some examples include programs in City of Eugene's and Kitsap County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene's ordinance allows businesses and homeowners to develop agreements with individual campers. Eugene contracts with a nonprofit (SVDP) that oversees a specific program. They recruit churches, provide CM, direct people to available sites. 3 campers allowed per business/church site, one per residence. • Portland service providers could work with volunteer networks to facilitate "placements" without needing to create a formal, citywide program. City could provide a template to businesses and non-profits wanting to create programs, similar to one provided in Kitsap County. • If we want to create a program, the Eugene program offers a model of connecting churches, businesses, and non-profit case management providers. 	yes	Low without program; Med with program	Marc Jolin & Brendan Phillips	Stakeholder meetings to refine details.	Would require an ordinance change for City & County

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3. Increase shelter space by identifying vacant public or private buildings	Would require nonprofit to operate basic, no-frills shelter. Pilot this Winter using parks facilities and/or community centers for shelter or severe weather? Schools?	yes	\$300-900k per year	Jennifer Chang, Larry Turner		-Identify available buildings -Provide funding
4. Provide rent assistance and housing placement to move 1,000 households from the street or shelter to homes.	Average total cost per household \$1,191 (includes \$953 for rent assistance and \$238 for housing placement services.	maybe	\$1,191,250 per year	Sally Erickson	Identify champion and funding source.	
5. Develop “tent cities.” Models may include Seattle/King County migrating village model, or Dignity Village	Adopt legal framework to permit additional tent city in Portland/Multnomah County and identify public and private partners with land that could host either a second permanent, or migrating, tent city.	Legal framework, yes, creation of camp, maybe	\$200-500k per year	Leo Rhodes and	Stakeholder meetings to refine details.	
6. Sustainable farming or other work/housing community	Blanchet Farm a local model. SOTR, in past, involved in sustainable farming.	no	?	David Regan, Brendan Phillips		
7. Outreach to faith groups to establish/ expand Daybreak Shelter program.	Identify 9-12 faith groups to expand existing Daybreak Shelter network from 15 to 30-45 beds. Existing program works well; can build on successful model and leverage Daybreak Shelter’s day space. Leverages volunteers. Costs are for case management, cots, and bus tickets for additional shelter guests.	maybe	\$100k	Beckie Lee, Erika Silver, Jennifer Chang	Send a “call to action” letter from City & County Commissioners to engage faith groups.	
8. Develop free/low-cost property storage options	Use existing sheltered area. ODOT/405 bridge area. Work with ODOT and Portland Police to identify possible locations.	maybe	\$100-200k per year	Marc Jolin, Brendan Phillips		- Identify available public land. - Provide funding.
9. Ensure that campers have adequate gear to ensure safety (including sleeping bags, tarps, 911 cell-phones, etc)	Could purchase in bulk, do a drive, ask for REI and other retailers to donate or give discounts.	yes	Low	?	Need police guidelines re: tents & gear. Potentially include as mobilizing efforts among faith groups.	

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10. Organize a “ faith summit ” to engage new and existing faith groups in efforts to end homelessness (including shelter and housing services).	Bring together faith groups from the broader Portland/Multnomah County area with the focus to inform groups about homelessness, highlight successful faith-based programs/partnerships, connect groups to nonprofit and other community resources, and unify faith community.	No	\$5-15K	Jennifer Chang	Develop event timeline; identify commissioner(s) who will serve as host; convene summit planning committee.	Convene faith summit
11. “Castoff Clunkers”... Use vans as temporary homes	Do a pilot with 100 clunkers? Use/solicit donated vans – JOIN and others. Phase 1: Need to allow legal sleeping in vehicle (see #2 – parking lot camping). If occupants paid \$123/month, could be used to cover costs for coordinating entity and/or dental care for uninsured.	maybe	\$100k?	David Knapp, Nate Nelson	Need camping guidelines to allow car camping	
12. Master lease hotel/motel	Could be alternative or in addition to using STRA hotel/motel vouchers	yes	\$250-500k per year	Mary Li?		
13. Pursue property tax credits for private land owners willing to allow camping on properties	May not be easily do-able	no	?	?		

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