

LAKE CITY PARTNERS ENDING HOMELESSNESS

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Request to City of Seattle re: funding for Year Round North King County Regional Navigation HUB

Start date: Mar. 1, 2020

Request for \$1,993,696.77 for Regional Navigation HUB, with additional \$350,000 for renovation/permit costs

Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness (LCP) is requesting funding to create a Regional Navigation HUB in the North King County area with full staffing and supervision for a 24/7 shelter/hygiene center with beds for up to 65 self-identified single male and 15 self-identified female or couples starting on or before Mar. 1, 2020. We are considering additional partnerships to provide beds for 5 unaccompanied youth ages 14-18, and space for up to 3 families with teenage children 14+. The purpose of the HUB will be to exit people as quickly as possible into permanent housing, making homelessness rare, brief and one-time. We will be asking both King County and City of Shoreline to share increased costs for this 24/7 shelter (current budget attached does not project what funding costs might be shared).

Background:

LCP is a 501(c)3 created in 2015 to facilitate access to housing, health and work for unsheltered people in the North King County area with a 9 person board of directors committed to fiscal oversight and decision-making. Since 2007, the partners of LCP have been running homeless day services and cold weather/emergency low-barrier shelter with faith communities and organizations in coordination with the Lake City Taskforce on Homelessness. LCP's North King County Winter Shelter has been minimally funded by City of Seattle (\$116,493), Shoreline (\$15,000), Bothell (\$5000), Kenmore (\$2000), King County (\$30,000), local foundations (\$20,000) and individual donors (\$50,000). With City of Seattle funding (\$100,000/year for 2019 & 2020), LCP's day center called God's Li'l Acre (GLA) has expanded hrs. Open 9am-4pm, M-F.

The Lake City annual Point in Time count of 5 census tracts saw an increase of homelessness in 2019 to 134 from 115 (Jan. 2018). GLA has served at least 262 people already in 2019. At least 30 households have exited into housing by the end of June 2019. Our housing navigators currently use Diversion funds from Africatown and Streets to Home funds from United Way to assist people in exiting to housing. Housing assessments through Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) are conducted onsite. LCP complies with HMIS reporting standards, ensuring program enrollment includes guest intake and signature agreement of guest's rights and responsibilities. Our partners ultimately hold a level of experience in food services, shelter provision, housing connections, mental health and case management when serving the needs of target population. Total estimated value of community in-kind contribution for the shelter season is worth approximately \$210,177.

Proposed program:

LCP uses a trauma-informed, person-centered, recovery-oriented approach to working with people



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experiencing homelessness. We have built a sense of community with a population of single adults, couples, many of whom experience chronic homelessness and disability with co-occurring mental illness and chemical dependency. Our efforts have grown to include resourcing the Shoreline, Lake Forest Park, and Kenmore/Bothell area which has little to no resources for this population. Up to this point our programs have been minimally funded, with hopes to increase services desperately needed by this vulnerable population.

We plan to offer:

- 24/7 permanent low barrier shelter for 50 to 80 single adults/couples, with optional space for youth/families.
- Day-time housing navigation with 3 on-site housing counsellors and 2 case managers.
- Night-time supervision with 4 on-site shelter counsellors and supervisor.
- Spacious area for separation of bunk-beds and day-time space.
- Meal Service: 3 meals a day with local meal provider and volunteers.
- Hygiene Facilities: 3 single-use showers, 3 sets of laundry
- Bus tickets: provided via Human Services Reduced Fare Ticket book program
- Additional support staff includes director, shelter manager, volunteer coordinator, janitorial and maintenance services.

Location: lease of old Lake City Value Village site or equivalent property for up to \$15,000 per month.

Please see attached budget for further details.

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