



Mayor Charlie Hales' Homelessness Initiative

SUPPORT, LIVABILITY, OPPORTUNITY

Homelessness is a national problem, and we're grappling with it here in Portland, where about **2,000 people** are without shelter each night. This creates a range of issues. The **Mayor's Homelessness Initiative** seeks to **manage public space issues** until the city, county and state reach **long-term solutions**, including more funding for housing and mental health treatment; and it seeks to **create safer, more comfortable public spaces for all Portlanders**.

HIGH-INTENSITY STREET ENGAGEMENT

Cascadia Behavioral Health will work with the Portland Police Bureau's Neighborhood Response Teams to house the people who face the **greatest barriers to housing**.

Goal: Facilitate **housing placement and retention** with **culturally specific wraparound services** among the people who need the greatest amount of support.

Background: This started as a pilot program in Fall 2014, under the Interstate 405 overpass.

Cost: \$924,000 from the General Fund.

Launch: September 2015

ONE-POINT CONTACT SYSTEM

The City will create **one point of contact** to whom the **public can report behavior-based issues**, such as aggressive behavior; blocking of public space; mistreatment of public space; structures in high-visibility areas.

Goal: Create **efficiency** in reporting problems, and **reduce frustration** through engagement.

Background: There has been public frustration in conveying complaints to the appropriate party, since **different entities own land or are responsible for enforcement**.

Cost: Existing employee reassigned.

Launch: October 2015

DAY STORAGE PILOT PROGRAM

The City will establish **day storage sites** — one on the west side of the Burnside Bridge and one in Central Eastside — at which houseless people may **leave their belongings for the day**. The locations will be staffed by outreach organizations in the morning and evening, with an information kiosk to direct people to services; storage space; garbage Dumpsters; **two portable toilets; and a large sharps container**.

Goal: Clean up city streets and make it easier for houseless people to go to medical appointments, jobs, etc.

Background: **The need to stay with belongings** hinders people's ability to go to work, look for a job, go to medical appointments, or do other things during the day.

Cost: \$50,000 one-time, for storage containers; \$5,600 monthly, for operations.

Launch: October 2015

END VETERAN HOMELESSNESS

Mayor Hales pledged in his 2015 State of the City address to work with Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury to **house all of Portland's homeless veterans by Veterans Day**.

Goal: Support a vulnerable population.

Background: In 2014, the City and County pledged to house 100 disabled veterans by Veterans Day, but **housed 139**. This year, they are **housing more than 50 homeless veterans per month**. With 385 veterans housed, there are approximately **305 who still need homes**.