**LOW INCOME HOUSING INSTITUTE**

# Tiny House Villages...

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## ...Save Lives

29 homeless people died last December alone, out of 169 total deaths in 2020. Seattle has one of the largest unsheltered homeless populations in the nation – more than New York City.

## ...Lead to Permanent Housing

Villages are a direct bridge to a home. 47.4% of people who exited Tiny House Villages moved into permanent housing and 6% moved into transitional housing in 2020, compared to just 3% from basic shelter.

## ...Replace Encampments

Sweeps don't work. Chronically homeless people almost always say yes to a Tiny House, where many will say no to basic shelter. Opening a village offers homeless people a real alternative to sleeping in a tent, sidewalk, greenbelt, or park.

## ...Prioritize Black, Indigenous, & People of Color

BIPOC communities are significantly overrepresented in the homeless population. Tiny Houses are a crucial resource. Villages can be designed to provide culturally relevant services, such as Ɂay̓gʷasilali Village serving the Puyallup Tribe, and T.C. Spirit Village in the Central Area focusing on the Black, Native American, and Alaskan Native communities.

## ...Prevent Covid-19 Infection

33 homeless people have died from Covid-19 since March 2020; Black and Indigenous homeless people are dying at disproportionate numbers. Tiny House Villages are non-congregate shelters that promote social distancing.

## ...Offer Neighborhoods Immediate Results

Houseless neighbors deserve the same safety and decency as housed neighbors. People are fed up with sweeps that just move the issue down the block. Tiny Houses offer immediate results; on average a village can be set up in 8-10 weeks

## ...Provide Dignity & Safety

Tiny House Villages have a 99% utilization rate for a reason. Conventional shelter barriers are removed; partners, pets and possessions are welcome, plus there is the security and privacy of a locking door. Tiny House Villages restore a sense of community.

# 2,801 People Sheltered since 2015

Seattle has one of the largest unsheltered homeless populations in the nation – more than New York City. LIHI is currently the second largest shelter provider in Seattle and King County with 584 shelter beds and tiny houses.

# 53.4% Found Homes

Villages are a direct bridge to a home. This includes 47.4% of people who moved into permanent housing and 6% who moved into transitional housing; a pathway to permanent housing that typically includes services and Section 8 support.

# 99% Tiny Houses Utilized

Chronically homeless people almost always say yes to a Tiny House over basic shelter. Villagers gain a sense of security with a locking door, electric heat, and a roof over their head. Villages adhere to harm reduction principles, and are a non-congregate model.

# 50% Black, Indigenous, People of Color Served

Given significant racial disparities that exist in the homeless population Tiny Houses are a crucial resource for BIPOC communities. Many villages cater to specific cultural needs; such as Ɂay̓gʷasilali Village serving the Puyallup Tribe, and T.C. Spirit Village in the Central Area focusing on the African American, Native American, and Alaskan Native community.

# 99 Day Median "Length of Stay" in Program

Everyone is on a unique journey to recover from the trauma of homelessness. For most villagers their stay is brief. Tiny houses are a form of emergency enhanced shelter; our primary goal is to get people into permanent housing.

# Tiny Houses Save Lives & Restore Dignity

29 homeless people died in King County last December alone, out of 169 total deaths in 2020. Each house has electricity, overhead light, insulation, and a heater. Villages come with a kitchen, bathroom facilities, and onsite case managers. They allow residents to reclaim their dignity and get on a path to permanent housing, jobs, and services.

*All program data compiled through HMIS.*