



# City of Seattle

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan

June 1, 2018

Honorable Bruce A. Harrell, President  
Seattle City Council  
City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Seattle, WA 98122

Dear Council President Harrell:

Yesterday, we learned that there are 4,488 people living unsheltered in the City of Seattle, an increase of almost 650 people over last year. We are working to tackle this crisis from every angle. We must prevent people from falling into homelessness; we must build more affordable housing; we must increase resources for mental health and behavioral health treatment; and we must create a regional approach to better align our efforts across the county.

As we continue these efforts, I present to you my plan to move more people inside into safe places. In the next 90 days, my plan will increase the number bridge housing and shelter units in the City of Seattle by 25%, from 2,032 to 2,532 shelter beds and tiny houses that will allow us to bring at least 500 more people indoors every single night.

This plan will deliver an historic expansion of bridge housing and shelter in the City of Seattle that will ensure more people are able to come inside to access City services, get the support they need, and help transition people to more permanent housing. The plan includes:

- Expanding existing shelter capacity at some of our 24/7 shelters to serve an additional 180 people;
- Creating bridge housing at Haddon Hall in Belltown for people living outside waiting for permanent supportive housing;
- Expanding City Hall's basic shelter to serve 120 people each night;
- Supporting the Whittier Heights Women's Village which will serve 19 chronically homeless women;
- Supporting 54 tiny homes in South Lake Union and 30 tiny homes at 18<sup>th</sup> and Yesler following community engagement and site approval; and
- Continuing funding for 163 shelter beds that were set to close at the end of May.

The attached spending plan proposes funding these 500 units of bridge housing and shelter with the funds generated by the sale of the City's Communications Shop building. This plan serves as the final report of the Innovative Housing Subcabinet's recommendations for a Bridge Housing Investment Strategy.

I am also transmitting the attached legislation for your consideration to move \$6,320,000 of appropriations (Ordinance 125493) from the City's Reserves to the Human Services Department (HSD) and Finance and Administrative Services Department (FAS). This legislation also creates four new positions in HSD to work on programs supporting homelessness initiatives.

If you have any questions about this legislation, please direct them to Ben Noble, City Budget Director.

Sincerely,



Jenny A. Durkan  
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Councilmember Sally Bagshaw, Chair of Finance and Neighborhoods Committee  
Kirstan Arestad, Council Central Staff Director

	Council District	# new beds/units	# people served at one time	Type of Investment	Population	Timeline	2018 One-Time	2018 Operating (Pro-Rated)	2019
<b>New Shelter Investments for Adults Living Unsheltered</b>									
Whittier Heights Women's Village	6	16	19	Low-Barrier Encamp	Adult Women	Late May			\$450,000
8th and Roy Village	7	54	65	Low-Barrier Encamp	Adult Coed	mid-July	\$1,601,000	\$517,715	\$1,207,000
18th and Yesler Village	3	30	38	Low-Barrier Encamp	Adult Coed	mid-July	\$541,000	\$375,744	\$982,000
City Hall Shelter	7	120	120	Basic Shelter	Adult Coed	late June	\$57,600	\$390,000	\$885,600
Expansion of Existing Shelters <i>E.g. Angelines, Navigation Center, PSKS</i>	Various	80	80	Enhanced Shelter	Adult Coed/Youth	July	\$37,500	\$683,965	\$1,530,417

<b>New Shelter Investments for Families Living Unsheltered</b>									
Mary's Place Pi Bank Expansion		100	100	Enhanced Shelter	Families with children	50 beds July; 50 beds Sept	\$300,000	\$769,000	\$1,845,000

<b>Bridge Housing for Adults Living Unsheltered</b>									
Haddon Hall		100	100	Enhanced Shelter	Adult Coed	End of August	\$650,000	\$615,000	\$1,845,000

<b>New City of Seattle Shelter Beds/Units and People Served</b>		<b>380</b>	<b>402</b>				<b>\$3,187,100</b>	<b>\$3,351,424</b>	<b>\$8,745,017</b>
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<b>Maintain 163 Shelter Beds Going Offline in May</b>									
DESC Queen Anne Shelter		100	100	Basic	Single Adults	Online		\$416,000	\$570,000
DESC Kerner Scott Shelter		25	25	Basic	Women	Online		\$200,000	\$130,000
DESC Auxiliary Shelter		38	38	Basic	Single Adults	Online		\$100,000	\$100,000

<b>Total Shelter Beds Maintained</b>		<b>163</b>	<b>163</b>					<b>\$716,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>
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Subtotal, 2018 One-Time \$3,187,100  
Subtotal, 2018 Operating \$4,067,424  
**Total, 2018 \$7,254,524**

**Total, 2019 Ongoing \$9,545,017** (The 2018 operating costs detailed above are a pro-rated share of the full annual operational costs.)

<b>Sources of Funds</b>									
Communications Shop Sale Proceeds	\$6.320 Note: Net proceeds are ~\$1 million larger than originally anticipated.								
REET	\$0.934 2018 revenue forecast has been upgraded, and per state statute we are temporarily allowed to use up to \$1M of REET for homelessness-related services.								
<b>Total, 2018</b>	<b>\$7.254</b>								