

A Collaborative Approach

The homelessness crisis is community-wide. Eugene strategically partners with Lane County, St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lane County, Everyone Village, Carry It Forward, SquareOne Villages, Community Supported Shelters, White Bird Clinic, HIV Alliance, Equitable Social Solutions, Trillium Community Health Plan, Eugene Water and Electric Board, Laurel Hill Center, ShelterCare, Hope and Safety Alliance, Looking Glass, 15th Night, Catholic Community Services, and Homes for Good to boost housing and personal stability and reduce homelessness. Eugene's shelter programs are part of the City's coordinated effort to facilitate more accessible dwellings across the spectrum: the Housing Implementation Pipeline.

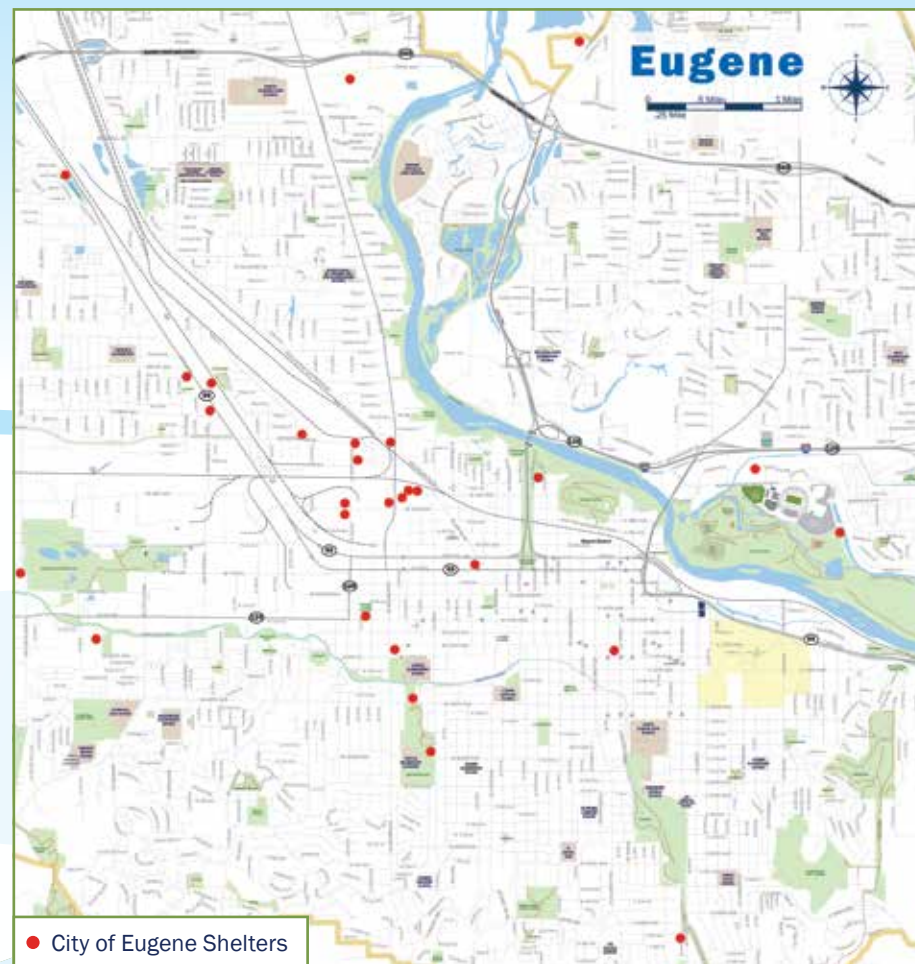


Improving Lives

The new City shelters were developed with the input of both service providers and people with lived experience to provide places where people can recover safely from the stresses and risks of living on the street. They provide a chance for people to stay and develop healthy relationships with staff, fellow occupants, and local service providers as they stabilize and access Continuum of Care services. Occupants of the City's shelter programs show the capacity and will to move to transitional housing and other stable outcomes, but more affordable and supportive housing options are needed, as well as more case management and homeless services staffing to help unhoused residents move on. The City recently conducted focus groups and interviews with residents at three of the four operating new shelter sites. The near-unanimous consensus is that residents love the dignity, privacy, and sense of community at the sites, that they vastly prefer the City's new shelters to congregate shelters, and that they want to use the sites as the launchpad for their stability and recovery efforts. The sites are in high demand with Eugene's unhoused community. The four open sites have waiting lists of hundreds of people. The 410 Garfield Street site alone has had 891 people sign up for one of its 86 spaces since it opened in February 2022.

Addressing Health and Safety

The spike in the number of unsheltered people in the community in recent years has created serious health and safety impacts from unsanctioned camping. The City spent \$4.6 million in FY22 and plans to spend \$13.6 million over the next three fiscal years in response to debris, unsafe and unsanitary conditions, trespassing, misuses of public spaces, obstacles to right-of-way access, and impediments to the safe operation of schools, businesses, shelters and residential neighborhoods. Extra staffing and clean-up costs have also been supported by one-time funds, and the City has had to set aside other infrastructure demands to address the homelessness crisis.





Unhoused Crisis

Supporting Eugene's Response

City of Eugene Unhoused Support Spending

FY24 & FY25 spending dependant on State ask \$7.5M/yr

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
Non-Safe Sleep site shelter	\$1,500,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,200,000	\$2,200,000
Services	\$1,900,000	\$2,800,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,100,000
Safe Sleep site development	\$2,100,000	\$2,100,000	---	---
Safe Sleep site operations	\$500,000	\$3,700,000	\$3,900,000	\$4,200,000
Safety and sanitation response <i>Includes temporary camps</i>	\$4,600,000	\$3,800,000	\$5,000,000	\$4,200,000
TOTAL	\$10,600,000	\$14,800,000	\$14,100,000	\$13,700,000

An Ongoing Critical Need

Eugene is spending nearly \$15 million in FY23 on unhoused support. **The City needs \$7.5 million per year, ongoing, to continue shelter and stability services currently provided.** Ongoing funds will be used to continue operations of shelter sites and respond to safety and sanitation needs in the community. With funding beyond \$7.5 million per year, the City could look to create more needed shelter beds and improve the outcomes of its various shelter programs. One-time funds that have allowed the expansion of shelter and outreach will expire in less than two years. Eugene is facing the unthinkable but real possibility of current programs ending due to a lack of funding, returning hundreds more vulnerable people into our public spaces.



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A Community In Crisis

In 2022, Lane County's Point In Time count reported 2,880 people who were unsheltered, in emergency shelter, or in transitional housing. The Homeless By Name List (a more accurate accounting of individuals who have accessed homeless services) showed the monthly number of unhoused in Eugene increasing throughout 2022 from 3,136 to 3,628. In January 2020, our area had 649 emergency shelter beds. By June 2020 after the onset of the pandemic and new health regulations, those beds were down more than one-third, to 421. As COVID-19 took hold, camping in public spaces spiked. Safety and sanitation became dire community concerns, and many unhoused residents were at serious risk.



Successfully Filling A Gap

Continuum of Care funding focuses primarily on housing, not the serious deficit in emergency shelter, and does not address safety and sanitation in the community. Responding to this crisis, the City of Eugene is investing \$25.4 million in the 2022 and 2023 fiscal years for infrastructure and programs to create critical, lower-barrier emergency shelters; and to address safety and sanitation community-wide. The heart of this effort applies \$8.4 million in one-time state and federal funds



to add 250 new spaces in five locations that meet the state requirements for non-congregate shelter: safe and secure places for people to sleep and connect with services.