

MULTNOMAH COUNTY



Homeless Services
Department

Family Shelter @ 24124 SE Stark St
Gresham 97030

September 18, 2025

Today's presentation

- Definition of homelessness
- Homeless families in East Multnomah County
- District 4 Community Engagement and Survey
- The Family Shelter site on SE Stark in Gresham
- The Good Neighbor Agreement

Definition of homelessness for the family system and eligibility

- “Families” include adults with minor children in their care OR pregnant and in the 3rd trimester
- Must be a Multnomah County resident
- Homelessness is defined as: doubled up, staying in shelter, transitional housing, places not meant for habitation, in an institution, or official court order notice of eviction

Homeless Families in East County

- **211** is the single point of contact to request service in our family system.
- Accompanying materials include calls from families self-identifying as homeless, along with a map
 - **20%** of callers specifically requesting Gresham for shelter
 - **2,198 calls** from ZIP codes that overlap Gresham and/or the three cities in East County (**42.9%** of all calls from families self-identifying as homeless)



Community Engagement in Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale and Wood Village by District 4 Commissioner Vince Jones-Dixon



September 16, 2025

East County Homeless Resources Engagement

District 4
Commissioner Jones-Dixon

Engagement process

Series of meetings led by Commissioner Jones-Dixon

- **July 9 Q&A:** share information, answer live questions
- **July 16 Listening Session:** in person activities/discussion and feedback
- **July 25 Site Visit at Cultivate Initiatives:** tour and learning
- **July 30 Listening Session:** virtual activities/discussion and feedback
- **August 20 Findings Meeting:** validate and reflect on findings
- **September 16 Board Briefing:** share findings and recommendations

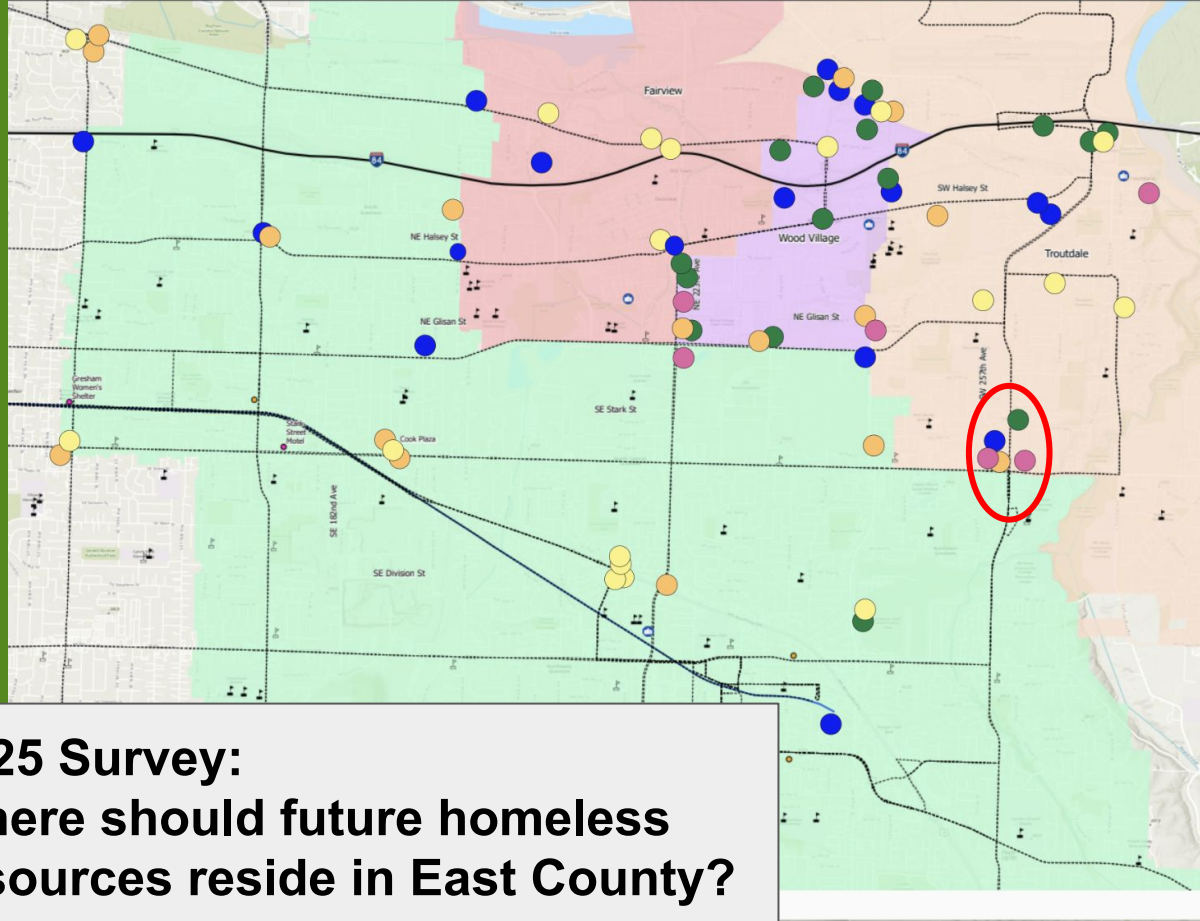


Recommendations and next steps

1. **Decisions about siting homeless services in East County are reflective of the latest data.**
 - a. Do not further concentrate shelter in Rockwood. Provide evenly distributed services at alternate location(s) in alignment with East County's priority criteria for location, impacts, and services.
 - b. Focus on family shelter; Ensure more support for individuals and families on the edge; Provide more navigation services.
2. **Budgetary resources already allocated to projects in East County remain for use in East County.**
3. **Ensure improved coordination going forward:** District 4 will reformulate the East County Leaders meeting for more consistent, proactive, and two-way communication that will improve partnership and outcomes.



2025 Survey: Where should future homeless resources reside in East County?



- = Elected Leader
- = City/County Employee
- = Service Provider
- = Neighbor
- = Other Stakeholder



Commissioner District 4 Multnomah County

Disclaimer: This map is for reference use only.
Data is derived from multiple sources
with varying levels of accuracy.

Legend

City Boundaries
Fairview
Gresham
Troutdale
Wood Village

Shelters
Private shelter
Homeless Services
Department-Funded

Schools
Private
Public
Commissioner District

Next Steps | Timeline

- Sept 25, 2025: Board of County Commissioners will vote to permit moving forward on the project
- Next 2-4 weeks: HSD will announce its selection of the family shelter operator
- Next 4-6 weeks: HSD will host another community meeting for community to meet the planned shelter operator
- Next 2-3 months: Shelter will begin operations and taking family referrals off the waitlist

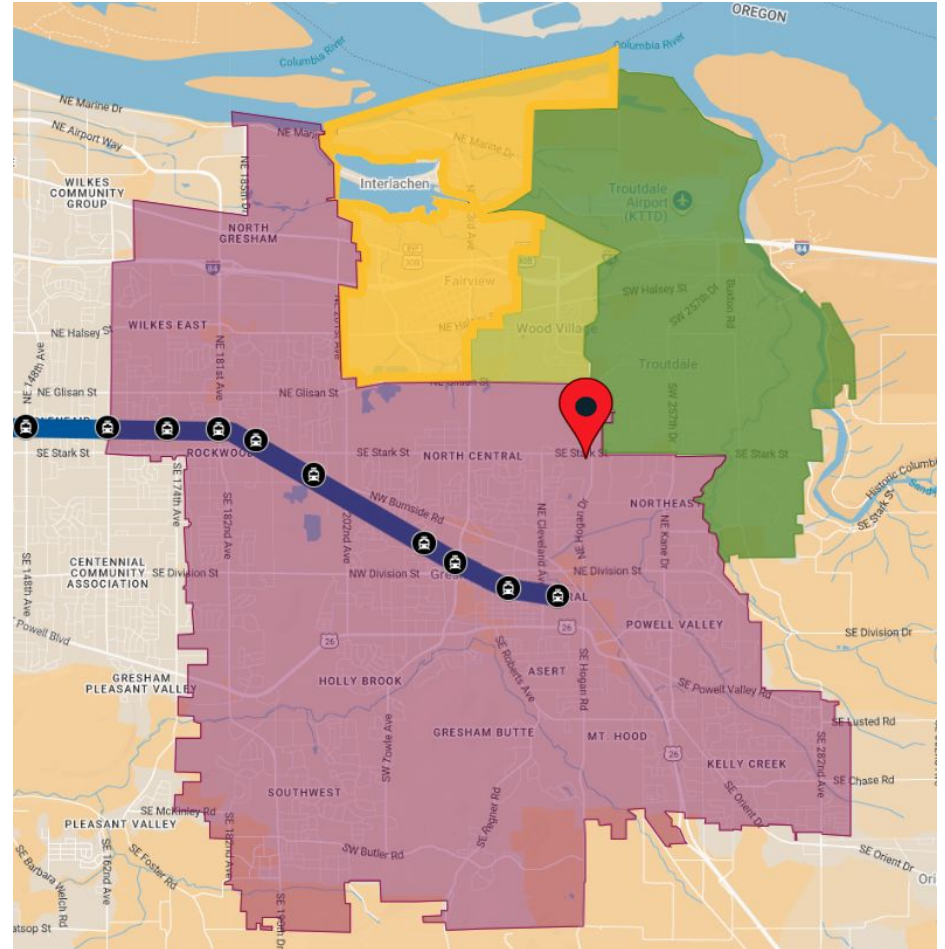
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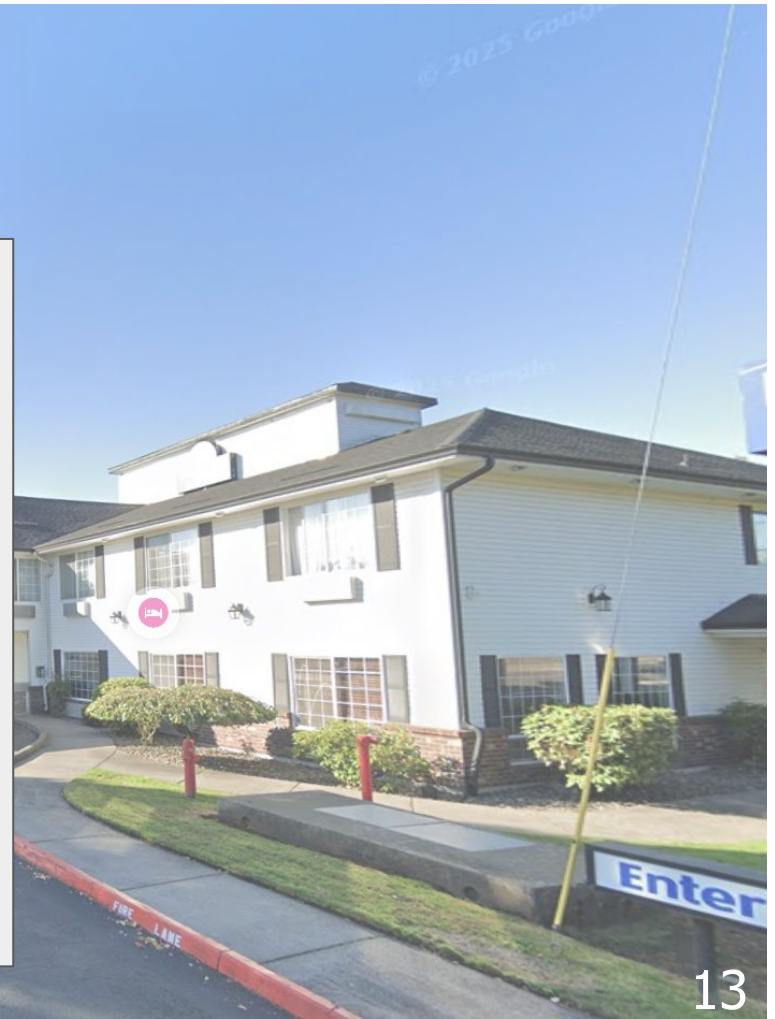
Gresham, Oregon

Google Street View

Oct 2024 [See more dates](#)

About the Family Shelter

- The site is located at 24124 SE Stark St in Gresham.
- It is centrally located between Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale, and Gresham.
- This emergency shelter will serve families and their children, many of whom may already belong to the local community.



The site will include the following critical services:

- Approximately 50 large-sized guest rooms with private baths for families
- On-site facilities such as laundry
- 24/7 on-site staffing
- Close proximity to public transportation (e.g., TriMet No. 20-Burnside/Stark)

Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA)

- *A Good Neighbor Agreement is a written statement of shared commitments and individual stakeholder responsibilities in relation to an HSD funded shelter.*
- *It is not legally binding; however, the signatories to a Good Neighbor Agreement are making a public commitment and a commitment to each other to abide by the terms of the GNA.*
- *The scope of a GNA is limited to how a shelter program and its participants will engage with immediate neighbors, and how immediate neighbors will engage with the shelter program and its participants.*



Appendices

Motel Search Criteria

- Multco reviewed over 50 motels across the County based on:
 - Safety
 - Geographic Considerations
 - Layout
 - Room Features
 - Equity and Accessibility
 - Building Concerns
 - Price; Lease v Purchase options (limiting factor in East County)
- Location impacted by population interest and geographic equity

Current and Future Shelter Proportions

- Multnomah County has increased funded shelter units by over 200% since 2017, and 95% since 2019
- Currently, there are 52 publicly-funded sites across the County, 3 are in Gresham
 - With the addition of this site, Gresham sites will represent **7%** of all publicly-funded shelter sites and **7%** of all units