

**Harrison Community Village**  
**Questions from Public Meeting #4:**  
**Portland Community College, 2/26/26 at 6:30-8pm**

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**Where can one find the emails/phone numbers for “who to contact”? (HSD and DoGood Multnomah)**

Emails and phone numbers are listed in the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) under Exhibit C: Agreement Parties Contact Information. A copy of the GNA is available on the [Harrison Community Village website](#). Translated versions will be made also available on the project website.

**What is the average cost per night per participant?**

The estimated cost per unit per night is \$107. This total cost includes provider operations and facilities administration/operations (e.g., utilities, etc.).

### **Is this a detox program? If it's not, what is it? What is going to be happening for people who stay there?**

No. Detox includes the physical/biological withdrawal process. This is not a medical withdrawal center or a medical treatment center. A person who has not gone through detox or needs medical detox would require a medical facility. Do Good Multnomah would refer them to a medical detox program before ever becoming a shelter participant at the Harrison Community Village.

Harrison Community Village will be a high-barrier emergency shelter that supports individuals who have either completed or do not meet the threshold necessary to require residential or in-patient treatment. Certified drug and alcohol counseling will be onsite, as well as housing placement services. Participants will be receiving treatment services through a state-certified outpatient treatment facility. This kind of program—a recovery-oriented shelter—has been identified as a need by people in recovery residing in our shelter system to help reinforce and maintain their recovery as they work on their housing future.

### **How long will people stay?**

The average length of stay at the Harrison Community Village is anticipated to be 90 days, or 3 months. Do Good Multnomah will work with each participant on a case by case basis to ensure participants can remain if they are actively engaged in services and working on their housing placement. Do Good Multnomah will partner with participants' treatment providers to evaluate their needs.

### **Will there be people with mental health diagnoses in the shelter?**

Just as in the general population, some people have co-occurring mental health and substance use disorder diagnoses. However, at the Harrison Community Village, trained staff will be present onsite, 24/7, to support any participant who may be experiencing a crisis.

### **What are the specifics of how DGM and HSD will address unsanctioned camping in the engagement zone?**

Services provided by Do Good Multnomah are dedicated toward shelter participants. In other words, there will not be programming that encourages unsheltered individuals from living near the shelter.

Do Good Multnomah, as part of their agreements in the GNA, is committed to reporting any unsanctioned camping in the engagement zone to the appropriate authorities (see Exhibit D: Community Resource Guide for those reporting pathways). When possible, staff will engage with individuals living in unsanctioned camps to direct them toward available services and encourage voluntary compliance of the City of Portland's camping ordinance.

### **There are many children in this area, how are you going to address safety?**

Do Good Multnomah takes every precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of neighbors and participants. As part of the referral process, Do Good Multnomah will be conducting background checks to identify past criminal history. The Harrison Community Village will redirect

any individual who may have a record of abuse of vulnerable populations to a more appropriate shelter or resource.

There are also community agreements that shelter participants must abide by. No weapons are allowed onsite. No alcohol or illicit substance is allowed on site. Participants and staff will also be subjected to regular, random drug testing to ensure compliance to the abstinence program. The Harrison Community Village also has secured entrances, meaning there is a no visitor policy. This ensures Do Good Multnomah has oversight over the programming and can communicate community agreements with everyone on site.

### **What happens if people don't make curfew?**

The Harrison Community Village has a curfew policy for shelter participants spelled out in their community agreements. Staff review the community agreement with every participant as part of their orientation and require a signature stating that they understand its contents. Do Good Multnomah takes a progressive discipline approach that includes documentation and engagement with participants who violate any community agreement.

Curfew is not meant to be punitive; however, shelter contracts require participants to sleep onsite in the shelter programs. Wellness checks are performed daily by staff and all participants who are not onsite during daily checks will be documented. If a participant leaves the program for more than 3 days without checking in with the site program manager or getting prior approval, the participant will be exited from the program. You can read Do Good Multnomah's community agreements in Exhibit E of the GNA.

### **How many times can someone come back (after their initial stay)?**

Each person is evaluated for fit during the intake process. If a person was exited for violating community agreements, depending on the severity they may be excluded from returning to the same program. Otherwise, each individual is assessed based on available space and fit. If the program is deemed not a best fit, Do Good Multnomah will work to refer the person to other resources.

### **Will there be an additional organization contracted to walk the area?**

Do Good Multnomah, with the support of the Homeless Services Department, will coordinate with existing mobile services in the surrounding area, which include, but is not limited to, County-funded outreach teams, the City of Portland's Impact Reduction Program, Portland Bureau of Transportation's Abandoned or Junk Vehicle Program, and Tri-Met Security. For a list of partners supporting the area's public spaces, see Exhibit D: Community Resource Guide

### **Is this a temporary or permanent site?**

The County purchased this property in 2022 as part of a land banking initiative to serve our housing and homelessness goals. At this juncture, this site is suitable to support a systemwide goal for reducing unsheltered homelessness in our community. There are no plans at this time to use the site for a different purpose in the future.

### **Is Do Good Multnomah an independent entity? Do they have experience operating a shelter like this?**

Do Good Multnomah is an experienced homeless services nonprofit who operate multiple shelters in Multnomah County. Among the shelters they manage are multiple village-style shelters including a veterans village in Clackamas and St Johns Village

<https://www.dogoodmultnomah.org/alternative-shelter>

### **Why is Multnomah County spending this money on opening a new shelter while closing other shelters?**

This fiscal year's planned closure of two congregate shelters, Wy'east and Market Street, were predetermined because both leased facilities had limited long-term viability. In June 2025, the Board voted to reallocate operational funding for these shelters in the final quarter for housing placement.

Planning for next fiscal year is underway and the Homeless Services Department (HSD) is faced with some difficult decisions to balance its budget. HSD relies on several sources of funding to operate shelters (in addition to funding housing placement programs and supportive housing services). Forecasted revenues from State and the regional Supportive Housing Services measure have declined over the past few years, requiring HSD to make difficult decisions about services cuts.

While the decision to decommission any site is difficult, HSD has conducted a multifaceted evaluation to ensure our resources are used effectively. When deciding which sites to close, we weighed several key pieces of information, such as cost per unit, program outcomes, and geographic location. We also looked at the state of the facilities—specifically their condition, maintenance requirements, and the sustainability of leasing versus owning. These factors together ensure our system remains resilient and focused on high-quality care.

The Harrison Community Village performs well across these metrics. The program is located on property owned by Multnomah County with new facilities. It will be a high-quality and cost-effective shelter in our system.

### **When people are asked to leave the engagement area, where will they be told to go?**

Do Good Multnomah will work with individuals to refer them to available shelter beds or day centers. The nearest day centers are JOIN and PDX Saints Love, both readily accessible by the 72 bus line. Staff can support them accessing services by providing bus tickets or helping them downsize their belongings.

### **What if unsanctioned campers in the engagement zone don't want to engage with services?**

If after Do Good Multnomah has exhausted its ability to connect individuals with services elsewhere or comply with the City's camping ordinance, then staff will report to the appropriate authorities (see Exhibit D: Community Resource Guide for those reporting pathways).

### **Will the cedar fence along the east-facing property line extend the entire length of the property?**

The original designs were modified because the south-facing fence dividing our property from Garry Small Saab is offset slightly from the true property line. We are working with our immediate neighbors to find a solution that satisfies concerns about an appropriate terminus for the cedar fence at the southeast corner.

### **Will shelter participants be allowed to have pets? How many pets will be allowed onsite?**

Yes, shelter participants are allowed to have pets; however, there is a limit to the total number of pets allowed at the shelter. Typically in a shelter of this size, Do Good Multnomah allows 5 dogs and 5 cats in total, but staff will determine what can be safely managed.

### **Will staff be parking inside?**

Staff will be parking on the property, inside the village.

As part of the screening process for new shelter participants, Do Good Multnomah will identify whether they have a vehicle when determining fit. Shelter participants will most likely not have a vehicle, and if they do, they will be required to demonstrate that it is operational and in good working condition (i.e., can move without assistance and is not leaking any fluids). Do Good Multnomah has resources to support participants in meeting that expectation.

### **What is the referral process?**

Typically referrals come to DGM and they triage which shelter site is the best fit

JBE would like to be added to the FAQ email list