



Proposed Lane County Human Services Overnight Camping Program

What:

- Overnight camping pilot-project modeled after the City of Eugene overnight parking program.
 - Consists of 10 sites, with capacity for 10-40 individuals
- Provides unhoused individuals and families with a safe and legal place to park their cars and camp.

Who:

- Individuals and families who are currently unhoused who:
 - Have passed a criminal background screening
 - Agree to the rules and regulations of the program

Where:

- Hosted by private property owners in the Urban Transition Zone within the Urban Growth Boundary of Eugene in the River Road/Santa Clara area, (i.e., churches, businesses, individual property owners).
 - Participating property owners must sign an agreement which outlines requirements and limitations to host a site for the program.
 - The program would only allow unhoused individuals and families to camp in designated areas on private property and not in a right-of-way.

When:

- The pilot program could begin as soon as the first week of December, 2017, and is a year-long project.
 - Upon completion of the pilot-year, results will be presented to the Lane County Board of Commissioners for review.

How:

- *Coordinated* by Lane County Human Services
- *Administrated* by a qualified social service provider
 - Sites will be provided with sanitation facilities, garbage disposal services, and storage areas at no cost to hosts.
 - Background checks administered by the provider in order to screen campers
 - Violent felonies would disqualify someone from receiving a camping spot
- *Funded* by the state of Oregon
 - Approximately \$41,000 budget for the pilot-year, which compensates for staff, oversight for sanitation, porta-potties, and garbage receptacles for 10 sites



Outcomes:

- Helps provide a legal place for unhoused individuals and families to camp in order minimize camping in areas which are unsafe or in a right-of-way.
- Helps stabilize the lives of participating individuals by providing a dependable and safe place to camp.
- Participants will also be eligible for a number of social services which will further help stabilize their situation.