

# Next Steps. Actionable Options for the 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Douglas, and Highway 99 Shelter

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Cottage Grove Community Center

# Options for 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Douglas Street Shelters

City Staff's approach to developing suggested options:

- ▶ Recognize that our current approach is not efficiently leading to the desired outcomes.
- ▶ Stable and sustainable long term funding is a very high priority.
- ▶ Think of suggested options as a continuum. Over time, ideas and options can continue to evolve.
- ▶ There are no bad ideas. Suggested options should not be rejected out of hand.
- ▶ There may be multiple paths forward, rather than a single best idea.

# Options for 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Douglas Street Shelters

1. Work with St Vincent de Paul to obtain stable and sustainable long term funding for any options considered.
2. Work with St Vincent de Paul to develop an improved Service Model for the two shelters. This could be an interim option that is combined with a long term strategy.
3. Construct a new shelter at the Cottage Grove Water Reclamation Facility between the large effluent pond and the ODOT Connector.
  1. Site could accommodate all the unhoused currently in the two shelters (about 60 people).
  2. Consider closing the two shelters and re-purposing the properties.



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## Cottage Grove Web Map

Lane County, Oregon

# Options for 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Douglas Street Shelters, Continued

- ▶ Faye Stewart, our Public Works Director, will walk you through the Connector Shelter Proposal.
- ▶ Input from other City staff and St. Vincent de Paul.

# Highway 99 Shelter

- ▶ The Contract for Shelter Operations with Carry it Forward and funding for Shelter Operations ends June 30, 2024.
- ▶ The process for accessing funds provided in the last Legislative Session has not been finalized by the State of Oregon.
- ▶ No City funds have been budgeted for Shelter Operations.
- ▶ City Staff plans to “mothball” and secure the Highway 99 Shelter.
- ▶ Reopening the shelter could be considered, if stable and sustainable long term funding options are identified.
- ▶ Currently 17 people live at the Shelter. City Staff is working with Carry it Forward to transition the residents to new locations.