

Youth Shelter & Rapid Rehousing

Proposed Project Between Tlingit Haida Regional Housing
Authority and CBJ's Zach Gordon Youth Center



Community Need

- Juneau has been without emergency shelter for runaway and homeless youth (RHY) for over a year. The issue has been exacerbated by the global pandemic.
- The JSD averages between 125-150 homeless youth annually, of these youth over 50% are teens.
- Current resources are tapped and community providers have reached out the ZGYC and THRHA to take this project on as many youth struggling with housing issues are already connected to the youth center.
- Youth Shelter is currently the #1 priority of the Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness
- The Mayor's ad hoc Task Force on Homelessness encouraged the Assembly's active collaboration to secure youth shelter.

Impacts of COVID - 19

- ZGYC has seen an increase in youth experiencing homelessness - Between June 1 - October 1, ZGYC has worked with 25 youth under 20 years old who are housing insecure or homeless. This is a significant increase from previous years.
- Many teens “couch surf” for places to stay. Regularly moving from place to place. Several teens are no longer able to do this due to concern of Covid spread.
- BRH has seen an increase in youth and adult psychiatric hospitalizations since March.

Proposed Project Overview

- The proposed project will provide two types of services to two different age groups of youth experiencing homelessness at the Hurlock Street property:
- Youth 10-18 - Temporary youth sheltering services for 6-8 youth will be provided 24/7 by trained awake adult staff. Services will be provided until family reunification, foster care or another placement can occur.
- Youth 18-20 - The rapid rehousing component will serve an additional 2-4 youth in the separate apartment living quarters of the Hurlock property.

CBJ & THRHA Partnership

CBJ - Zach Gordon Youth Center

Provide 24/7 shelter staffing.

Provide programming and supportive services including outreach and aftercare services.

Manage grants related to program costs.

Maintain data on youth served.

Both organizations will work together to secure grant funding as available, develop ongoing partnerships, and ensure programming is culturally relevant and appropriate.

Tlingit Haida Regional Housing Authority

Provide maintenance and ongoing upkeep of the facility.

Act as landlord to youth 18-20 living in the apartment.

Manage grants related to property costs.

Site Security

- Facility purpose is to provide a safe place for youth. Safety for our youth, our staff, and our community is our top concern.
 - Camera monitoring outside the building and in communal areas inside the building
 - Secure entrance
 - Everyone will check in and check out
 - Awake night staff
 - Area will be fenced per CUP
 - Youth are invested in this project