



# MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** CBJ Assembly Committee of the Whole

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**SUBJECT:** CIP & Housing Programs

## Background:

The CBJ Assembly Goals for 2017 include *Housing* and *Addressing Homelessness and Public Inebriate Issues* in its' list of priorities.

The recently adopted *Housing Action Plan* indicated that the CBJ should spend its own resources to address some of the challenges and problems in the housing market.

Recently, the Mayor's ad hoc committee meetings discussed chronic homelessness issues downtown and came up with a number of housing/homelessness related items that could be considered for future CIP funding or other CBJ funding, including:

### Outreach

- More police presence
- Continued support and coordination of outreach teams
  - Service Providers (Glory Hole, Zach Gordon Youth Center, AWARE, St. Vincent's)
  - Juneau Police Department Homeless Intervention Team
- Development of a Rapid Re-Housing program

### Low-Barrier Emergency Shelter

- A shelter available to all regardless of substance abuse, level of intoxication; and
- A shelter with a temperature trigger – open once the temperatures dips below a certain level (20 degrees)

### Year Round Thane Campground Improvements

New Sleep Off Center (Free up Rainforest to pursue MAT)

Medically Assisted Treatment – Improved Services for drug/or alcohol addiction

\*Note BRH just received a \$175K grant for MAT

### Permanent Supportive Housing

- Development of a Rapid Re-Housing program
- Juneau Housing First Collaborative – Phase II

### **Juneau Continuum of Care**

Many of these ideas ad hoc committee ideas fit into or have been discussed/pursued by the local Continuum of Care (CoC). (Juneau Coalition on Housing and Homelessness)

A CoC is s a regional or local planning body that coordinates housing and services funding and programs for homeless families and individuals. There are four necessary parts of a continuum:

- **Outreach, intake, and assessment** in order to identify service and housing needs and provide a link to the appropriate level of both;
- **Emergency shelter** to provide an immediate and safe alternative to sleeping on the streets, especially for homeless families with children;
- **Transitional housing** with supportive services to allow for the development of skills that will be needed once permanently housed; and
- **Permanent and permanent supportive housing** to provide individuals and families with an affordable place to live with services if needed.

CoC's also have to take into consideration certain subpopulations: families, youth, chronically homeless, veterans.

**Note:** In the Juneau Housing Spectrum diagram provided to the Assembly previously, the CoC occupies the lower end of the housing spectrum (light blue) and which typically involves an appropriate mix of housing and services (rental assistance, behavioral health services, etc.)

To get a sense of the current resources within the Juneau CoC and where there are gaps, a draft table is in your packet. The goal is to verify this information with the agencies at the Project Homeless Connect event at the end of January and to make this information available.

### **Draft CIP & Housing Programs**

The *CBJ Capital Improvement Program (CIP)* is a plan of capital improvements proposed for a six-year period with methods of financing it. The FY17 CIP process is currently underway and a draft CIP plan for Housing Programs is being provided to the Assembly for consideration.

Some key points to keep in mind while looking at this draft CIP:

- **Existing Resources:** This draft includes a column for existing resources for these types of housing programs and resources that the CBJ already has in place. (Juneau Affordable Housing Fund & Mobile Home Down Payment Assistance Program)
- **Juneau Affordable Housing Fund:** The Juneau Affordable Housing Fund (Items in Blue) allows for flexibility to provide not only capital but for other items known to make low-income, supportive housing programs successful such as capacity-building, supportive services, and operating.

- **Other CIP Budgets:** Funding that would benefit housing goals are also included in other CIP budgets. Example: the Lands CIP requests would be beneficial to housing.
- **Planning Commission:** The Planning Commission had two suggestions that were included in this list: Downtown Landslide/Mass Wasting Study & Funding for Lands to acquire parcels that would be useful for construction of housing.
- **Housing Data:** Numerous discussions have taken place of putting together updated needs assessments, inventories of downtown re-development opportunities, or local surveys of the rental market to have a better gauge of economic impacts or changes in the market.
- **Homeowner Programs & Housing for the Homeless/Special Needs Housing:** Items in these categories have been separated out so that it is clear the intended target. All of these meet goals of the Housing Action Plan or discussed in the recent meeting on downtown homelessness.

Other Resources Attached:

1. Draft CIP for Housing Programs
2. Continuum of Care Diagram (Housing and Service for the Homeless)
3. Alaska Point In Time Homeless Count (Juneau in Red)
4. Juneau CoC – A list of CoC resources that currently exist in the community
5. Juneau Housing Spectrum
6. Rapid Re-Housing Graphic