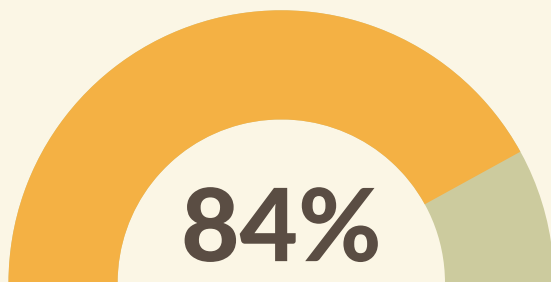


### WHO IS MANAGING THE PROJECT?

Church at the Park (C@P), which has been serving the area's unsheltered since 2007, will manage the projects. C@P employs staff who are trained weekly in the areas of Trauma Informed Care, De-escalation, Crisis Response, and Outward Mindset. C@P employs people with a variety of expertise, including the expertise of people who have experienced homelessness.

### WHO WILL STAY HERE?

Families and vulnerable adults with ties to rural Polk County are eligible to stay here. Individuals from Salem, Portland, or other communities without connections to rural Polk County will not be eligible to stay. In January 2023, the community conducted the annual Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and identified 91 unsheltered, rural Polk County residents. When there are openings, Polk County Family & Community Outreach (FCO) will pull from their existing list, prioritizing people who are most vulnerable. Key vulnerability factors considered are families with dependents, gender identity, age, chronic health conditions, and those fleeing domestic and intimate partner violence.



of individuals identified in the PIT who were experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness report having ties to rural POLK COUNTY



people identified were UNSHELTERED HOMELESS (Sleeping outside, in a vehicle, RV, or someplace not meant for human habitation)

## WHAT IS C@P PROPOSING?

In Dallas, C@P has purchased a property and will renovate the existing house to shelter up to 6 families of 2-5 people each. These households will include children under age 18.

In Monmouth, C@P has identified a property to lease where we will shelter up to 14 vulnerable adults, many of whom will be over age 50.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THESE PROJECTS?

Both of these projects are emergency interventions designed to help unsheltered families & individuals move from homelessness to stability. Both projects will be safe, sanitary, and supported. with a goal of connecting guests to stable housing and employment.

## HOW IS C@P KEEPING GUESTS AND NEIGHBORS SAFE?

C@P's proactive approach to safety for guests and neighbors includes: 24/7 staffing, a licensed security team that responds to non-emergency safety concerns on property or in the neighboring vicinity, video surveillance, and key partnerships with emergency responders. Through these measures, we have had a positive neighboring impact.

Additionally, the burden on local emergency services is likely to be diminished. People who are unsheltered and unsupported are often frequent users of emergency systems. Without access to medical care, they end up using 911 and hospital beds. Once people are engaged with on-site services, there is a reduction in the use of emergency services.

## HOW WILL WE KNOW IF THIS IS EFFECTIVE?

In 2023, C@P provided emergency shelter to 502 individuals. 203 of the people that exited our shelters went to positive destinations (permanent housing, assisted living, rehabilitation centers, etc). In March 2024, 35 people transitioned from C@P to permanent housing.

C@P will collect data on every guest by utilizing the community's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). FCO will be working with the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency to support many of the guests with opportunities for Rapid Re-housing.

## MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS?

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