

Inclement Weather Emergency Shelter: City Partnership with The Salvation Army

Education and Human Services Committee

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Partnership Goals

1. Expand year-round emergency shelter capacity

Once realized, this expanded partnership will represent a 43% increase in shelter bed capacity for single adults.

2. Establish a permanent location for inclement weather shelter

The inclement weather shelter, and eventual 'Center of Hope,' is located at 1900 Chamberlayne Avenue in the 3rd Council District.

3. Enlist an experienced emergency shelter provider

The Salvation Army has been serving the City of Richmond since 1984.

City Further Expands Region's Extensive Shelter Network

Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC) Year-Round Shelter Beds

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Additionally, our recent efforts in partnership with Home Again represent a 67% increase in shelter capacity for families.

	FY 23			FY 24		
	Single	Family	Total	Single	Family	Total
Caritas (2 locations)	64		64	64		64
The Salvation Army	33	17	50	83	17	100
Housing Families First*		40	40		52	52
Home Again (2 Locations)	20	35	55	20	85	105
Total**	117	92	209	167	154	321
Bed Increase				50	62	112
% Increase				43%	67%	54%

* Secured a federal grant

** Excludes domestic violence, veterans and medical respite shelters

Partnership Expansion: 3-Contract Package Deal

1. Inclement Weather Emergency Shelter Operating Contract

April 16, 2024, to June 30, 2025 (Current IWS contract expires April 15, 2024)

There is an option for the city to extend the contract for one additional year.

2. Human Services Community Resource and Training Center

Dedicated space in 1900 Chamberlayne Avenue—allowing it to be co-located with the inclement weather shelter.

3. Center of Hope Construction Grant

City/Salvation Army cost-share for long-term site (Center of Hope)

(City Council referred this paper to the Planning Commission)

Inclement Weather Emergency Shelter Operating Contract

Contract Duration: April 16, 2024, to June 30, 2025 (Current IWS contract expires April 15, 2024)
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Services:

- Converts 50 of the current 150 beds to year-round beds for single men beginning May 1, 2024. Prioritized, coordinated placement through Greater Richmond Continuum of Care (GRCoC)
- Retains 100 of the current 150 beds as IWS beds for single men and women during the inclement weather season (November 16 – April 15). These beds are walk-up, first-come first-served.
 - Additionally, these 100 IWS beds for single men and women will be activated during severe weather events.
 - 5 days in FY 24
 - 30 days in FY 25

Contract Amount: \$2.67 million

FY 24: \$404,704

FY 25: \$2.27M



Lease for City-Operated Resource Center

Contract Duration:

Begins day contract is signed

Ends concurrent with Operating Contract

- **Services:** Informed by the Strategic Plan to End Homelessness 2020 -2030 and recommendations from the subsequent Homelessness Advisory Council
 - Open to all residents, especially the unsheltered and those experiencing hardship and housing insecurity
 - Walk-in center providing a safe and welcoming environment for anyone to tell their story to a well-informed Human Services Care Navigator
 - Assistance navigating and connecting to existing services, resources, and systems of care
 - Host and/or collaborate with an adjunct corps of service providers to provide a rotating array of services and training opportunities including:
 - Behavioral Health and Healthcare
 - Human Services
 - Workforce Development

Dedicated Space

8 rooms (1,113 ft²) + 5 flex space rooms (1,287 ft²)

Lease also includes:

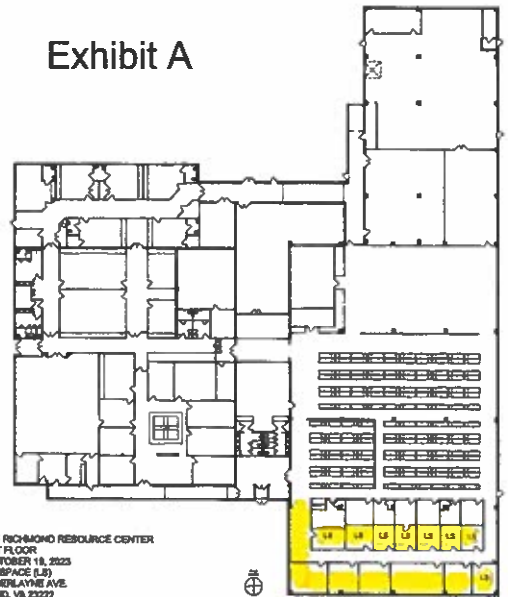
Access to common areas and parking

Separate entrance facing Chamberlayne Avenue

Contract Amount: No separate Charge

Included in operating contract covering 37,000 ft²

Human Services Community Resource and Training Center



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