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Medically Vulnerable People Program Fact Sheet

The Medically Vulnerable People (MVP) Program provides interim housing for seniors, veterans, and individuals experiencing homelessness who are aging, vulnerable, medically frail, in need of recuperative care, and/or have an underlying health condition. Pending city approval, this new facility in Sandy will serve as a crucial resource to address the unique challenges faced by these individuals who have fallen into homelessness because of a combination of the lack of affordable housing, serious illness, fixed-income limitations, or age-related factors. The MVP program provides a safe and supportive environment where individuals can connect with housing services, rehabilitate from illness, and access connections to the necessary health care and care management services with the goal to find stability and move toward permanent housing and other long-term solutions.

Details:

The MVP program will provide safe, stable, interim housing with onsite health care and support services for up to 165 participants who reside in private or semi-private rooms. The program will also help to connect participants with community resources such as food assistance, mental health services, employment support and affordable housing. The length of time it will take each person to move into a permanent housing option will vary, and we anticipate most participants resolving their stay at the MVP within six months.

Administration:

The Road Home and Fourth Street Clinic will operate the MVP facility. All participants will be admitted by referral only from qualified community partners based on pre-screened vulnerability criteria. Walk-ins will not be accepted.

Location:

The MVP facility will be located in the former Sandy Econolodge Inn & Suites, 8955 South 255 West, which will be remodeled.

Public Process:

Shelter the Homeless will submit a general development application with Sandy City and will work through a formal public process with the zoning administrator, planning commission and Sandy City Council to obtain approval.

Implementation:

The MVP facility will open upon receiving approval, adequate operational funding, and when limited upgrades are completed. It is hoped the facility will be ready in time for cold weather in late 2023.

Support:

The MVP program has been endorsed as a top priority by the Salt Lake Valley Coalition to End Homelessness and has received funding from the State Office of Homeless Services, Salt Lake County, other municipalities, and private donors.

What MVP Interim Housing Is:

- A facility typically providing interim support to an older population and individuals who are medically vulnerable
- A facility where participants will reside for the briefest period until suitable, permanent housing or longer-term residential health care options can be obtained that best meets the needs of each individual
- A facility that only admits participants from qualified community partners
- A facility with private and semi-private rooms
- A facility serving those who are ambulatory and are able to perform basic activities of daily living
- A facility that keeps participants engaged in finding housing and achieving healthier outcomes
- A facility that provides participants with stability and support as well as dignity and respect

What MVP Housing is NOT:

- Not a homeless resource center or shelter for the general population
- Not an overflow or temporary shelter
- Not a walk-in facility (will not admit people directly from the street)
- Not a congregate facility
- Not a domestic violence or women's-only shelter
- Not a faith-based shelter

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About Shelter the Homeless

Shelter the Homeless, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to serving individuals experiencing homelessness and working with partners to develop safe facilities and expand solutions to prevent and end homelessness in Utah.

About The Road Home

The mission of The Road Home, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is to help people step out of homelessness and back into our community.

About Fourth Street Clinic

Fourth Street Clinic helps individuals experiencing homelessness improve their health and quality of life by providing high-quality integrated health care.

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