

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2018-067**

Approving the FAC-1 Project Design and Construction Plan and Authorizing the Bidding and Construction of the Foster Shelter.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:**

- a. A Home for Everyone has set a goal of adding 650 permanent year-round shelter beds in Multnomah County, including shelter for single adults who would otherwise have no choice but to sleep outside. While we have created the target number of year-round beds, those beds are not all located at sites that can be used for shelter long term, and not all of the current sites offer the quality of shelter and services that we expect from our permanent year-round settings. The leasing of the property located at 6144 SE Foster Rd., Portland, Oregon ("Property") allowed for further stabilization of our community's year-round shelter capacity and would increase the quality of emergency shelter and support services offered to unsheltered adults, many of whom are extremely vulnerable living on the streets.
- b. The Property was identified as part of an exhaustive search for existing buildings that meet the range of criteria for emergency shelter. It is the appropriate size and zoning for the proposed shelter. The existing building type and layout can be effectively converted to a shelter with appropriate on-site support services, offerings and outdoor space. The Property is located close to mass transit and near a variety of community amenities, including employment resources, educational resources, a community center, a library, etc.
- c. The shelter proposed for the site will be open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and provide on-site sleeping, hygiene, property storage, and transition services to registered guests. This model provides a more stable and supportive environment for guests and reduces the potential impact on surrounding properties by eliminating queueing and the need for people to remain in the neighborhood with their belongings during the day. The shelter services are only available to registered guests who have reserved beds. There will not be walk-up day center services, reducing the risk that people without shelter will congregate or choose to camp near the shelter.
- d. As development of the shelter moves forward, the Joint Office of Homeless Services will continue to work with the immediate neighbors, the neighborhood and business associations, and schools to help shape the shelter program and address any concerns that arise once the shelter is in operation.
- e. On January 25, 2018, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution 2018-008 authorizing the lease of the Property at 6144 SE Foster Rd., Portland, Oregon, for development into the Foster Shelter.

- f. Given that this action arises from the County's overarching shelter programming goals and follows the Board's action approving a lease of the Property for shelter purposes, this action accounts for all of the FAC-1 Phases.
- g. The project management team is finalizing the design and is prepared to move into the bid and construction work for the Foster Shelter.

**The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:**

- 1. Approval of combining the FAC-1 Phases for presentation to the Board for approval.
- 2. Approval of the FAC-1 Project Design and Construction Plan for the Foster Shelter.
- 3. Authorization for the bidding and construction of the Foster Shelter.

**ADOPTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018.**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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Deborah Kafoury, Chair



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