EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

WINTER '21-'22

OCTOBER 6, 2021

EWS OVERVIEW

Goal: Reduce the number of adults sleeping in places not meant for human habitation during Missoula's most inclement weather.

- Johnson St Community Center
- Max capacity with social distancing = 150 people
- 24/7 indoor shelter offers warming site for folks who are unhoused/unsheltered
- Provides critical hygiene facilities (bathrooms, showers, laundry)
- All are welcome who can be safe, kind, and respectful

PROCESS

- Bi-weekly meetings since March with City staff, City Council members, County Commissioner, & Poverello Center staff to discuss site options
  - Talked with realtor
  - Considered various buildings across Missoula
  - Discussed fiscal need
- Community call for suggestions in July/August
- Decision to move forward with Johnson St after community call yielded no new options and all other prospects exhausted
- Site visits and planning preparation with MPD, MFD, and various other key stakeholders
- In-depth communication and outreach to neighbors and local stakeholders in advance of the opening on 11/1

FUNDING

- City of Missoula: $311,000 (ARPA funds)

  **ARPA = American Rescue Plan Act*

- Missoula County: $100,000
  - $50k County FAF / $50k County ARPA funds
- Human Resource Council, Emergency Solutions Grant: $205,000

Total EWS '21-'22 budget = $615,957.62

ZONING

- 1919 North Ave W
- The parcel is properly zoned for use as a temporary weather-based emergency shelter
- Completing change of use process
  - Administrative process, no Council involvement needed
  - Initiated with inspection in 2020
  - Repairs to be completed by end of October 2021

CONTRACT HIGHLIGHTS

- Nov. 1, 2021-April 2022, as needs dictate
- Local security company providing on-site security
- Poverello to convene monthly progress meetings
- Poverello to hire & train additional staff
- Utilize Homeless Management Information System to enter residents into Missoula Coordinated Entry System
- Conduct neighborhood meetings
- Conduct meetings with law enforcement and first responders

MOTION

Authorize the Mayor to sign and execute an agreement with The Poverello Center for the provision of Emergency Winter Shelter services funded by the City of Missoula.