Johnson Street Shelter

July 26, 2023

Background & Timeline



Winter 2020-2023

Hosting Emergency Winter Shelter out of 1919 North Ave W since winter '20-'21



May 2023

Provider guidance led to public funding requests in respective City and County FY24 budget cycles for operating costs, based on budget scope for operating

out of Johnson St building



August 2023

- City/Poverello Center contract for shelter operations will go before Council
- Health Code Variance will go before MCCHD Health Board



Summer-Fall 2023

Construction begins to expand shelter utility access (sewer & water) and add additional capacity for hygiene facilities

Houseless Leaders group made the collective decision to prioritize expanding shelter space in Missoula

April 2023

City funding for operating costs to expand shelter capacity is included in the Mayor's Executive Budget

June 2023

Estimated opening, if health code variance is approved

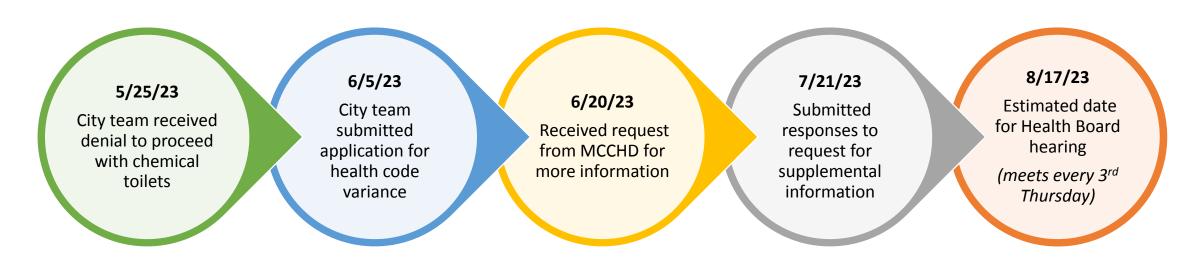
September 2023

All renovations and construction completed

December 2023

Health Code Variance

- Required in order to continue short-term use of chemical toilets for the shelter
- Chemical toilets are insufficient for year-round use of the facility, prompting plans for renovation and construction
- Variance would allow the shelter to re-open while construction is underway, as opposed to waiting until winter when construction is complete
- City team working closely with Poverello Center staff and others on the application



Renovation and Construction

Exploring two viable solutions:

Bathroom Trailers

 Purchasing bathroom trailers than can hookup directly to sewer and water

New Building Structure

 Building a new structure on the property and adding bathrooms and showers inside that structure

*Note: renovating the current building to add bathrooms inside the facility has been eliminated as an option due to significant costs associated with that approach

Additional Information

- > Communications & Outreach plan
- ➤ Funding plan for operating costs & construction costs
 - City FY24 operating costs, communications costs
 - County FY24 operating costs
 - MRA construction costs

Upcoming Presentations

Budget & Finance committee presentation on houseless and urban camping budget requests

Tentative date – Health Board hearing on the health code variance for Johnson St Shelter

Wed. August 16th

Wed. August 2nd

Thurs. August 17th

Poverello Center Operations Contract for Johnson Street at Housing, Redevelopment, and Community Programs committee