

Milpitas Homelessness Task Force

Subcommittee: Temporary Housing

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City Sanctioned Encampment Program	
Project Description	Provide a sanctioned encampment for RV's and tents with showers, toilets, laundry, running water, garbage pickup and food service. Research how cooking on site could be facilitated safely. Prepare this as an interim transition to permanent housing making sure the unhoused tenants are assessed by the county and have support for healthcare, mobile phone and job search assistance. Governance of the site would be co-managed by city non-profit, city and coordination of onsite county services.
Target Outcome	Transition to establishing ability to receive permanent housing. Assistance with self-reliance, building self-esteem, pride, dignity, etc.
Timeframe	6-12 months
Example of similar programs	Many cities have or are establishing these or something similar: San Jose, SF and Sacramento
Organization(s) who could administer	Nonprofit organization(s) with the City of Milpitas
Resources required	To Be Determined
Other comments	This would provide a safer and more stable alternative than illegal encampments that are present throughout the city. These encampments could be located on properties owned by private individuals, companies, nonprofits or the city. I'm concerned about using county property because then the oversight for the encampment would be led by the county. I'm not convinced that the county has provided the Hillview Apartments with the amenities that were stated by the service provider prior to occupation. This is a concern. Setting up the program and then monitoring and assisting with management so that action and follow-up are tracked.