



8 March 2021

Oregon House Committee on Housing
Hon. Julie Fahey, Chair
900 Court Street NE, Room 453
Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Fahey and Members of the Committee:

I want to attach the following documents as evidence of our homeless work here in Salem. The next page is a one-pager on the impact of our homeless programs the past year. The images that follow show the breadth of our homeless work here in Marion and Polk Counties. All of this work is funded through a braided network of funding streams, which allow us to execute work plans that are far beyond the capacity of any single grant.

EHA and SHAP are the foundational grants for all this work, however. And without a continuing service level on those grants, we will have to cut services to the literally homeless residents of Marion-Polk. A 20 percent reduction may not sound like much, but I cannot offer 20 percent fewer showers. I cannot offer 20 percent less laundry services. We cannot feed 20 percent less people or shelter 20 percent less dangerously sick and disabled street homeless men and women who have no place otherwise to stay warm and dry. I cannot cut mail services by 20 percent so the homeless can get 20 percent less of their medicines. For every five unsheltered, chronically homeless clients that we now assist, I would have to tell one of them that we can no longer help them.

Every single one of the services that follow below are threatened if House Bill 2100 is enacted in its current form.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jimmy Jones", written in a cursive style.

Jimmy Jones
Executive Director

Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency

The ARCHES Project



Coordinated Entry (CE): A process ensuring all people experiencing a housing crisis have fair and equal access to housing. People are quickly identified and assessed, and then referred to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs.

Since October 2016, ARCHES has assessed **11,968** unique individuals. 35% (**4,181**) identified as homeless

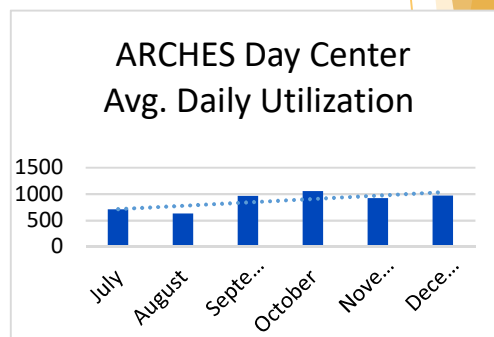
Supportive Services: ARCHES provides a wide range of support services to alleviate suffering and dispense basic need items:

- Bus Passes
- Hair cut vouchers
- Pet food
- Meals
- Mail boxes
- Resource Navigation

Since fully opening in April 2020, the ARCHES Day Center has: seen 48,000 duplicated visits, distributed 58,474 meals, provided 2,146 showers and laundry services, as well as 963 hours of resource navigation services

1,727 active mailboxes at ARCHES

Housing Status	
Homeless	4181
<i>Unsheltered</i>	3149
<i>Sheltered</i>	1032
At Risk of Homelessness	7771
Total served	11,952
Overall General Stats	
Adults	7830 66%
Children	4122 34%
Chronically Homeless	1683 14%
Youth (18-24)	631 5%
Veteran	551 5%



ARCHES Emergency Shelter and Outreach: Our shelters operate during extreme weather events, and serve to protect the medically fragile from COVID. We perform direct outreach, offering basic need supplies and community referrals.

- A regional response with shelters in Polk and Silverton communities
- 3,587 bed nights provided during 2020-2021 using hotels and congregate sites
- 1,917 outreach contracts made since July 2020 - basic need supports is our most commonly provided service

Housing Assistance: During Fiscal year 2019, ARCHES housed 538 homeless individuals and families. Our highest impact year to date.

Rural Homeless Prevention:
266 Households Served

COVID Rent Assistance:
1,430 Households served



2 residential facilities established for chronically homeless and male or female veterans

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These are just some images from our last service year. Motel programs, mobile outreach, Grant Per Diem sheltering, Permanent Supportive Housing Projects, showers, laundry, food, and a thousand other things. There's 40+ pages here. It could have been 400 just as easily, and not one of the things that we're doing here is not in some way at risk if House Bill 2100 is enacted.











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