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ARIZONA

Housing Support Center

Human Service & Community Vitality | Oct 25, 2021



Background

Background:

- Owned by the Mustard Seed Ministries
- Previous Oasis Homeless Shelter at this location
- Demolished and new construction began in 2012



Terrones bought her first tortilla-making machine in 1953 when she was just 17 years old. She's been making and selling tortillas since. "It was my dream, and I did it because I had lots and lots of ambition to get out of poverty," she says.

-AZ Republic 2013



What is This Project

Proposal Overview:

- City to lease property from owner
- Utilize City of Surprise and Maricopa County HUD CDBG one-time funds to finish rehabilitation of property in partnership with owners
- Partnership with A New Leaf and other regional partners. A New Leaf is an experienced non-profit housing service provider, with a record of success in implementing and managing similar properties.

Site Usage:

- 10-30 people
- Single adult women or adult women and children (family)
- Up to 14 single women, two per apartment (7)
- Office, gathering and eating space for meals, programs and services
- Existing church to continue lease



Why This Project

Need:

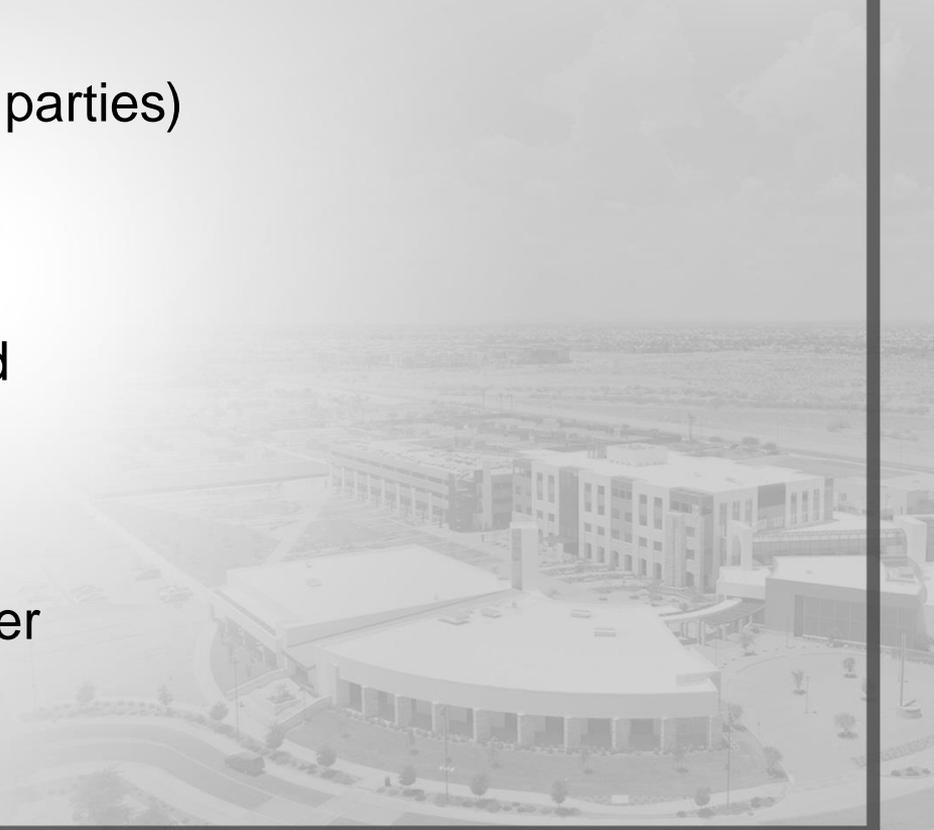
- Average 45 day wait for family shelter in region
- 83% of Surprise renters are cost burdened, spending more than 50% of their income on rent
- The number of unsheltered homeless in the west valley increased 213% in FY20
- 169 Surprise residents were reported in the regional Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in the fall, 59 women, 90 men, 20 youth
- Covid-19 is applying additional pressure on households as evidenced by our Surprise Resource Center and Housing Cares program. Homelessness and the risk of homelessness is increasing



Why Now

Opportunity:

- General support for this project (all parties)
- One-time funding opportunity
- Current and future community need
- Property owners ready to partner
- Multiple jurisdictions ready to partner
- Timing





Why Commit HUD Funding

U.S. Housing & Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant Purposes:

- To develop viable urban communities through the provision of
 - Decent, safe, sanitary housing
 - Suitable living environment
 - Expand economic development opportunities
- This project is a GREAT use of our funding, and is an expectation for us as a HUD entitlement city to look for projects like this
- HUD CDBG funding is reliable and stable
 - Housing and Community Development Act of 1974



Proposed Facility

Housing Support Center



Temporary Housing

Housing Services & Social Hall





FAQs

Q. If full, where will the overflow people go?

A. Program is referral based. Like other family or housing support centers, urban camping is not an issue because the Center is not used as a day use Center like the Human Services Campus downtown

Q. Will this lead to an increase in homelessness?

A. Not likely. In general, the number of people experiencing homelessness continues to increase in the region





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**QUESTIONS OR
COMMENTS?**

Thank You