



Suquamish Tiny Shelter Pilot Program

The Suquamish Tribe recognizes the unsheltered homeless within our community.

In an effort to determine a way to address the unsheltered needs we have decided to build 9x10 structures that will provide coverage from the winter and summer elements.

At this time this is a single adult only pilot program.

These units will have heat, interior light, light switches, electrical outlet, and a porch light.

Restroom/Shower will be a shared building separate from the 9x10 structure.

Application process

At this time this is a pilot program and we are unsure of the actual homeless and unsheltered count within our community, or the services they may need while staying in our Shelter Pilot Program. The application will ask many personal questions to determine the fit within the start of this pilot program, as this is a low barrier program.

SHP has an application process to determine the eligibility for the Shelter Pilot Program.

Applications

Due to the barriers of the unsheltered and homeless we will need to know more detailed background to determine the eligibility of placement, and what other possible services may be needed.

Qualifications/Eligibility

Unsheltered homeless = living in a tent, camper, or other structure without water, sewer, or power access. This program will also encompass:

- Pre rehabilitation applicants
- Post rehabilitation applicants
- Aged out of Foster care applicants

These applicants may have previous or current criminal, mental health, substance abuse, and other factors that may impact their ability to obtain housing from other entities.

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Those in programs or working with the other departments to address these previous or current criminal, mental health, substance abuse, and other factors will be considered for eligibility. **Active use of illegal drugs, committing violent or sex crimes may prohibit eligibility.**

As part of this pilot program we will be coordinating with other departments within the Suquamish Tribe or other Agencies depending on the need to aid applicants/possible tenants for those who need additional services in order to participate in the Shelter pilot program.

The Coordination within the Suquamish Tribes departments will include, but aren't limited to..

- Court – incarceration release, court ordered directions
- Wellness- mental health, substance abuse, pre rehab, post rehab, Domestic violence
- Human Services -physical health/ disability, illness, nurses assistance, medical assistance, Social Security assistance, General Assistance, Veterans guidance and assistance
- Human Resources – employment assistance, job search, resume assistance

Rent Payments

Rental payments will \$75 per month

SHP Responsibilities

- SHP will maintain maintenance of the 9x10 structures.
- SHP will do weekly inspections during the first month of tenancy followed by monthly inspections.
- SHP will provide trash receptacles for the property, and will pick up for disposal.
- SHP will meet regularly with Departments within the Tribe that are providing services for tenants within in the Shelter program.
- These SHP & Department meetings will be an update to go over compliance and any issues that may arise that involve tenants continued residence within the shelter program.

Tenant Responsibilities

- All personal belonging must be kept inside their unit.

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- Unit must be maintained in good order, and any repair problems should be reported promptly.
- All recycling, and trash must be disposed of properly.
- Be courteous of your neighbor.
- Use designated restrooms.
- Quiet time is from (9:00 pm to 8:00 am). Tenants will respect the peace, comfort and enjoyment of the other tenants. Loud voices, music, musical instruments, radios etc.. shall be played during reasonable hours only.
- Tenants must be fully clothed outside their structure
- This is a low barrier program – Applicants/tenant may be required to be part of services provided by the below departments – examples below..
 - Court – ordered program
 - Wellness- Mental health, Substance abuse, Pre-rehab, Post-rehab
 - Domestic violence
 - Human Services -physical health/ disability, illness, General assistance, veterans guidance and assistance
 - Court – incarceration release, court ordered directions
 - Human Resources – employment assistance, job search, resume assistance
- Releases will be required regularly as part of the program.
- A Pet approval application is required for SHP to approve any pets.
- Compliance letters may be required regularly for certain circumstances as part of the program.

ZERO tolerance rules

- No illegal drug use in or around the property where the unit is placed.

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- No violent, aggressive behavior, intoxication, verbal abuse or inappropriate language-racist sexist or homophobic on site or surrounding area of the property the unit is placed.
- No smoking, flames, candles, portable heaters or portable fuels inside the unit.
- No stealing or theft of personal items or tribal items located at the property.
- No Fireworks
- No boat parking on the property.
- No more than one car per unit. Parking will be designated by SHP.
- No children allowed at this time to stay in the Shelter Pilot Program

Eviction

The intent is to work with the tenant to maintain their housing, but in cases where tenant is not responding and SHP may evict tenant from the tiny shelter. Tenant can reapply after 30 days to be allowed to come back to the tiny shelter program. In the event of an eviction an assessment of conduct and behavior will be reviewed. A game plan will be set for the future; coordination of other departments may be needed to re-establish living in the tiny shelter.

Policy

SHP may revise this pilot policy as needed to address issues that may arise, since this is a new program..