

Homeless Resource Centers FACT SHEET

Background:

In early 2017, the Utah State Legislature passed HB 44, which allocated \$20 Million for the development of three new Homeless Resource Centers to be located in Salt Lake County. According to the bill, these capital funds are intended to support system-wide changes to the homeless services delivery system.

Shelter the Homeless is working with state and local government leaders and key community stakeholders towards closing the downtown shelter on or before June 30, 2019, and transitioning to the three new resource centers.

Shelter the Homeless mission:

To minimize homelessness by making data-driven decisions, collaborating with community stakeholders and ensuring accountability.

This is accomplished by:

- Owning land and facilities in trust for the homeless, including the three new resource centers in Salt Lake County.
- Selecting and monitoring service providers in those facilities.
- Working collaboratively with a broad coalition of stakeholders.
- Providing greater accountability for the safety of those experiencing homelessness and for communities where services are received.
- Staffing the Collective Impact on Homelessness Committee and supporting the Collective Impact outcomes.

Resource Center details:

Location	Population	Size
275 High Ave, Salt Lake City	200 men and women	60,000 square feet
131 East 700 South, Salt Lake City	200 women	60,000 square feet
3380 South 1000 West, South Salt Lake	300 men	90,000 square feet

Homeless Resource Center model:

The new model will not be like traditional emergency shelters. The new designs include:

- Configured sleeping areas with small personal storage areas nearby.
- Entry, access, security and assessment areas to assist new clients as they arrive.
- On-site case managers to help with specialized services such as job counseling, legal aid, housing services and referrals for more targeted intervention needs.
- Community and day-use spaces.
- Food services offering three meals a day.
- Security space for a police officer and an area to view security camera video.
- Exterior courtyard with seating, a smoking area, a pet relief area and bicycle parking.
- Access to health services and full mobile medical clinic.
- Core component of the Collective Impact on Homelessness Action Plan:
 - Each center will focus on meeting the basic needs of people in crisis, minimizing the need for emergency shelter and preventing homelessness.
 - The centers are designed to serve clients in a more efficient way that supports moving out of emergency shelter and towards stability and independence.
 - The three centers will be designed to serve a specific population, such as single women or single men.

