



Beacon Activity Center Program Update and Recommendations

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Services



Overview



- History/Background of Beacon Center
- Current Beacon Center Operations
 - Senior Services
 - Youth and Young Drop-in Center & Shelter
- Feasibility Study Recommendations

Beacon Activity Center



- Beacon Activity Center
 - Originally constructed in 1942 as a USO Hall
 - Renamed in the late 1970's to the Beacon Senior Center
 - Multigenerational use of Beacon Activity Center
 - Senior Activity Services
 - Operated by Korean Women's Association
 - Overnight Shelter services for young adults (18-24)
 - Operated by Comprehensive Life Resources
 - Day services for youth and young adults (12-24)
 - Operated by Comprehensive Life Resources
 - Feasibility study completed December 2018

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Contracted Services for Seniors



- In 2018, the City moved from direct service to contracting with an external provider (Korean Women's Association) to operate Beacon Senior Center.
 - More than 300 unduplicated seniors attended Beacon since 2018
 - Serving individuals age 60 and older
 - Financial empowerment is available to prevent displacement due to rising rents and property taxes
 - Social and emotional engagement (karaoke, bingo, arts and crafts, and playing cards, stay active and independent for life (SAIL) etc.)
 - Television, library, and computer room
 - Free tax preparation, and flu shots - annually
 - Congregate meal program – Catholic Community Services

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Funding for Senior Services



Funding Source	2017-18 Funding	2019-20 Funding
General Fund	\$1,216,928	\$1,364,365
Totals	\$1,216,928	\$1,364,365

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City Commitment



2013 - Collaborated on the Plan to End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness, which recommended:

- Drop-in centers and overnight shelters
- Identifying publicly-owned property to operate shelter services
- Coordinated system to prevent and end youth and young adult homelessness

2015 - Began work with partners to develop the permanent Crisis Residential Center (CRC)

- Continued funding temporary CRC
- Established Youth and Young Adult Drop-in Center temporarily located at The Salvation Army
- Established Young Adult Shelter temporarily located at Beacon Activity Center

2016 – Identified/purchased property at 5401 South Tacoma Way

2017 - Completed a feasibility Study on 5401 and determined location not appropriate

2018 - 5401 property was sold

- Initiated an architectural feasibility study of Beacon (City-owned property)
- Funded \$1.8M in the future CRC

2019 – Continued operations of overnight shelter at Beacon

- Youth and Young Adult Drop-in Center relocated to 2342 Tacoma Avenue

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Youth and Young Adults Served at Beacon



- Number Served 2019
 - Total Unduplicated Individuals: 179
 - Exits to Permanent Housing: 20
 - Average per night in shelter 33
 - Average per day at drop-in center 42
- Drop-in Center and Overnight Shelter Demographics:
 - Male – 116
 - Female – 48
 - Transgender or undisclosed – 15
 - 12 to 17 years-old – 3
 - 18 to 24 years-old – 170
 - Other ages – 6

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Youth and Young Adults Served at Beacon



	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic (Jan – June 2019)	Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino (Jan – June 2019)
White/Caucasian	73	7
Black/African American	32	2
Asian	3	0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	4	2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	5	2
American Indian/Alaskan Native and White/Caucasian	6	2
Asian and White/Caucasian	4	0
Black/African and White/Caucasian	20	1
American Indian/Alaskan Native and Black/African American		0
Other Multi-Racial/Unknown	11	1
Total	159	20

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Youth Violence Reduction



- Number Served 2019
 - Total Unduplicated Individuals: 117
- Youth Violence Demographics:
 - Male – 81
 - Female – 36
 - 5 to 12 years-old – 8
 - 13 to 17 years-old – 70
 - 18 to 24 years-old – 17
 - Unknown – 22
- 2019 – 2020 Authorized Budget = \$743,334

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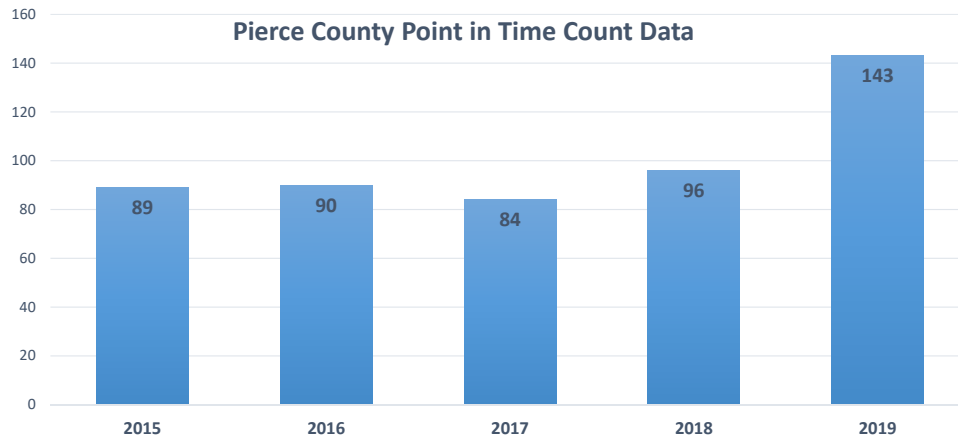
Youth Violence Reduction



	Ethnicity: Non-Hispanic (Jan – June 2019)	Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino (Jan – June 2019)
White/Caucasian	2	11
Black/African American	1	58
Asian	1	1
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1	2
American Indian/Alaskan Native and White/Caucasian	0	0
Asian and White/Caucasian	0	0
Black/African and White/Caucasian	1	7
American Indian/Alaskan Native and Black/African American	0	1
Other Multi-Racial/Unknown	17	13
Total	24	93

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Youth and Young Adult Homelessness in Tacoma



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Funding for Homeless Youth and Young Adult Contracted Services



Funding Source	2017-18 Funding	2019-20 Funding
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$40,000	\$320,000
Criminal Justice	\$234,200	\$35,308
General Fund	\$2,143,610	\$1,641,107
Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder (MHSUD) (Includes \$1.8M for Crisis Residential Center)	\$3,328,750	\$4,337,752
Tacoma Training & Employment Program (General Fund)	\$104,898	\$509,291
Totals	\$5,851,458	\$6,843,458

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Beacon Center Services for Homeless Youth and Young Adults



- The Young Adult Overnight Shelter opened in 2015 as a temporary solution to providing shelter for young adults.
 - More than 180 young adults accessed shelter at Beacon Center during the past year (6/18 – 6/19) and over 450 since opening.
 - Drop-in services for youth/young adults have been relocated to 2342 Tacoma Ave in July 2019 with the intent of co-locating at Beacon site after renovation.
 - 2019 – 2020 Authorized Budget = \$721,060
 - Overnight: \$432,636
 - Drop-in: \$288,424
 - Authorized budget is in addition to other youth and young adult homeless services 13

Beacon Activity Center Feasibility



- After selling 5401, the City continued efforts to establish a permanent overnight shelter, and began work on a feasibility study for Beacon Activity Center to determine its capability for this purpose.
- Study included consultation with both the Youth and Young Adult Drop-in and Overnight Shelter Operator and the Senior Center Operator.
- Conducted senior surveys and coordinated with Metro Parks Tacoma to determine seniors' interest in moving to People's Center (two field trips).
 - Field trips - People's Center not preferred by seniors
 - Survey results – comfortable with co-location at Beacon 14



Architectural Program Study



- Study was completed in late 2018 and provided recommendations for physical improvements to the Beacon Center to accommodate both Senior Services and Youth and Young Adult Services.
 - Focused on how the services could both physically fit within the building.
 - The study engaged all program operators to define their space needs.
- The Study developed three program concepts:
 1. Utilizing the existing building more efficiently
 2. Expansion of the existing building
 3. Replacement of the building on the existing site
- Recommending moving forward with Option 1, renovating the existing facility with modified entries.

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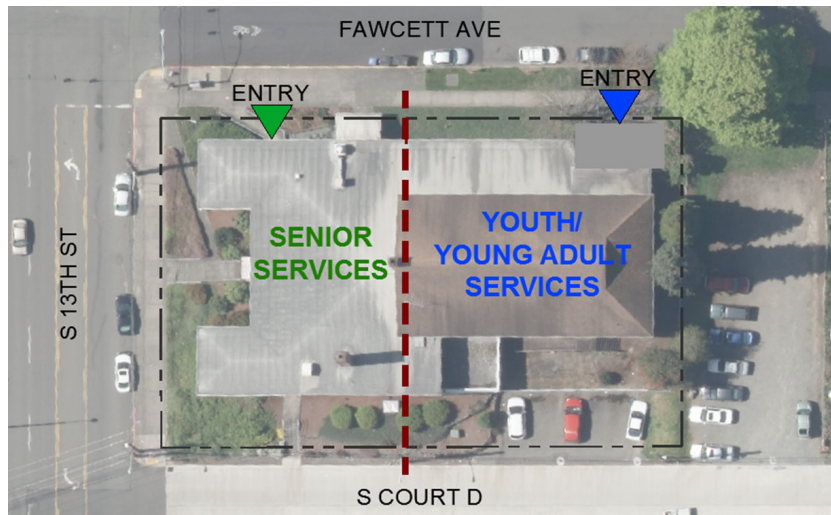
Architectural Program Study Recommendation



- Utilize the existing footprint more efficiently with minor building entry expansion, to develop a permanent youth and young adult drop-in center and young adult overnight shelter at Beacon.
- The renovation will create separate spaces for senior and youth/young adult services, with shared spaces limited to the kitchen and fitness areas.
- The recommended concept accommodates:
 - 25-30 overnight beds with potential for 50, 35-50 youth/young adult day-use, and 55 seniors day use.
- Cost = \$4.5M to \$5.6M

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Preliminary Concept



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Funding



• Available Funding

• City - General Fund	80,000
• City - REET	200,000
• <u>City - Mental Health</u>	<u>1,700,000</u>
• Sub-Total	\$ 1,980,000

• Allocated Funding

• State Grant	1,000,000
• <u>City - General Fund or REET</u>	<u>1,600,000</u>
• Sub-Total	\$ 2,600,000

• Total **\$ 4,580,000**

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As the design and construction phases of the project proceed, we will work with OMB to ensure we have appropriate funding if costs increase.

Anticipated Schedule



DESCRIPTION	2019		2020				2021		
	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3
A/E SELECTION & CONTRACT	■	■							
DESIGN PHASE		■	■	■					
PERMITTING & BIDDING				■	■				
CONSTRUCTION						■	■	■	■

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Program Design Planning



- Meetings with providers, community members and affected program participants to evaluate future use, temporary location options and understand participant priorities during service interruptions.
- Rely on stakeholders and community members to inform on process and outreach, ensuring client voice of seniors, youth and young adults.

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Renovation Impacts



- Relocation during renovation:
 - The City intends to maintain all senior center and youth and young adult program services during design and program construction phase.
 - Senior services at Beacon Center will be temporarily relocated to the Lighthouse during renovation (Lighthouse will receive minor updates to the facility).
 - Youth and young adult day services will be temporarily relocated.
 - Overnight shelter services for young adults will be temporarily located (to be determined with provider, community and program participant input).

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City Commitment



- In 2013 the Plan to End Youth and Young Adult Homelessness recommended:
 - Drop-in centers and overnight shelters
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 - A coordinated system to prevent and end youth and young adult homelessness
- In 2015 Youth and Young Adult Shelter was temporarily located at Beacon Activity Center
- In 2015 the City began work to develop the Crisis Residential Center
- In 2016 identified and purchased property at 5401 South Tacoma Way to operate Youth and Young Adult drop in/shelter
- In 2017 the City completed a feasibility study for 5401 and determined it not appropriate
- In 2018 5401 property was sold
- In 2018 the City began a feasibility study on Beacon
- In 2018 the City invested \$1.8M to build a new Crisis Residential Center
- In 2019 the Youth and Young Adult drop-in center relocating to 2342 Tacoma Avenue
 - The City will publish an RFP for Architectural Design services and convene program design steering committee
- In 2020 construction is scheduled to begin for a permanent youth and young adult shelter

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