

The City wants to talk with faith-based and non-profit organizations about hosting a temporary shelter.

Every night in Tacoma, there is a shortage of shelter for families and individuals experiencing homelessness. As temperatures drop and the rainy season begins, the need for shelter will become even more urgent. While work continues to address the root causes of homelessness and make homelessness a one-time, brief experience, our community must take action NOW to increase the number of available temporary shelter space.

Consider hosting a temporary shelter!

As a faith-based or non-profit organization, the City of Tacoma can support your efforts to set up and operate temporary shelters on property you own or control.

These temporary sites can provide shelter for families or adults, for up to 185 days (approximately six months). Your organization controls the size of your shelter, which is determined by the space you have available, and access to amenities that support safety and public health (like toilets, hand washing stations and showers).

Contact us to schedule a consultation and learn if this program is right for you!

Technical assistance is available for site planning, applying for a permit, and hosting a temporary shelter site.

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At the consultation, we will discuss:

- ☐ The space available and location of your proposed site
- ☐ Which population you'd like to serve (families with children, single adults, couples)
- ☐ The type of shelter you envision (ex: indoor, outdoor, tiny homes, safe parking)
- ☐ Resources and budget associated with your plan



For more information, contact Tiegan directly or visit the City of Tacoma website at: www.cityoftacoma.org/temporaryshelters