

A New Model for Addressing Homelessness

Rendering of planned site in San Jose

New Cost-Effective Interim Shelters Support Stability

SHARING A ROOM with many strangers, shared showers and toilets, no privacy, no security for your belongings — that is the old shelter system. It's hard to focus on getting back on your feet when you face uncertainty on a daily basis.

LifeMoves is rolling out a new form of interim housing. Sites that are inexpensive and effective. Ones that give people a chance to address their issues and get their lives back on track.

A New Solution: A Model of Support

Our new interim housing projects focus on security, dignity, and stability. These sites have individual rooms with lockable doors as well as on-site services to help people take the next step: finding permanent housing.

These sites serve as a resource hub with on-site social workers and medical care, job training, and access to services needed. They provide the attention to the individual challenges not available in traditional shelters, but are essential for building self-sufficiency.

Our clients can get the support they need to get back to work so they can afford a stable home. We provide job training programs and help in finding jobs that add value to the community.

And, unlike the “stay for the night” shelters, our clients are held accountable. They are required to meet with their case managers at least once a week. It's a all-in-one model that works by building responsibility.

“Just a warm bed alone doesn't solve homelessness. Our supportive services are essential.”

Aubrey Merriman
CEO, LifeMoves



Our new modular site in Mountain View was developed in 8 months and provides rooms for individuals and suites with bathrooms for families along with supportive services for all.



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A NEW MODEL OF HOUSING

- A focus on security and privacy
- Modern and thoughtful design
- A dignified transitional step
- Rapidly deployed modular units



Rendering of planned site in Redwood City

OLD

Congregate sleeping configuration
 Shared bathrooms & shower facilities
 No kitchen facilities
 Small open areas

NEW

Modular individual units
 Locked or en suite bathrooms
 Commercial training kitchens
 Large open areas

Efficient & Effective

The old congregate model was an expensive — \$200 per night per person — and didn't address the problems that cost people their homes in the first place. Our villages cost only \$100 per night, yet they provide a 24-hour community in which people can feel safe, get the help they need to stabilize their lives, and find stable housing.

Our Impact

By giving people experiencing homelessness a safe place to stay and the services they need to get back to their lives, we make neighborhoods safer for everyone.

Our approach has been so successful that we were awarded contracts to create five more projects in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties. The sites range from 75 beds to 240 beds and leverage state government funding for 50% – 90% of the funding for each site. Local government funding and private philanthropy cover the balance of the construction and partial operating costs for the first five years.

Clients will stay up to 90 days, so these sites will help an additional 2,079 people move off the streets each year (in addition to the 7,000 already being helped by LifeMoves annually). It's a model that works and one that has been replicated in other cities in the U.S. and Canada.

Join Us

Creating these new models of interim supportive housing requires a community-wide effort. We invite you to support us. Together, we can usher in a new model for addressing homelessness.



Rendering of planned site in Palo Alto

The new sites are being built on available government property to expedite construction. They are designed to fit into neighborhoods, some aiming for LEED certification. Costs are \$275,000 - \$350,000 for each unit, compared with \$750,000 per unit and years to build permanent housing.