

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an S.R.O (Single Room Occupancy)?

- A form of housing that is typically aimed at residents with low or minimal incomes who rent small, furnished single rooms with a bed, chair, and sometimes a small desk, sink and refrigerator. SRO units are rented out as permanent residence and/or primary residence to individuals, within a multi-tenant building where tenants share a kitchen, toilets or bathrooms.

What is Medical Respite?

- Short-term residential care that allows homeless individuals the opportunity to rest in a safe environment while accessing medical care and other supportive services. Medical respite programs provide hospitals with an alternative to discharging homeless patients to the streets or to unequipped shelters when patients would otherwise be discharged to their homes for self-care and recuperation. In addition to providing post-acute care and clinical oversight, medical respite programs seek to improve transitional care for this population and end the cycle of homelessness by supporting patients in access benefits and housing.

What is Pay-to-Stay?

- Pay-to-stay programs allow guests to pay a nightly fee of \$7.00 to stay a week at a time. An innovative feature of the program is the amount the pay-to-stay guest pays in fees for shelter services are tracked and can be used for first month's rent or security deposits once an apartment is secured in the community. Pay-to-stay shelter is accessible 24 hours a day and will be monitored by staff and the main reception desk. There will be a staff office on the floor with direct sight lines to monitor the elevator lobby, rooms, sleeping quarters and lounge space. The shelter office will be staffed during the operating hours of 5pm-8am. The pay-to-stay shelter will have a separate large activity lounge (including a small computer lab) as well as a separate quiet room for the women to have a space to relax.

Existing client numbers vs projected client numbers:

- Families:
 - Current family capacity: 22 families.
 - Proposed capacity: 41 Families
- Women:
 - Current women capacity: 45 beds.
 - Proposed capacity: 82 beds
- S.R.O Housing
 - Current S.R.O Housing: 8 beds.
 - Proposed S.R.O Housing: 42 beds
- Pay to Stay proposed 48 beds
- Medical Respite proposed 13 beds

Elementary School Increase Population?

- No increase anticipated due to the McKinney-Vento Act
- Madison's Transition to Education Program (TEP) follows the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- Key Elements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
- **Rights of homeless youth and families**
 - Right to attend school of origin or school of residence
 - Right to attend for the duration of homelessness
 - Right to attend for the remainder of the school year once housed
 - Right to comparable transportation to school of origin
 - Right to attend school with no segregation

What is the project schedule?

- June 6, 2019 – City of Madison DAT Meeting
- June 6, 2019 – TLNA Presentation
- July 1, 2019 – TLNA Steering Committee Presentation
- July 17, 2019 – City of Madison UDC Informational Presentation
- September 5, 2019 – CDBG Committee Presentation
- September 26, 2019 – TLNA Steering Committee Presentation
- October 16, 2019 – City of Madison UDC Initial Presentation
- October 28, 2019 – City of Madison Plan Commission Meeting
- December 1, 2019 – WHEDA submittal for the Shield Apartments
- April 2020 – WHEDA Award Announcement
- August 1, 2020 – Start Demolition of Existing Buildings and Construction
- November 1, 2021 – Grand Opening

