

Downtown Emergency Services Center: 1811 Eastlake



1811 Eastlake Seattle, Washington

1811 Eastlake is the latest addition to DESC's supportive housing program and serves 75 homeless men and women with chronic alcohol addiction. It is the first housing program of its kind in Washington to use this innovative housing model for addressing the needs of chronic homeless alcoholics. Residents benefit from 24 hour - 7 day a week support including mental health and chemical dependency treatment, primary health care, meals, and counseling assistance. The project aims to improve the lives of its residents through reduced alcohol consumption, better health care, and increased stability.

CSH's Taking Health Care Home Initiative

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) has launched a national effort to prevent and end homelessness for thousands of people with chronic health problems. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has awarded CSH \$16.2 million over six years to advance this national effort through the **Taking Health Care Home Initiative**.

Through **Taking Health Care Home**, CSH works with selected states and localities to demonstrate how they can create permanent supportive housing (PSH) that ends homelessness for people with chronic illnesses – drug and alcohol dependency, mental illness, and HIV/AIDS – and how that experience can be replicated on a national scale.

Under the **Taking Health Care Home Initiative**, CSH has awarded \$6 million in grant funding to 11 state/localities to:

- Establish integrated systems that finance and deliver housing and supportive services,
- Increase and better coordinate public and private investment in the creation of PSH, and
- Create a pipeline of PSH for homeless, disabled people.

Since becoming a THCH grantee in 2003, Washington has:

- Created a local Homeless Housing Funder Group to coordinate public/private resources to create new PSH.
- Passed the Homeless Housing and Assistance Act (2163) generating \$14 million per year for homeless programs.
- Added 800 PSH units to the pipeline.

Financing

Capital

City of Seattle Housing Levy	\$ 2,150,785
King County	\$ 1,320,000
State Housing Trust Fund	\$ 1,224,492
LIHTC	\$ 5,589,675
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$ 524,925
HUD - McKinney SHP	\$ 400,000
DESC (private funding)	\$ 25,016
Total	\$ 11,234,893

Operating

Project-Based Section 8	\$ 163,000
Seattle Housing Levy (Operations & Maintenance)	\$ 50,000
McKinney SHP	\$ 139,422
Resident Rent and other private sources	\$ 197,270
Total	\$ 549,692

Services (amounts do not include primary care and supportive services provided by partners)

HUD - McKinney SHP	\$ 418,872
State Substance Abuse Treatment Expansion Dollars	\$ 125,486
Total	\$ 544,358

About Downtown Emergency Service Center

Downtown Emergency Service Center (DESC) is a non-profit organization working to end the homelessness of vulnerable people, particularly those living with serious mental or addictive illnesses. DESC's programs include overnight shelter and emergency services, mental healthcare, drug and alcohol treatment and over 600 units of permanent supportive housing.

DESC is one of the largest multi-service agencies serving homeless adults in the Pacific Northwest, reaching over 6,000 people annually with a budget of close to \$15 million and a staff of over 250. DESC receives funding from the City, County, State and Federal governments, along with United Way and private philanthropy and has been recognized by HUD and others not just for quality, but for effective integration across programs that constitutes a "continuum of care" within the agency.

About 1811 Eastlake

Overcoming Community Opposition: Development of 1811 Eastlake was stalled for over two years as DESC battled legal challenges from a prominent downtown business owner. Litigation escalated through the state system to the Supreme Court in favor of the project. The opponent then advocated for new state legislation prohibiting the state's tax credit allocating agency from awarding credits to any project serving addicted people that did not require on-site sobriety. Strong advocacy from the director of Washington State Housing Finance Commission, a legislator from the King County Council, the Seattle Office of Housing, the City of Seattle mayor, all coordinated by Bill Hobson, DESC Executive Director, successfully defeated the provision. The legal delay forced DESC to return tax credits (due to time limited awards), which were later re-instated.

High Utilizer Data Drives Targeted Tenancy: King County's Mental Health, Chemical Abuse & Dependency Services Division (MHCADSD) gathered and analyzed data on high utilizers of the sobering unit and the Crisis Triage Unit (CTU). At DESC's request, MHCADSD's Director combined this information with data on utilization of jails and medical services, as well as a cost estimate of service utilization, in order to prioritize the highest utilizers for tenancy at 1811 Eastlake. This data was also used to emphasize the need to serve this population and to develop more permanent supportive housing resources. DESC partners with the medical community to have onsite medical services. DESC is partnering with the University of Washington to conduct rigorous research on 1811 Eastlake with funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

For more information on 1811 Eastlake, visit DESC's website at: <http://www.desc.org/1811.html>

About CSH

The Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) is a national, nonprofit organization that helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness. CSH advances its mission by providing high-quality advice and development expertise, by making loans and grants to supportive housing sponsors, by strengthening the supportive housing industry, and by reforming public policy to make it easier to create and operate supportive housing. CSH delivers its core services primarily through eight geographic hubs: California, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, and Southern New England (Connecticut, Rhode Island). CSH also operates targeted initiatives in Kentucky, Maine, Oregon, and Washington, and provides limited assistance to many other communities.



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