

Paul's Place, 1111 H Street, Davis, California

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Program

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Davis Community Meals and Housing (DCMH) has operated a day shelter/resource center and transitional housing program at this site for over 20 years. Acquired with funding from the City of Davis, DCMH renovated 2 existing residential structures on site in 1994 to join them and make the framework for the existing structure. During this time, we have maintained a good relationship with our neighbors, been responsive to any complaints they may have had, and tried to minimize our impact in the neighborhood. Our facilities are older, outdated and were not constructed to bear the usage the facility gets from the variety of residents and resource center clients who use our services every weekday.

RESOURCE CENTER + 4 EMERGENCY SHELTER BEDS

The Resource Center is a place for homeless and low income individuals and families to seek services for the activities of daily living such as taking a shower, use a bathroom, get food but also to get referrals to housing, mental health services, physical health care, and other programs. Currently, our facility has only one shower, one toilet and other outdated amenities to provide these services to our resource center guests. The proposed new resource center will expand the number of bathrooms, showers, laundry facilities, and other amenities to more effectively and efficiently provide services to our guests.

TRANSITIONAL HOUSING PROGRAM FOR SINGLE ADULT MEN AND WOMEN: 10 BEDROOMS

Our transitional housing program, which currently provides housing and services to individuals for up to 18 months, will change from a dormitory style setting for 12 individuals to 10 individual bedrooms. The program will allow for these individuals to live in a safe, stable environment while receiving case management services and referrals to other resources they may need. This may include substance abuse counseling/services, mental health counseling/services, employment assistance, life skills training, public benefit counseling and assistance, and assistance finding permanent housing. The goal is to help individual become self-sufficient and permanently housed.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: 18 MICRO DWELLINGS

The Third and Fourth floors of the proposed project will be for permanent supportive housing to homeless and chronically homeless individuals. It will be modelled after our successful supportive housing project, Cesar Chavez Plaza. The micro units proposed will provide permanent, affordable housing for 18 individuals and staff will be on site to provide support and assistance to help individuals maintain their housing, provide assistance and referrals to residents in need, and maintain a safe and stable environment for all residents.