Azusa Resource Center Interim Housing Site

The City of Azusa, San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), and San Gabriel Valley Regional Housing Trust have partnered to develop an interim housing site in Azusa to help meet the immediate needs of individuals experiencing homelessness. The homeless count in Azusa has increased from 23 in 2015 to 220 in 2022, according to LAHSA point in time counts. Learn more at www.sgvrht.org/arc (scan the QR code to the right) or contact <u>AzusaResourceCenter@azusaca.gov</u>.

Overview of Site

The Azusa Resource Center (ARC) will be located at 975 W. Foothill Boulevard in Azusa. The site will host 25 interim housing units which will house individuals experiencing homelessness in Azusa. Participants will be selected through referrals from partner agencies and service providers. Residents will be assigned a unit for the duration of their stay, avoiding the daily lines associated with traditional emergency shelter. The site will provide bridge housing, a temporary placement, while connecting clients to permanent housing. The target length of stay will be 90 days, allowing the site to serve up to 100 individuals in a year. The site will have privacy fencing and secured entry to ensure safety of participants and the surrounding areas. Each unit provides a bed, overhead light, AC/heat, an outlet, and a door that locks. The site will also provide shared restroom, shower, and laundry facilities as well as a communal meal space offering participants increased access to hygiene and a sense of community.

Site Amenities and Support Services

- The site will be operated by City Net, a supportive services provider, and will provide case management and connect clients to healthcare, job training, and additional services.
- Staff will work with participants to store large items off-site and keep each interim housing unit clutter-free.
- Participants can move-in with their pets, removing a barrier to entry.
- Participants will receive 3 meals per day. Meals will be prepared off-site and delivered ready to eat.
- 24/7 staffing and secured entry. No illegal items, illicit substances, or visitors will be allowed on-site.
- Restroom/shower facilities, laundry facilities, office/case management space, and communal outdoor dining area.

Project Schedule

September-November

City Council approved the project on 9/18. Community outreach will include direct outreach to site neighbors, a community meeting, and an informational website.

November-December

City will purchase the shelters, restrooms, and other facilities. City staff and contractors will prep the site. Site Operator contract will be awarded. Outreach services will begin to assess potential participants.

January-April

Site preparation will be finalized. Structures will be installed at the site. Referrals will start being accepted to prepare for site opening in spring 2024.







