

Questions Asked at the 10/9/24 Community Forum on the Use of the 2200 Ashland St. Property

Q: How many people used the site last year?

A.1: According to staff at OHRA, a total of 73 individuals utilized the residential low-barrier shelter last winter (2023-24).

Where People Went Afterward	# of People	% to Each Location	% of "Positive Exits**"
Into housing	15	20.5%	23.3%
To bridge housing prior to anticipated housing	1	1.4%	
To stay with family	1	1.4%	
To a treatment facility	1	1.4%	
To another shelter	32	43.8%	
Unknown	2	2.7%	
To the streets	21	28.8%	
Total	73		<i>*defined by HUD</i>

A.2: The Severe Weather Shelter was opened the following # of times in the past 12 months, hosting the **estimated number of visits** listed below:

Type of Opening	# of Times	Ave. # of People Each Time	Total Est. # of Visits
Winter / Cold Weather (overnight stays)	30	20	600
Summer / Excessive Heat (day use only)	27	18	486
Smoke (day use only)	0	n/a	n/a
Total	57	38	1,086

Q: What are we currently /short term doing with Pallet houses?

A: The City's 13 Pallet shelters and are currently stored at a City yard. The 2200 Ashland St. Master Plan Ad hoc Committee is considering how they might be used this winter (2024-25).

Q: How many people can be in the severe weather shelter?

A: The portion of the building used for overnight severe weather shelter can hold 28 people.

Q: Funding breakdown of the building purchase?

A: The following resources were used to purchase the property at 2200 Ashland St.:

Source of Funding	Type	Amount
Jackson County Multi-Agency Coordinating Group allocated funding to the City of Ashland from Oregon Housing & Community Services (secured through HB 5019 and the Governor's Executive Order)	Grant	\$1,158,000
State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services	Grant	\$ 242,000
City of Ashland financed a portion of the purchase price	Loan	\$ 600,000

Q: How will the severe weather shelter ensure safety in the shelter for volunteers & participants?

A: The City is seeking to contract with a professional service provider who can provide the correct level of security through using trained professionals for service provision as well as carry the correct liability insurance to provide the service.