

BUILDING TOGETHER

A PATH FROM HOMELESSNESS TO PURPOSE AND PROSPERITY

THE CONCEPT

Employing carefully vetted individuals who are chronically homeless

Through mentor-styled employment, participants learn carpentry skills to increase employability

Immediate and low-cost housing provided to participants upon entry in program



**HOUSE AND EMPLOY
INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
HOMELESS**



**RESTORE BLIGHTED
PROPERTIES**



**CREATE SELF-
SUSTAINABLE SOLUTION**



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BENEFITS AFTER YEAR 5

50 APARTMENTS ADDED

10 BLIGHTED HOMES RESTORED

40 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS ADDED TO WORKFORCE

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A SELF-SUSTAINING SOLUTION FOR HOMELESSNESS - 5 YEAR PLAN

Participants are paid \$12/hour during 6 month program

Individuals pay rent back to agency

Seed money gets the program moving and rent payments keep it going

AFTER YEAR 5, \$72,000 ANNUAL SURPLUS CAN BE USED TO EXPAND THE PROGRAM, ADD SERVICES, ETC.



5 YEAR
PROGRAM
BUDGET

1.3M

Labor Costs - \$770K
Material Costs - \$550K
Overhead Costs - \$32K

PROGRAM
REVENUE
(RENT PAYMENTS)

828K

SEED FUNDING
NEEDED

500K



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MORE EXCITING OUTCOMES

INCREASED QUALITY OF PLACE

SAFER NEIGHBORHOODS

LESS CROWDED ER

SKILLED LABOR ADDED TO WORKFORCE

Building Together Proposal

- The Building Together program uses vetted homeless to restore blighted homes, thus creating new housing.
- Program participants:
 - are paid \$12/hour during a six-month program.
 - are housed immediately upon entering the program and required to pay rent.
 - learn carpentry skills, becoming qualified to work as skilled labor, earning a much higher wage – around \$22/hour.
 - leave the program with a quality set of carpentry tools to take to their new jobs.
 - receive training in life skills during the program.
 - leave the program with a new outlook on life.
- Community benefits:
 - Better quality of place through restoration of blighted homes.
 - Safer neighborhoods.
 - Fewer homeless.
 - Less crowded ER.
 - Skilled labor added to the workforce.
 - More citizens paying taxes.
 - Lower construction costs due to more qualified labor force.
- Program 5-year goals with initial \$500,000 investment:
 - Fifty desperately-needed apartments added.
 - Ten blighted homes restored.
 - Forty homeless people added to the tax rolls.
 - More availability of services to those who really need them.
 - Self-sustaining program that continues to create a more prosperous community.
- Totals for 5-year project:
 - \$770,000 spent in labor
 - \$550,000 spent in material
 - \$32,000 spent in overhead
 - Total spent \$1,352,000
 - Total revenue generated \$828,000
 - After year five, \$72,000 annual surplus can be used to expand the program, add services, etc.