Sitka Homeless Coalition Hitx’i Saani RFP Q&A

Q: Has a construction budget been defined for the new building?

A: Our goal is to keep total construction costs within the range of $500,000–$750,000.

*Added 5/30/25 at 4pm*

Q: Does the project completion date of Summer 2026 refer to design of the building, or does this refer to construction completion?

A: The Summer 2026 timeline refers to the completion of construction, not just design. Our current construction phase is slated for completion in October 2025, and we'd like to be in a position to move forward with phase 2 quickly thereafter.

*Added 5/30/25 at 4pm*

Q: Do you have any documents that describe how you anticipate the building will be used by the residents? We are assuming that the communal kitchen is residential in character and does not include commercial kitchen equipment. Is this correct?

A:

* **Building Use**: While we don’t have separate documentation detailing intended use, we envision this space serving multiple purposes:
  + A **communal space** freely accessible to residents for informal use during the day (lounging, socializing, community-building, etc.)
  + A **staff office area**, suitable both for non-direct service work and private 1:1 meetings with residents
  + A venue for **occasional events/partner resources on site** (like a tribal education course, independent living class, SEARHC health services, etc...)
* **Kitchen Type**: You are correct—the communal kitchen will be **residential/warming** in character and will not include commercial kitchen equipment.

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