



D.C. Department of Human Services Community Updates

**Green Court Shelter - 1339 Green Ct NW
Washington, DC 20005**

*Monday October 7, 2024
ANC 2C Community Meeting*

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DHS Overview

DHS is dedicated to supporting district residents through a range of services promoting stability, economic mobility, and well-being.

- **Support** residents by providing housing, food assistance, and social services.
- **Alongside** individuals with lived experiences, community leaders, and service providers, The Bowser administration is committed to ending homelessness by ensuring it is rare, brief, and non-recurring.
- **Offer** financial assistance through programs like TANF, SNAP, and Medicaid for low-income residents.
- **Focus** on long-term solutions by promoting workforce development, education, and self-sufficiency.

About the Project

- The District purchased the property for the purpose of meeting the needs of residents experiencing homelessness. This purchase supports the Mayor's commitment to making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.
- The Department of General Services (DGS) and the Department of Human Services (DHS) have been approved to start the design and program requirements to make Green Court an exemplary men's shelter
- We begin our process with outreach to stakeholders like the ANC, Councilmembers, and immediate project neighbors
 - We will form an advisory group to invite input and share information and progress updates.

Example: 801 East Men's Shelter



Low Barrier Shelters

As governed by the Homeless Reform Act (HSRA) , Low-barrier shelters, provided by DHS, offer immediate access to shelter for adults experiencing homelessness without the need for extensive screening or prerequisites.

- **Open Access:** These shelters do not require IDs, referrals, or other documents to ensure rapid entry for those in need.
- **Basic Services:** They offer essential services, including a safe place to sleep, meals, bathrooms, and connection to case management or other resources
- **First-Come, First-Served:** Shelter is available on a first-come, first-served basis, with extended access during severe weather conditions.
- **Year-Round Operation:** DHS works with non-profit partners to run these shelters year-round, ensuring consistent support for the homeless community.

Shelter Overview

DHS is focused on the following services for adults aged 18 or older:

- Hours of Operations: 24/7 || Client Services: Housing-focused case management.
- Provider Selection: To Be Determined

Focus:

- Adults experiencing homelessness in of need overnight shelter, meals, and basic services.
- Adults with jobs participating in programs for savings and housing transitions.
- Adults seeking social services, including medical care and referrals.
- Adults during hypothermia season, with 24/7 shelter from November to March.

Estimated Project Timeline: Green Court Shelter

Target: Fiscal Year 2028

TASKS

July '24 – Dec '24

8 months

18 Months - 3 Years

Winter '27 - Spring '28

Solicitation

Design Phase

Construction Phase

Grand Opening

Community Engagement

- Schedule follow-up meeting with Architect and ANC 2C to discuss design plan and impact on local community.
- DHS is committed to keeping the ANC and residents informed at every stage through our partnership with MOCRS.
- We understand that safety is a primary concern for the neighborhood. The shelter will have a security and safety plan, including DBH, DGS, MPD, and FEMS.
- Maintaining a clean and sanitary environment is a top priority. The shelter will have dedicated staff responsible for daily cleaning and maintenance, both inside the facility and in its immediate surroundings.



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