A Summary of First Presbyterian Church Anchorage's efforts to bring shelter to the unhoused through a partnership with other organizations in our city.

Project Timeline

A facilitated group of the Municipal Administration, Assembly, and philanthropy asks First Presbyterian Church to assist in their efforts to provide long term "workforce ready" housing

A coalition of project funders including: Rasmuson Foundation, Premera Blue Cross, and Providence Health identifies First Presbyterian as the potential 501c3 entity to gather the funds and purchase a property

FPCA Session creates First
Presbyterian Anchorage LLC, a
separate limited liability
corporation to insulate the
Church from liability. It will serve
to receive the collective funds
and purchase the Guesthouse
which was transformed to
transitional housing

After a public request for proposals and a review process of multiple vendors.

MASH LLC/Henning (who currently operate the Aviator Hotel as a shelter) was selected to operate the Guest House facility.

Agreement to be signed.

Combined funds of \$7.8M due to close plus a \$300,000 reserve secured for operations shortfalls or building emergencies on the property by August 31st.

We can celebrate that 130 members of our community will have safe, stable, and warm housing

Fall **2021**

Jan 2022 Spring 2022

Spring 2022

June 2022

July 2022 Aug 2022

Aug 2022

Aug 2022 Fall 2022

Winter 2022

First Presbyterian Church's (FPCA) elected Session requests permission at annual congregational meeting to appoint a committee to investigate the potential project

Former downtown hotel: Guesthouse Anchorage (321 E. 5th Ave,) is selected as the preferred project location by the coalition

Project partners including members of the First
Presbyterian Church team hosted an informational outreach meeting with the Guesthouse's downtown neighbors to explain the project

Project partners
assembled the
necessary capital for
property purchase and
sufficient funds for
approximately 6
months of facility
operating expenses

Project partners will form a housing land trust to relieve the Church of further obligation as an Exit Strategy for transfer of the LLC to a long-term owner by the end of 2022.









First Presbyterian LLC







