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To: Mayors and City Managers

Subject: Lincoln County Warming Shelter

Dear Mayors and City Managers,

As many of you may know, the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners has decided to take direct action this winter by tasking Lincoln County Health and Human Services (HHS) with operating winter shelters. Our goal is simple: save lives.

The latest shelter proposal from HHS Director Jayne Romero is attached for your review. The county desires to have two shelters, one in Newport and one in Lincoln City, where our largest population centers and primary county services are located. These shelters would run every night starting October 1 through March 31 and would not be triggered by temperatures.

We are serious in our intent to bring consistent winter sheltering to our county to save lives. We have allocated American Rescue Plan Act funding towards this endeavor and have placed a permanent shelter manager position in our General Fund budget.

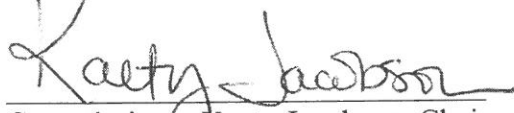
We are reaching out to all the cities in Lincoln County asking for financial assistance. Specifically:

We are asking for a contribution from each city of either General Fund money, ARPA money, or other financial resources you may have. We suggest a contribution of \$4.50 per city resident. Using the 2020 Census, this comes out to: Depoe Bay, \$6,817; Lincoln City, \$44,167.50; Newport, \$46,152; Siletz, \$5,535; Toledo, \$15,957; Waldport \$10,120.50; and Yachats, \$4,473.

There will be other kinds of support needed when we stand up the shelter, such as volunteers and tangible goods, but for now we are focusing on help to get our financial needs met. Please review the attachment, which will explain in detail the shelter operational model we are proposing. If you have any questions, you can reach out to myself and Jayne Romero.

We ask that you respond with any financial commitment by September 15 so that we can plan an approach that aligns with available resources. We look forward to hearing from you soon and having additional partnership to serve one of our most vulnerable populations.

Respectfully,

  
Commissioner Kaety Jacobson, Chair