

# A New North Side Shelter for Men in Chicago



NORTH SIDE HOUSING  
AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Fact Sheet

## Men in Chicago Face a Drastic Shortage of Shelter Beds

In the last decade, the Point in Time Count (PIT) has consistently found that close to 5,000 Chicagoans experience homelessness on any given night. This number does not include the massive increase in homelessness from new-arrivals, nor people living doubled-up. In 2023 the PIT found that 68% of people experiencing homelessness were men. **Despite this reality, only 750, or 22%, of the 3,500 shelter beds in the city were available for single men.**



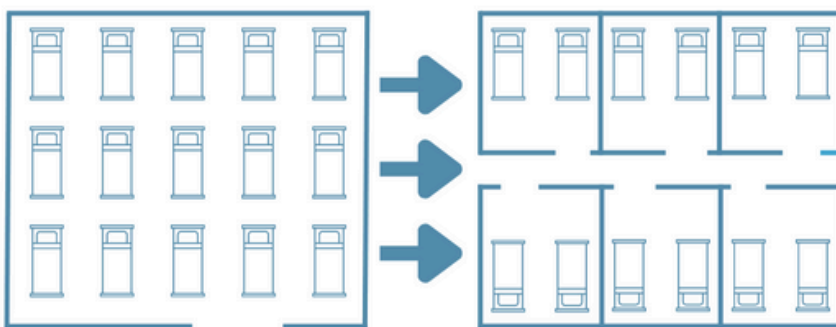
Nearly 7 of 10 people experiencing homelessness in Chicago are men



Just over 2 of every 10 shelter beds were able to be used by single men

## Stronger Together: A Brand New Shelter to Help Unhoused Men

Our new non-congregate shelter in Rogers Park provides safe, stable housing for 70 men experiencing homelessness, helping them rebuild their lives and connect with long-term housing solutions. Located at 7464 N. Clark, this 10,000-square-foot shelter is the first in a series of city-approved facilities designed to prioritize privacy and dignity. Our shelter has set a new standard for all future shelters in Chicago. The shelter's final design uses a trauma-informed lens and offers dorm-style, two-person sleeping rooms for greater privacy, a commercial kitchen, updated HVAC system, laundry facilities, spacious showers, and an on-site medical exam room.



### Congregate

shelters are facilities with large open spaces, such as schools and churches, that accommodate multiple individuals or families in shared living and sleeping areas.

### Non-congregate

shelters provide more privacy. Individuals or families have their own living space, or a shared living space with one, two, or three other people, which can include hotels and dormitories.

This project would not have been possible without the support of Alderwoman Hadden, the staff at the Departments of Buildings and Family & Support Services, and all of our partners. Visit our website to learn how our city and community came together to make this project a reality.



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## What Does it Mean for the Shelter to be Trauma-Informed?

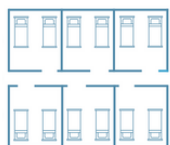
The shelter is the first of its kind in Chicago, and is expected to serve 250 men each year. **Every aspect of the shelter was designed with the intention of helping residents heal from the trauma of living outside and in the parks, reducing the amount of time in the shelter, and transitioning into long-term, stable housing.**

### Interior Design

Each sleeping room houses up to two men and offers natural light from a window or skylight to help create a safe, private space. Bedrooms, corridors, and community areas feature calming lighting, colors, flooring, and furniture for a comforting environment.

### On-Site Services

Each resident is assigned a caseworker to assist with housing applications, connect them to mental health support, counseling, financial literacy classes, and job training. Residents will also receive three daily meals, free laundry, and on-site medical care.



**Non  
Congregate  
Living**



**Medical  
Examinations**



**Three Meals  
Per Day**



**Trauma  
Informed  
Design**



**Case  
Management**



**Housing  
Application  
Assistance**

## About North Side Housing and Supportive Services

Since 1983, North Side Housing and Supportive Services has been helping people find permanent solutions to end their homelessness in Chicago. We achieve this by providing emergency shelter, food, clothing, medical services, and case management to people experiencing homelessness. When our clients have the housing and resources to meet immediate needs, they are able to focus on their healing journey, make a plan to obtain long-term stability, and exit the shelter better positioned to leave homelessness behind for the rest of their life.

We need your help to further our mission! Your support is crucial to support men in their transition into long-term, stable housing. **By giving back you are changing lives, one day at a time.** Donate today!

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