



Safe Parking Program Year 2 Report

About

The City of Beaverton Safe Parking Program provides a safe, legal place to park for people experiencing homelessness and living out of their vehicles. Safe parking provides a safe place to park to help families and individuals in this situation stabilize their lives and gain better access to services. The program partners with Just Compassion of East Washington County who provides intake and case management for guests.

During the second year of the Safe Parking Program, COVID-19 became a new crisis for folks experiencing homelessness and living out of their vehicles. Accessing resources became more difficult for many individuals and families due to closures of public facilities, in-person social services, and more. With the pandemic creating additional barriers, guests stayed in the program longer. Just Compassion continued to provide case management and was able to respond to both immediate needs and connect guests to expanded services, both at the Just Compassion Day Center and two shelter locations.

Timeline

- Third host site (faith partner) was added to the program: April 2020
- Fourth host site (faith partner) was added to the program: March 2021

Program Statistics (April 2020 – March 2021)

Overview of people served

- # of individuals served: 32 (30 adults, 2 children)
- # of vehicles in the program: 22
- # of vehicles exited into housing: 11 (17 individuals)
- # of vehicles continuing in the program: 4
- # of vehicles exited not into housing (noncompliance or self-exited): 7 (12 individuals)

Demographic Information

	Race	Gender	Veterans
Adults	White – 80% Black – 5% Latinx – 5% Native American – 5% Asian and Pacific Islander – 0 Not reported – 5%	Female – 15% Male – 80% Non-binary – 5%	5%
Children	White – 1 Latinx – 1	Female – 2 Male – Non-binary - 0	N/A

One of the primary reasons for people experiencing homelessness that reported during the second year is between income and rent, with COVID-19 being a major component.

Guests Exited from the Program

- Seven vehicles were exited due to other reasons such as death of family, move closer to family support, or not showing progress in case management plan.

2nd Year Safe Parking Success Story:

"Two of our guests found the Safe Parking program after being referred to us due to reports that they didn't fit the guidelines for a family shelter. After being accepted into the Safe Parking program, both guests remained compliant throughout their time in the program. They met with their case manager weekly to discuss their concerns, barriers, and updates. In addition to meeting with the case manager weekly, both guests advocated for themselves and got accepted into the Good Neighbor Center. After being accepted into the Good Neighbor Center, they reported to their case manager that they were ready to find housing. The guests, case manager, and a case worker from New Narrative partnered together to assist both guests with obtaining both a community connect assessment and to start the process of the guests qualifying for rental assistance. After about two months in the Safe Parking program, both guests transitioned into an apartment."

Update on Recommendations from Year 1

1. Transition from pilot to established program.
 - The Safe Parking Program was formalized in April 2020
2. Increase budget to recognize additional case management provided by Just Compassion and additional guest needs such as gas vouchers.
 - Budget was increased during the FY 2020-21 budget season, from \$30,000 to \$45,000 for case management services
3. Explore options for moving the city site to a new location, to provide additional privacy to program guests and reduce neighbor concerns.
 - City was able to identify a new host site and moved site to address concerns
4. Allow the City to place up to six vehicles on their sites as it provides more capacity for the program without increased site infrastructure costs.
 - Due to added host sites and the current level of capacity for case management, additional vehicle spots were not added to the city site (but could be in the future)
5. Collaborate with Washington County on countywide Safe Parking.
 - The two agencies continue to collaborate and are currently partnering on a possible site in unincorporated Washington County.
6. Continue to convene quarterly internal stakeholder meetings consisting of staff from several departments.
 - Quarterly meetings are being convened
7. Evaluate capacity and need to expand beyond the original target of five host sites.
 - Ongoing evaluation, target of five host sites has not been met