

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for The Door at Three Rivers (Non-RHIP) “Warming Center Operations”

Summary of Results:

- As a Winter Shelter, we were not able to open as in years past due to COVID restrictions.
- Volunteers were not as readily available due to most of our help being retirees, who are a vulnerable population for COVID, as are the homeless.
- The difficulty of running a congregant shelter and trying to mix two vulnerable populations proved to be insurmountable for us.
- Despite this challenge, we did, however, distribute food boxes, winter clothing, camping gear and provided hotel stays to guests with emergency needs.
- It was a different Winter having to navigate a pandemic and even though our volunteers were down significantly, the community stepped up to offer coats and other supplies to give away.
- Although outside of the scope of this grant, we also distributed food in Sunriver with our limited volunteer pool.
- The Community knows that we help people in La Pine and Sunriver and it was much needed, especially this past year.
- While we weren't open for sleeping hours, we did purchase camping gear, including tents, tarps, sleeping bags and heaters for those sleeping in the woods and for those sleeping in their vehicles.
- We also distributed over 100 food boxes per month and a significant amount donated winter clothing.
- We also started two recovery meetings per week with an average attendance of about 20 each.

Story:

Two gentlemen who are working on sobriety were living in their vehicle. We were able to provide them with regular food, a source of heat and winter clothing. They came here from Florida and were not prepared at all for Winter. Additionally, we gave them place to shower and connected them with meetings. As a result, they were able to get jobs and stability in life.