

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for Mountain View Fellowship "Shelter Shower & Laundry Project"



Summary of Results:

- This project has provided laundry and shower facilities to guests of the Redmond Winter Shelter.
- Grant funds were used toward the purchase of two commercial washers and dryers.
- We completed construction of a large bathroom and laundry space with additional fundraising efforts.
- Prior to this project, our unhoused shelter guests were not able to access laundry facilities or showers during the winter months.
- As of December 15, 2021, showers and laundry are functioning and usable by our unhoused guests.
- We have seen an average of 15 guests accessing showers each night during the shelter.
- Multiple loads of laundry are completed each night- bed linens from the shelter as well as personal clothing from guests.
- Church volunteers are finalizing plans, protocols and volunteer roles to make the facilities available to our unhoused community and unhoused Safe Parking participants after the conclusion of the Redmond Winter Shelter in March of 2022.

Quote:

From John Lodise, Emergency Shelter Manager for Shepherd's House:

"We can offer one anecdote: guests who had used the shower and laundry facilities returned to the gym with some awe-struck comments about how nice the shower room was. They shared this with other guests, and then with [a volunteer] when she was driving the shuttle van. [The volunteer] responded by saying, 'You understand that the church and community built that room especially for all of you, don't you?' [The volunteer] said that they were even more awe-struck upon hearing this."