

RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

COVID-19 Final Report for Suttle Lake Camp (Non-RHIP) “Covid-19 Gap Housing Project at Suttle Lake Camp”

Summary of Results:

- This summer Suttle Lake Camp began providing gap housing for women (primarily over 60) in Central Oregon experiencing houselessness during Covid-19.
- A total of five women have participated in the program.
- Each resident has a private bedroom and bathroom, as well as access to a shared laundry and kitchen area.
- Assistance has also been available for individual needs like clothing, transportation, work opportunities, etc.
- Weekly meals and meetings are scheduled to help build community among the women.
- Thrive Central Oregon referred applications and has continued to meet regularly with participants supporting them in their housing search.
- The biggest benefit the women have reported has been having secure housing with running water.
- Prior to camp one woman had lived in a "hunting trailer" without hot water, another had lived in her car, two others were living in tents in the forest, and another had been visiting friend after friend.
- Each woman has reported that their stress/anxiety levels have decreased tremendously as they have not had to worry about safety, where to shower, or the change in the weather.
- We hope to be able to continue this program through March 2021.
- This video shares the project:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gcjGyCZeDp2aE15c_GH_I6h-B10xrui/view?usp=sharing



Quote:

"I am so thankful for having a safe, warm place to live. I appreciate the beauty of this place and the chance to be in community with other women on a similar journey. Being here has helped me to breath and let go of some of my anxiety. When I first arrived, I cried every day. I didn't realize how tired and stressed I was. Now I'm smiling just because. I'm finding new strength and am ready to take the next steps to reclaim my life." -"Laura", 57 years old