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Oregon Community Foundation Awards \$7 Million to Central City Concern to Open Recovery-Oriented Housing for Homeless People in East Portland, Oregon

Portland, Ore. – May 6, 2021 – Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) today announced Central City Concern (CCC) has been selected to receive a Project Turnkey grant of \$7 million for the acquisition and conversion of a 70-room motel located in outer East Portland, Oregon. Project-Turnkey-East Portland will be known as the “CCC Recovery Hotel”. The CCC Recovery Hotel will serve as transitional housing for people who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness and in early stages of recovery regarding substance use and addiction.

"CCC is thrilled to provide this safe, early-stage supportive transitional housing," says Melissa Bishop, CCC's Associate Director of Recovery Housing Programs. "The CCC Recovery Hotel will offer a safe, encouraging environment where residents can begin work on their recovery journeys. We're also especially honored to be serving our Native American community members through our partnership with the Native American Rehabilitation Association."

Referrals for the CCC Recovery Hotel will come from CCC's substance use and addiction recovery programs, including from CCC's culturally specific service providers—Puentes and Imani, which serve the Latinx and African American communities. In addition, the Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA) will provide referrals for up to 15 of the rooms, offering expanded culturally specific recovery housing for Native American community members. This new, transitional housing will provide a compassionate and stable place to those who have struggled with substance use and addiction.

"NARA is honored and so excited to have this opportunity to serve and to further develop our long-standing partnership with Central City Concern," says Jackie Mercer, CEO, NARA. "We are very grateful to be able to offer housing and recovery supports to help Native Americans, who as a community, experience extremely high rates of homelessness."

Key benefits of the Project Turnkey-East Portland, operated by CCC and to be known as the “CCC Recovery Hotel”, include:

- Safe accommodation for up to 70 individuals.
- Provision of essentials such as showers, laundry, hygiene items, etc.
- Supportive services including behavioral health, recovery services, employment, and navigation to permanent housing.
- An inclusive, culturally competent atmosphere that helps vulnerable community members stabilize to be able to get on the road to recovery regarding substance use and addiction.

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Located at 5019 NE 102nd Avenue, in outer East Portland, Oregon, Central City Concern anticipates the CCC Recovery Hotel to open in September 2021.

“Shelter is never the end goal—it’s just a step on the path to stability and housing. The power of the Project Turnkey model is that it offers both shelter and housing in one single investment,” Megan Loeb, OCF Program Officer, Housing, said. “By acquiring motels/hotels as shelter now during the pandemic, Oregon communities can boost their housing stock by converting these properties to permanent housing in the long-term. We continue to see the benefits of this cost-effective model to support Oregon’s housing crisis.”

Oregon Community Foundation offers support for Oregon’s housing needs along a continuum—from shelter to supportive housing to affordable housing to equitable home ownership—through a variety of tools, including research, grants, advocacy, and low-interest loans. OCF’s administration of Project Turnkey is one example of the innovative, collaborative approaches underway to help more Oregonians find stable, affordable housing.

For a complete list of Project Turnkey grant awardees, please visit [Project Turnkey](#) online.

About Project Turnkey

The Oregon Legislature allocated a total of \$65 million for Project Turnkey for the purpose of acquiring motels/hotels for use as non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. Two discrete funds were provided by the state: one totaling \$30 million to be awarded in counties and tribal communities impacted by the 2020 wildfires; and one totaling \$35 million for the remaining 28 counties in the state. Oregon Community Foundation is administering both funds through an application and selection process, with guidance from an Advisory Committee of state, local, and community stakeholders. For more information, please visit [Project Turnkey](#) online.

About Central City Concern

Central City Concern offers many types of affordable and transitional housing, combined with programs to help people overcome barriers to permanent housing. Each year, CCC serves more than 13,000 people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with affordable and supportive housing, person-centered health care, addiction recovery and employment assistance. To learn more about CCC, please visit: centralcityconcern.org.

About Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.

NARA provides education, physical and mental health services and substance abuse treatment that is culturally appropriate to American Indians, Alaska Natives and anyone in need. To learn more about NARA, please visit: naranorthwest.org.

About Oregon Community Foundation

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