



VISION & CORE PRINCIPLES

- Working Fusion at Mill Street is a neighborhood community that fortifies motivated young adults to create lives of purpose and sustainable independence.
- By providing dignified housing, accessible support services, and an inspiring peer community, Working Fusion becomes a partner in creating a clear path forward for young adults who have experienced economic challenges.
- With a deep respect for each person's inherent worth, potential, and desire for self-sufficiency, Working Fusion offers compassionate guidance, tenacious encouragement, and caring accountability.

We are a *HOMELESS PREVENTION* initiative



WHY TINY HOMES? (IT WAS IN THE PRO FORMA)

Program Type	Estimated Cost Per Person Per Night	Tiny Home Community Name	Estimated Cost of Construction Per House*
Dignity Village - TH Community	\$4.28	Quixote Village (Olympia, WA)	\$87,500
Working Fusion - TH Community	\$7.61	Working Fusion, COS, CO	\$50,000
Warming Center	\$17.00	Community First (Austin, TX)	\$30,000
Rent Assistance	\$24.60	OM Village (Madison, WI)	\$5,000
Emergency Shelter	\$25.00	Second Wind Cottages (Newfield, NY)	\$12,000
Supportive Housing	\$32.37	Community Supported Shelters (Eugene, OR)	\$1,000
Motel Voucher	\$54.00	Beloved Community Village	
Transitional Housing	\$66.56	*Source: YES! Magazine	
Prison cost (in Colorado)	\$83.22	* Source: Vera.org	





ENVIRONMENT

- TH carbon dioxide emissions average a yearly 2,000 pounds, while an average-sized house tops off at a whopping 28,000 pounds.
- An ordinary house requires about seven truckloads of lumber whereas a TH requires half of one truckload - fewer trees cut down for lumber, less fuel used in transporting materials, etc.
- TH dwellers tend to slash energy consumption by 45 percent and reduce their ecological footprint from 17.3 acres on average to 9.3.
- They reduce the need to fill your space with “waste”.



WHERE ARE OTHER TINY HOME VILLAGES?

Tiny Villages in the US to support homelessness:

Opportunity Village – Eugene OR

Occupy Madison Tiny Homes, Madison WI

Quixote Village – Olympia WA

Community First Village – Austin TX

Village of Hope – Fresno



WE BELIEVE

- People inherently want to live lives of independence and purpose
- An unshakeable sense of HOPE creates a foundation for possibility
- Tenacious encouragement provides structure for growth
- Caring accountability fortifies people to face and overcome challenges



WHO WE SERVE

Working Fusion at Mill Street is for young adults between the ages of 18 and 29 who:

- Have experienced economic challenges and who will benefit from close proximity to access support services
- Are able and motivated to be self-sufficient
- Often through no fault of their own, are at extreme risk for becoming, have been, or are situationally homeless
- Have the desire to live a life of purpose and independence

All residents will be vetted and will adhere to a community contract



HOW WE FORTIFY

Housing

- Provide dignified housing as a first step toward self-sufficiency.
 - Move-in ready
 - Fully furnished
 - Clean and dignified
 - Affordable
 - Ownership of amenities encourages good stewardship
 - Intentionally small community



HOW WE FORTIFY

Support Services

- On-site weekly wrap-around services
- Collaborate with, but don't duplicate, counseling and supportive services provided by other Care Referral Providers, (CRPs)
- 2-year leases to allow time for residents to get on their feet and learn life skills that will enable them to become independent



HOW WE FORTIFY

Community

Create a peer community that motivates and inspires by:

- Fostering a sense of belonging with community activities such as yoga, concerts and movie nights.
- Supporting 2-year leases to allow time for residents to get on their feet and learn life skills that will enable them to become independent.
- Developing a Teen Board and Spark Team to educate and support.



WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?



The homes are architecturally similar to the rest of the neighborhood and are built to custom home standards.





ALIGNMENT WITH COS INITIATIVES

- Strategy VN-2.A-1: In partnership with other organizations and agencies, continue to develop and support existing, expanded, and new initiatives to address homelessness.
- Keystone Indicator #5: Improving housing affordability over time is identified and addressed as one of the cornerstone challenges and priorities in PlanCOS. This recommended indicator combines overall median single-family and multifamily housing affordability along with total homeless population counts.
- Attainable Housing Plan: Attainable housing is arguably the most important but also most challenging topic addressed in PlanCOS. A key recommendation is to create and maintain a broad spectrum plan with multiple but coordinated strategies. These would all be directed toward the goal of providing a range of housing types and programs that together will contribute to more attainable housing along the full continuum from homelessness to workforce housing, throughout the city and within its subareas.



WHO ELSE SUPPORTS THIS COMMUNITY?

- ❑ **Homeward Pikes Peak:** Beth Roalstad
- ❑ **Mount Carmel Veterans Services:** Robert McLaughlin
- ❑ **The Downtown Partnership**
- ❑ **The Flaks Family Trust**
- ❑ **Concrete Couch:** Steve Wood
- ❑ **Springs Rescue Mission:** Larry Yonker
- ❑ **The Conservatory** - Linda Weise