



City Manager's Office

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 4, 2023

TO: Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Doug Thornley, City Manager Approved Electronically

FROM: Cynthia Esparza, Chief Equity & Community Relations Officer
Jackie Bryant, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Nevada Cares Campus Update

The following is a summary of the Nevada Cares Campus current availability and winter overflow plans. Staff is in communication with Washoe County staff to discuss increasing access for current community needs.

Emergency Shelter

The current capacity of the emergency shelter is 549 beds. The bed reduction from 604 is due to the addition of private cubbies inside the tent. As of today, there are 19 beds available in the emergency shelter.

Warming Center

There are 112 seats available in the warming center. The warming center is scheduled to be open November 1, 2023 - April 30, 2024. Additionally, the campus follows local weather warnings and opens the center 24 hours a day during inclement weather. Inclement weather could be below 35 degrees, combined rain and low temperatures, or snow. The warming center does not provide beds and people are not allowed to lie down. To date, the warming center has never exceeded capacity.

Winter Overflow Shelter

The winter overflow shelter is scheduled to open on or around December 1, 2023 inside the Resource Center. It will provide 84 beds for the community. In 2022, the winter overflow shelter was opened on November 1 with 56 available beds. Washoe County staff shared the delay is due to current construction of the Resource Center.

Safe Camp

The safe camp upped capacity to 49 units. All units are expected to be full in the coming days. Clean and Safe, RISE, and Karma Box actively make recommendations for future Safe Camp residents during an application review process with the outreach case conferencing team.

Additional unsheltered information is available on the following links:

- Shelter Census Dashboard - www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/index.php
- Community Dashboard- www.washoecounty.gov/homeless/CoC/built-for-zero/dashboard.php

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