

Building Block  
The Road Home  
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We would use the \$500,000 for hard costs for construction of the facility. We are open to the State's input if they would like to direct the funding to any part of the construction (concrete, materials, etc.).

On average, we provide shelter to 138 children and 93 adults a night. However, during the peak season it is not uncommon for us to have 200 children and over 100 adults on a cold winter's night. During the winter, there are more people turning to The Road Home for shelter than our downtown facility can accommodate. That is why the Midvale facility is so very critical in the winter. This is a fundamental human need which protects people, specifically families with children, from going without shelter and being exposed to winter elements. In many cases, people are coming to us who have been sleeping in their cars. Unfortunately, that is very common. This winter, we expect to provide shelter to 1,256 human beings at the Midvale shelter. This represents a 40% increase from three years ago. The Road Home will serve approximately 7,000 people annually in all its shelters combined.

The Road Home case managers start working immediately with each family to develop a housing plan to move out of shelter and into housing as quickly as possible. Based off numbers from last year, our performance measures are to provide shelter to all who need it and we estimate 44,521 nights for 1,256 people. The Road Home working in partnership with the State of Utah Department of Workforce Services will provide rapid re-housing assistance to approximately 55% of those families with a success rate of 87% maintaining their housing after our assistance. Over the past three years, we experienced a 40% increase of people turning to us for shelter. Hopefully, that trend will not continue.

We appreciate the important work that each of you as legislators perform in service to our state and we are grateful for your partnership. We thank you for the funding you have entrusted to us.