

OPERATION RIO GRANDE

WHY A SAFE SPACE IS NEEDED?



A SAFE SPACE IS NEEDED TO:

- Better coordinate services
- Separate services from criminal activities
- Create an open space that is safe, secured and controlled while waiting for services



HOW THE SAFE SPACE WILL BENEFIT THOSE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

- Individuals who have stayed away from the downtown shelter because of concerns of safety, protection of personal belongings and avoiding drug activity, will now feel they can come to the safe space and receive the support needed to resolve homelessness.



WHAT WILL BE IN THE SAFE SPACE:

Services already provided inside The Road Home and Catholic Community Services will continue in the safe space. These services include:

- Shelter
- Case management
- Employment support
- Computer lab
- Temporary assistance (food stamps/SNAP, general assistance)
- Housing support
- Restrooms and showers
- Food services
- Laundry



NEW SERVICES PROPOSED TO THE SAFE SPACE INCLUDE:

- Additional restrooms
- Handwashing stations
- Bike lockers
- Shaded space to protect people from weather elements
- Outreach workers for service engagement and referrals to:
 - ✓ Housing programs
 - ✓ Treatment
 - ✓ Mental health
 - ✓ Medical
 - ✓ Detox
 - ✓ Employment
- Additional security in the area to help individuals feel safe and protected
 - ✓ More law enforcement officers, drug sniffing canines and security cameras



COORDINATED SERVICES CARD

Services will be coordinated through a new Coordinated Services card, given through a brief intake by providers in the safe space. The card will:

- Allow access to the safe space
- Provide ID for those needing services
- Track and coordinate services needed for the individuals

This card will NOT:

- Deny access to shelter or food for those in need
- Be an official state issued ID

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