

THE WIN-WIN PROPOSAL

FACTS:

- A winter warming shelter is required for the homeless community of Ketchikan, some of which are young adults.
- Other locations have been explored and are not available. The KYI Youth Community Center represents the last option available. Without this option, the homeless will be without shelter this winter.
- The Youth Community Center apparently cannot accommodate the full needs of this population, even with use of both the ground level and street level spaces due to COVID-19 spacing requirements. It appears service would need to be provided by both the First United Methodist Church and the KYI Youth Community Center involving the need for additional staffing and outlay of operating costs.
- The KYI Youth Community Center cannot provide this occupancy without connection of the sprinkler system to the City water service. (This also requires repair of some damage incurred to the sprinkler and water pipes from the freezing experienced last winter.)
- There are other improvements that need to be completed in the KYI Youth Community Center prior to occupancy.
- There is a population of teens and young adults for which COVID-19 will create more housing and food instability as well as employment becoming more competitive with decreased job opportunities overall.
- KYI has been able, in the past, to provide programming at no cost to youth and to provide transportation needed to access these services.
- KYI does not have the financial resources at this time to complete the renovation of the KYI Youth Community Center.
- Ownership of the completed KYI Youth Community Center building is critical to the eligibility of operational funding for KYI going forward.
- CARES Act funds are available.

THE SOLUTION: A WIN-WIN Long-term solutions for both

- KYI releases the building to City for the purpose of providing homeless shelter for a period of up to three seasons ending no later than April 1 2023.
- City completes construction with the amenities it determines required to serve this population.
- City operates and maintains the building with staff provided by collaborative arrangements with other providers of services to this population.
- This building is available to provide homeless services year around on a short-term basis while City acts on other, long-term solutions.
- KYI, once freed of the burden of the unfinished building, concentrates on the future of developing community outreach and drop-in programming.
- KYI, during the period when the City is occupying the building, with use of other facilities, acts to make access to services that focus specifically on the needs of the 18-24 year old population segment.
- KYI redesigns and renews its mission to continue to provide services to the youth, ages 14-24 of Ketchikan on a long term basis and prepares to regain use of the building.
- With more time, City develops an alternate facility to serve the needs of the homeless population.
- City returns the Youth Community Center building to KYI in a condition suitable for KYI to utilize this building for its operations going forward.