



June 18th, 2023

Thomas Wiley, Director of Project Planning
Western Foundation
4456 South Capitol Street
Denver, CO 78655

Mr. Wiley,

Attached is our proposal to increase access to basic resources for Sacramento's unhoused population in consideration for the Western Foundation's Grant. We are issuing this proposal to seek the \$150,000 offered by your foundation's grant.

Our proposal details a major project which our consultants at Techcon will adamantly work on alongside local community members to address ongoing issues of homelessness in Sacramento County. Since 2016, the number of shelter beds have increased from 100 to over 1000. Although shelter beds and other services increasing are a positive, the homeless population also grew 67%, from 5,570 individuals to 9,278 individuals, leaving much more assistance to be desired. With numbers growing, the Mayor's office will have to decide how it will control Sacramento's ongoing housing crisis while developing city growth. As this crisis develops, more of Sacramento's community is in urgent need of help and resources. With our work, we are determined to increase access to clean resources and assistance programs until there is a decrease the number of individuals sleeping on streets.

We hope that you can empathize with our efforts and help fund our efforts in decreasing homelessness. We are open to your comments and suggestions. TechCon appreciates your time. We can be contacted at +1(480)-234-5678 and/or you may personally e-mail myself at techcon.williamk@gmail.com.

Thank you again for your time.

Sincerely,

Will Kouch
TechCon Senior Consultant



A PROPOSAL TO THE WESTERN FOUNDATION SEEKING HOMELESS ACCESSIBILITY TO EQUITABLE RESOURCES

INTRODUCTION

Over at TechCon, we pride ourselves on innovation and giving back to the communities that built us up. We have provided our engineering expertise in innumerable projects, ranging from academic facilities, to laboratory machines, to innovative equipment for city use. By doing so, we have supported countless communities of all backgrounds. At this point, we strive to make living equitable and accessible for all as per our mission statement.

Our project offers several ways to combat the issue of homelessness. Our objectives are as follows:

- Provide opportunities of comfort and cleanliness to homeless individuals through the manufacturing and distributing of mobile shower and laundry vehicle units to local outreach programs.
- Distribute needle collection bins to participating local businesses and jump start a monthly collection process at local centers or public stations.
- Re-housing individuals living on city streets and reducing the number of the homeless population, thus reducing the number of beds required in shelters.

TechCon Consultants are committed to developing tools and programs that help reduce homelessness in America. In our proposal, we will initially discuss the research into Sacramento's homelessness issue. Following our research, we will discuss the plans for community outreach regarding the ongoing crisis. Next we will assess TechCon's qualifications in assisting the Mayor's Office of Sacramento and local interest groups in engaging with this project, with the hope that the Western Foundation will consider our firm for your grant. Finally, we will review the costs and benefits of our initiative.

CURRENT SITUATION

In 2023, the Sacramento Mayor's department reported a 40% decline in individuals experiencing homelessness in the downtown area. The Downtown Sacramento Partnership, working along with the Mayor's office, conducted counts of individuals sleeping on streets since 2022 and found the number had dropped from 200 to 120. They have attributed this success to their efforts of outreach to homeless individuals, but also weather and increase in downtown community events. The Sacramento Downtown Partnership discovered that 45 of those 80 individuals sought out and now reside in shelters. The result of a successful initiative would be safer cities, better community health, and improved relations with the unhoused community. The Mayor's Office must be prepared for public outcry and rallying against supporting homeless communities, and stand firm in putting taxpayer dollars towards incentives that better their community.



As previously stated, The Sacramento Downtown Partnership conducted a monthly census of individuals sleeping in public spaces from 2022 to the present. What they found was a 40% decrease in those sleeping outdoors. This is likely attributed to the Partnership's community outreach efforts to connect people with resources and get them to safer conditions. Services were provided to over 500 people in the downtown area alone. The Department of Community Response and Midtown Association run a similar program in the midtown areas of the city. Under Mayor Darrel Steinberg, the city signed a partnership agreement which established joint outreach teams to work with those living in homeless encampments and helping enroll them in health services and place them in housing.

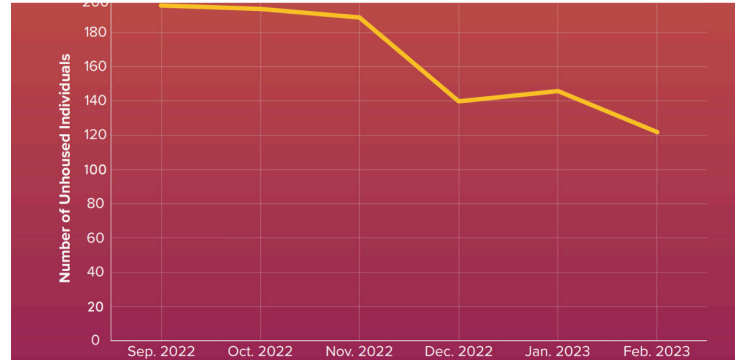


Figure 1. Unhoused individuals in downtown Sacramento

To make an impactful change, we are proposing an investment into mobile resource stations, bio-hazard disposal stations, and the distribution of both to support Sacramento's homeless community while also making the city safer from potential hazards posed by some members the homeless population. Harm reduction methods such as mobile shower and laundry units as well as bio-hazard disposal services will help keep streets safe and cleanly. Mobile shower and laundry units allow homeless individuals to maintain basic personal hygiene and destigmatizes homeless, restores self esteem, and sets people up for success by providing them a fresh start. Bio-hazard disposal would include containers distributed to businesses or placed in public restrooms, and health centers which may properly dispose of needles and other products that may otherwise be harmful to people and animals.

PROJECT PLAN

1. Devise rollout plan with city officials, business owners, and local community outreach groups.
2. Gather information from unhoused individuals about needs and frequencies.
3. Coordinate with shower and laundry companies in order to manufacture working vehicles.
4. Design and produce safe bio-hazard drop-off bins of varying sizes, in-company.
5. Distribute quality-tested bio-hazard drop-off bins at respective locations.
6. Distribute shower and laundry vehicles to community outreach groups, and activate at agreed upon stations.



Figure 2. Mobile showering unit



Figure 3. Mobile laundromat unit



Figure 4. Bio-hazard drop-off collection bin

PROJECT TIMELINE

8/10/23 - 8/13/23	Work with city officials
8/14/23 - 8/17/23	Work with locals & out-reach groups
8/10/23 - 8/17/23	Interview unhoused individuals & gather data
8/20/23 - 9/3/23	Work with shower & laundry companies
9/8/23 - 12/8/23	Manufacture vehicles
9/10/23 - 9/13/23	Map & design bio-hazard drop-off bin project
9/17/23 - 10/17/23	Manufacture bio-hazard drop-off bin
11/1/23 - 11/8/23	Distribute bio-hazard bin drop-offs
11/10/23 - 11/17/23	Inspection with shower & laundry companies
1/2/24 - 1/9/24	Connect with city & out-reach groups
1/10/24 - 1/12/24	Launch vehicles

COST BREAKDOWN

Prior planning	\$10,000.00
Labor	\$30,000.00
Partnerships	\$15,000.00
Vehicle manufacturing	\$60,000.00
Bio-hazard manufacturing	\$25,000.00
Vehicle deployment	\$10,000.00
Total:	\$150,000.00



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QUALIFICATIONS

At TechCon, we not only value efficiency, but quality and thorough work. Our team is composed of expert engineers from all over the country and the world. We have successfully contributed to over 2,000 successful projects worldwide. Aiding schools, public, and private businesses with our services, we have provided new solid foundations as well as set high standards regarding safety in our field. We strive for excellence, cultivating a culture that includes the brightest and most innovative of minds.

CONCLUSION

TechCon promises that we will put your grant to great use, producing exceptional resources and programs for the generations to come. If you have any questions, please contact us at +1(480)-234-5678 or you may e-mail me at techcon.williamk@gmail.com. We look forward to further discussion with you.