

PEOPLE'S BUDGET FLIER FROM SHARE

An organization of homeless and formerly homeless men and women who come together to survive and solve homelessness

SHARE knows the solution to homelessness in affordable housing, and that we need over 30,000 more affordable homes in Seattle right now. We support rent control and big housing bonds and levy's to get'er done.

Meanwhile, 48 people homeless people have died outside this year, and the number of homeless keeps shooting up (21%.) The Homeless Industrial Complex doesn't take direct action, and doesn't prioritize the survival of homeless people. We're going backwards in solving this problem, and 'All Home' (the new Official Group Planning to solve homelessness) pretends we're going forward. Honesty is the best policy, and that's why we say:

HELP! SOS! HELP! WE'RE SINKING! Our skills and determination are strong, but our cash flow is weak.

Right now we have two (2) existing encampments, and another on City Land will be opening in early November. Mayor Murray supports us having the land, and we are very appreciative. But we also need money to run them.

For three new tent cities – Nickelsville is starting two others in November – plus the camps that exist now – we are asking for \$250,000 from the City Council. Everyone needs and wants a safe place to sleep. SHARE helps provide that place for over 450 people every night.

This is a small price to pay for human dignity and safety.

HELP US SET UP OUR NEW CAMP – AND HELP THE OLD CAMPS WHEN THEY
MOVE!

Keep in touch with our effort to persuade the City Council to support us!

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What Is SHARE?



SHARE is made up of homeless and formerly homeless men and women, surviving and solving homelessness since 1990. We've been part of many progressive struggles to redress the injustices of this community, and are honored to be members of the Our City Coalition.

We work together democratically, soberly, and without violence. Everyone is expected to do their fair share. This foundation has led to the SHARE Community becoming the largest shelter and encampment network in King County – 15 indoor shelters, 2 Tent Cities, and several Housing for Work Sites. They operate at a fraction of the cost of traditional hierarchical staffed shelters.

Self-managing our own shelters helps us survive homelessness. It gives us important tools and skills to work together for the greater good, but shelter alone doesn't solve homelessness. That requires working together for structural change.



SOLVING HOMELESSNESS

Without Rent Control homelessness in King County is out of control. Rents more in line with actual operating and construction costs – rather than what unscrupulous speculative landlords can wring from tenants – will lead to less homelessness. SHARE and the Our City Coalition are pledged to work in coalition with others for progressive changes such as rent control.

But until we win victories like rent control to increase the affordable housing available, we ask for your support for our self-managed shelter and encampment network. We ask because an injustice against one group is an injustice against all.

25 years of self-managed success has shown us that homelessness is not primarily a problem of messed up individuals. Homelessness is a result of a messed up economic and political system that lacks the will and structure to provide humane shelter – much less affordable housing – for all.