

Orting Veterans Village
A Partnership between Quixote Communities and the Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who will own and run the Orting Veterans Village?

Quixote Communities, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit in the state of Washington, will own and operate the Orting Veterans Village on the grounds of the Soldiers Home. Quixote Communities built and began operating Quixote Village, a tiny house community for 30 formerly homeless adults in Olympia, in 2013. More about Quixote Communities, its Board of Directors and its history can be found at www.quixotevillage.com.

2. How will the Village be operated?

Quixote Communities will be responsible for the management, operations and maintenance of the Village, including hiring and training staff. Each resident will lease a tiny cottage with a bedroom and full bath. All other facilities, including kitchen, dining room, laundry and staff offices, will be in the Community Building.

Two staff members will manage the facility: the Program Manager will oversee operations and upkeep and the resident admissions process; the Resident Advocate, or case manager, will assist residents in getting access to achieve personal goals, which may include sobriety, improved physical and mental health, job training, education and family reunification.

Upon admittance to the Village, residents will sign a lease with a pledge to seek and maintain sobriety and to maintain their cottage and the shared facilities. Each resident will pay 30% of their income in rent. Residents become members of the Village Resident Council, and will be required to attend weekly Council meetings.

Residents will access services for physical and mental health and substance abuse issues from veterans' programs. Each resident will meet with the Resident Advocate at least once a month to monitor progress towards personal goal achievement and discuss any emerging needs. Staff and volunteers from the Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center (PSVHC) will work to bring services and programs to the Village. At Quixote Village, for example, volunteers have provided onsite wellness medical attention, classes in yoga, tie-dyeing, guitar and writing, as well as opportunities for physical exercise, gardening and training in job-seeking.

3. How will residents be selected?

In keeping with federal guidance, Pierce County has a coordinated entry system (CES) for providing services to the homeless. Prospective residents will be referred from CES. We have begun working with Pierce County in an effort to ensure that Orting veterans will be given preference in admission to the Village.

We strongly encourage homeless veterans who are citizens of Orting to contact the Office for Coordinated Entry at (253) 682-3401 and to get involved in PSVHC's program at the Tacoma Rescue Mission.

4. What transportation will be available to residents?

Residents will access transportation to veterans' services from the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs and the PSVHC and its volunteers. In addition, the Orting Veterans Village will apply to Pierce County's Care-a-Van program for a van to transport village residents to appointments, services such as the food bank, and for shopping trips.

A small percentage of residents may have their own vehicles and, as has occurred at Quixote Village, may provide transportation to their neighbors. Others will use bicycles or walk for personal trips.

5. Will the Village be a public safety concern?

For the last 10 years, first Camp Quixote and then Quixote Village have proven time and again that a managed residential community of formerly homeless adults is not a public safety concern. In fact, neighbors near the sites in Olympia where the Camp and Village have been located have indicated that crime rates went down thanks to the vigilance of the residents.

Representatives of the Olympia Police Department support Quixote Village and acknowledge that the Village has had extraordinarily little need for the department's services. The Orting Police Department has agreed to provide a Police Liaison to the Orting Village should need arise.

6. What happens to residents when they become incapable of living on their own?

The proximity to the Orting Soldiers Home provides a unique opportunity for veterans to transition from independent living to nursing-level 24 hour care and hospice as need be.

7. How is the Orting Village funded?

Capital Budget

Acquisition Costs (includes value of donated land)	\$280,000
Construction	\$3,640,000
Site Work	\$1,280,000
Community Building	\$760,000
Cottages	\$1,470,000
Permits and Fees	\$130,000
Soft Costs (Architect, engineer and other professional services)	\$680,000
Capitalized Reserves	\$120,000
Total Development	\$4,720,000

Funding Sources

Washington State	\$3,582,000
Federal Home Loan Bank	\$600,000
Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (value of donated land)	\$275,000
Pierce County	\$263,000
Total Amount of Funding	\$4,720,000



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**Orting Veterans Village Groundbreaking Event to House
Homeless Veterans in Pierce County**

Orting, Washington – Quixote Communities and the Puget Sound Veterans Center will host a groundbreaking event for the new Orting Veterans Village on October 1st, 2019. The event will take place at 1pm. The Orting Veterans Village, a tiny house village, will house 35 homeless veterans living in Pierce County and will be located on the Washington Department of Veterans Affairs’ Soldiers Home campus.



Orting Veterans Village Site Plan

Quixote Communities, a nonprofit known for Quixote Village, a tiny house village supporting 30 individuals in Olympia, will operate and manage the new project for veterans in Orting. The Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center has been instrumental in developing the project and will continue as a supportive partner for the village. Community Frameworks, a nonprofit affordable housing developer, that also worked on Quixote Village, serves as the contracted developer of the Orting Veterans Village.

“We have seen so many successes at Quixote Village in Olympia and are thrilled to be able to bring this model of permanent supportive housing to veterans in Pierce County,” says Jaycie Osterberg, Executive Director of Quixote Communities. “We will not only provide housing, but these 35 individuals will have one-on-one staff support as well as a built-in community surrounding them.”

In addition to the fully furnished tiny homes, there will be a large community building with a spacious double kitchen, dining area, multipurpose room, staff offices, as well as laundry facilities. Quixote Communities plans to partner with the WDVA and local resources in the community to provide a variety of services to the villagers. This will include transportation, care coordination, behavioral health services, and life skill classes. The village uses the Recovery Housing model, which provides a clean and sober living environment to its residents.

Quixote Communities received capital funding from the Washington State Housing Trust Fund, Pierce County, the Federal Home Loan Bank, the United Way, and Project-Based Vouchers from the Housing Authority of Pierce County. They also received support and land from the Washington Department of Veteran Affairs

In addition to the funding partners, the project team includes MSGS Architects as the architect, Buchanan General Contracting Company as the general contractor, JMJ Team as the civil engineer, and Carriage Houses NW as the modular manufacturers.

The Orting Veterans Village is set to open in the summer of 2020. For additional information on the Orting Veterans Village please contact Jaycie Osterberg at (360) 791-8999 or visit www.quixotecommunities.org.

About Quixote Communities

Quixote Communities is a 501c3 nonprofit organization. Their mission is to provide housing opportunities for people experiencing homelessness. They strive to create communities that promote access to the care and services their residents need to help them achieve their goals. They currently own and operate Quixote Village in Olympia, which opened in 2013.

About Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center

Founded in 2015, the Puget Sound Veterans Hope Center (PSVHC), a 501c3 nonprofit organization is focused on serving homeless Veterans in Pierce County, Washington. Their mission is to end Veteran homelessness in Pierce County by providing resources, one-on-one support, and solutions to long term homelessness. Located at the Tacoma Rescue Mission (TRM) the PSVHC offers emergency housing to Veterans who find themselves homeless by providing short term shelter while seeking to obtain long term housing.

About Community Frameworks

Community Frameworks is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and a NeighborWorks® America Chartered Member whose mission is to create affordable housing as a catalyst to help communities thrive. To accomplish this mission, Community Frameworks (CF) develops affordable multi-family and supportive housing, provides homeownership opportunities for hard working families, and teaches and counsels families on budgeting, credit, and homeownership topics. With offices in both Spokane and Bremerton, Washington, CF works with other nonprofits by providing technical assistance, financing, or by developing affordable housing for them.

Community Frameworks is the developer for Orting Veterans Village and was the developer for Quixote Village in Olympia.