

Dove House: Dove House Advocacy Services



The two-story facility in Port Townsend offers supportive services and housing for up to 16 survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

What

The Dove House Advocacy Services (DHAS; formerly known as Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program of Jefferson County) program service center features a crisis line, safety planning, legal and medical advocacy, referrals, court accompaniment, transportation, food and clothes, therapy and support groups. The second floor offers four apartments for survivors of domestic abuse/sexual assault and their children (capacity up to 16 individuals). Residents can stay for up to two years while they work to increase their skills, income and independence.

Where

Port Townsend, Washington

Key Facts

Total project capital budget was \$2.1 million and had significant private contributions as well as federal, state and local government funding.

In 2007, DHAS approached Community Frameworks with a concept and vision of the new Dove House. CF served as a full-service developer completing a feasibility analysis; securing predevelopment capital and operating funding as well as providing project management during design and construction.

Tenants will pay 30% of their income in rent. Operating subsidies provided by the State's O & M Trust Fund.

Funders HUD's Community Development Block Grant; Washington State Housing Trust Fund; Jefferson County; State Building Community Fund; Gates Foundation; First Federal Savings and Loan; private foundations, corporations and individuals; Washington Community Reinvestment Association loan pool and WSHFC/WCRA joint loan program.

Units 4,000 square foot program service center and four apartments

Architect Lindberg and Smith Architecture

Contractor Rush Commercial Construction

Property Manager Dove House Advocacy Services

Costs \$2.1 Million

Timeline The project began in 2007 with feasibility analysis and was complete in January 2010

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Testimonial "The facility is just amazing. It's a beautiful building in a great location. It is well beyond anyone's expectations. Having these resources in a community means people have a place to go. We are helping our clients find their own autonomy — empowering them to meet their own needs. It's really quite the resource for our community and it's done really, really well. People who come to Dove House have every opportunity for success."

Cheryl Bozarth, Director of DVSA

Community Frameworks is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that facilitates the construction of affordable rental and shelter housing with supportive services as well as provides homeownership opportunities for hardworking families. Our mission is to support and develop affordable housing as a foundation upon which individuals, families and neighborhoods can build vital communities.

We believe a quality, affordable place to call home is a great predictor of individual and family success. With a suitable place to live in a safe neighborhood, people are better able to focus on work, health and education and can get to know and help their neighbors. Community Frameworks, a Neighborworks® America Chartered Member, is based in Washington State.