



## Project Fact Sheet

# Supportive Therapeutic Housing: Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare Housing and Services



The project Supportive Therapeutic Housing project will provide short term emergency housing and permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals in Okanogan county.

### What

Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare (OBHC) serves the mental and behavioral health needs of Okanogan County by provide counseling, case management, skills training, treatment and prevention education for those with mental health, chemical dependency and/or developmental disabilities issues. The lack of affordable housing is a persistent problem for many OBHC clients, often creating an obstacle to successful treatment. This 12,500 square foot facility will provide emergency shelter for up to 16 people in the 10 dormitory-style bedrooms and permanent supportive housing for nine chronically homeless individuals in studio and one-bedroom apartments.

### Where

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### Key Facts

This project is the only year round shelter for single adults and the only permanent supportive housing for people with mental illness and/or chemical dependency in Okanogan County.

More than one percent of Okanogan County's population is homeless, according to the 2009 point-in-time count.

The apartment units are based on a "housing first" model where residents receive supportive services tailored to their individual needs.

Apartment tenants will pay 30% of their income in rent. Operating and service subsidies provided by the State O & M Trust Fund, McKinney SHP, and local sales tax revenue for mental health programs.

**Funders** Okanogan County, Washington State Housing Trust Fund, HUD McKinney Supportive Housing Program and private donor contributions.

**Units** Nine apartments and 10 dormitory style bedrooms. It will house 16 people

**Architect** Forte Architrure

**Contractor** T.W. Clark

**Property Manager** Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare

**Costs** \$2.98 Million

**Timeline** Conceptualization began in 2007 and construction will be complete Spring 2010

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**Testimonial** “Our wishes have all come true. Once we got it started, it’s gone too fast it’s almost taken our breath away. It is an absolutely gorgeous facility. It’s a blessing to Okanogan County. It will allow us to do crisis stabilization like was never possible. None of it would have been possible without Community Frameworks.”

Roger Bauer, CEO Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare

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 with offices in Spokane and Bremerton.