



TEDFORD HOUSING
THIRTY YEARS

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CENTER AT TEDFORD PLACE

I've heard that Tedford wants to replace its shelter(s) with a bigger one. What are your plans?

To meet the growing needs in our community, we are moving forward with plans to build a homeless center that combines adequate shelter beds with key onsite community resources. A comprehensive approach will result in the reduced risk of homelessness in the Brunswick area community, a faster return to housing stability for youth, adults and families, healthier households and increased self-sufficiency.

What is Tedford Housing's mission and purpose?

Tedford Housing works together with people in their communities to find lasting solutions to the challenges of homelessness.

We provide emergency shelter, supportive housing and homeless prevention services that empower adults, children and families in need. Through all its services, Tedford Housing provides pathways from homelessness to home in Midcoast Maine.

What is Tedford's vision for this project?

The Center at Tedford Place will advance the mission and vision of Tedford Housing and its community partners by creating the pathways to permanent and sustainable housing, personal health, family stability and self-sufficiency through shelter, education, training and employment. We see the Center as not just a building with beds, but a resource center with flexible spaces for community resources to serve guests on site.

How did Tedford determine this project is needed in the community?

Tedford Housing engaged Planning Decisions of Portland to study the state of homelessness in the region and to develop recommendations for Tedford and its many partners and stakeholders. The Tedford Board of Directors visited similar facilities in Waterville, Maine and Portsmouth, New Hampshire and conducted a search of national literature on service and facility models. The project was based upon these extensive dual efforts of research over the past three years.

Where will Brunswick house this emergency shelter and resource center?

Tedford Housing has not identified a specific site yet. Because transportation is a major barrier for our clients, we wish to be in or near the downtown Brunswick area with easy access to community resources, places of employment and public transportation. Brunswick is the home of Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program, The Gathering Place, Oasis Free Clinics and Sweetser, all of whom are important to our clients' success.

What will the new building look like?



The newly constructed Center at Tedford Place is being designed to complement its surroundings and the fabric of the Brunswick community.

Who will utilize this new Tedford facility?

In fiscal year 2017, Tedford Housing sheltered 85 single adults and 17 families with 66 family members in its emergency shelters and helped 450 people with homeless prevention services. Yet Tedford can only provide emergency shelter to approximately 20% of those who request help. The plan is to increase beds for single adults from 16 to 30 and to increase family capacity from 6 to 12 units.

If we build a bigger shelter and housing resource center, will more people come to Brunswick to utilize these services?

Almost every adult and family in our shelters comes from the immediate area - about a third from Brunswick, a third from Bath and Topsham and Sagadahoc and Lincoln Counties, and the remainder from rural towns. The larger space is to accommodate the unmet need in the community.

How will Tedford Housing involve the community in this bold project?

Tedford Housing is engaging with community stakeholders in order to have an end product with which the community will embrace and support for many years to come.

Is there a cost to taxpayers?

No. This project is supported by private individuals and organizations.