



# **fyre village**

**Independent Living & Learning Center**

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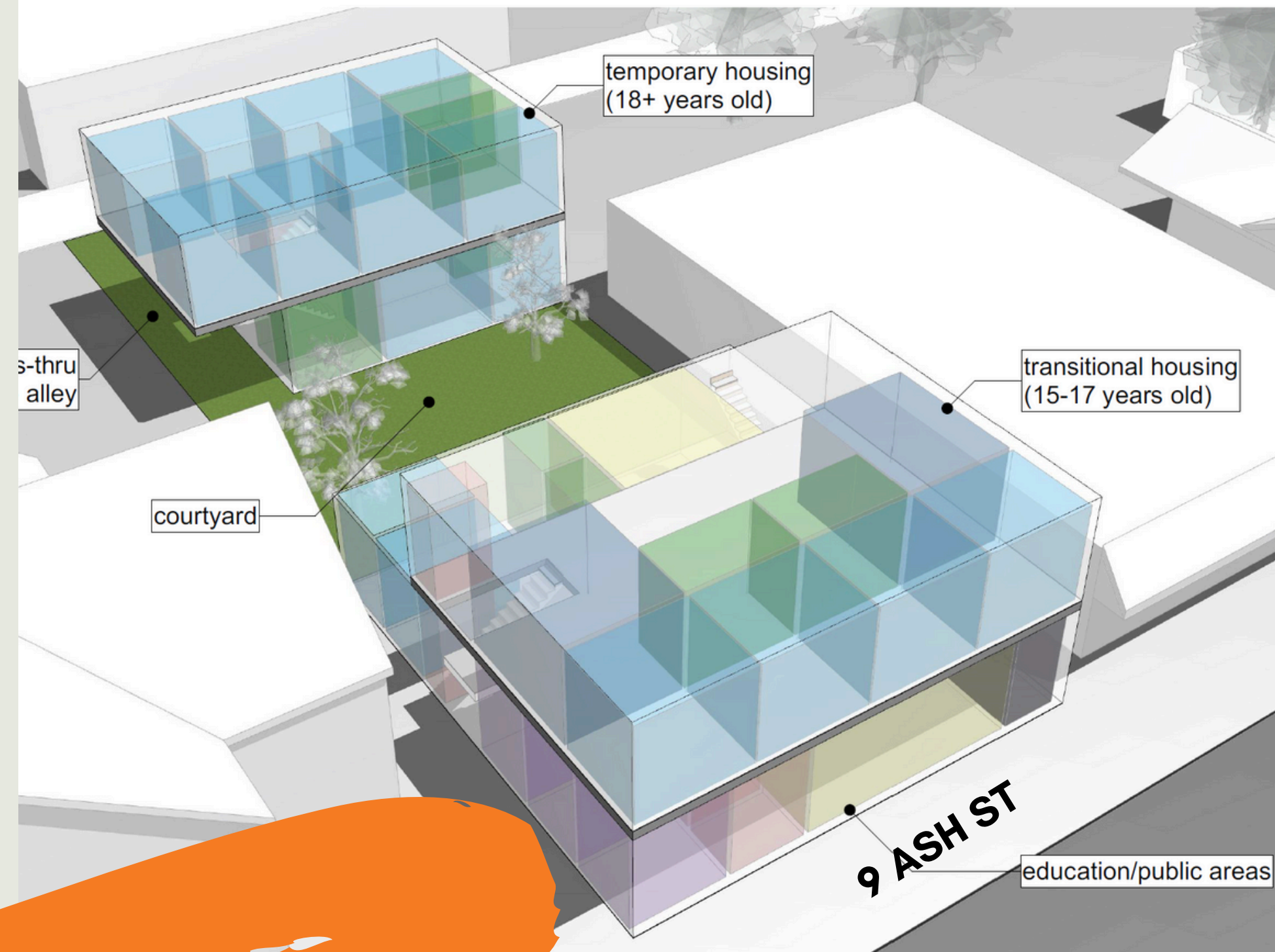
# FYRE

# Village

## Independent Living & Learning Center

A 12-bed, licensed community for youth under 18 and young people 18–24. Intended for youth who have no safe options due to age, lack of rental history, lack of independent living skills, or other barriers.

- A community space
- An educational space
- A skill-building space
- A safe space



# housing need

Youth housing instability has been a persistent challenge in Okanogan County

## SINCE 2018

Approximately 300 Ok Cty young people 13-24 experience housing instability on their own each year

## 2022-23

Okanogan Cty had 470 school-age kids listed as MKV (federal homelessness definition used by schools)

## 2024

Omak SD 24-25: 91 MKV kids.  
FYRE served 96 unaccompanied youth in our housing programs.

# BUILDING CHANGES ANALYSIS FROM OSPI DATA 2022-23

431

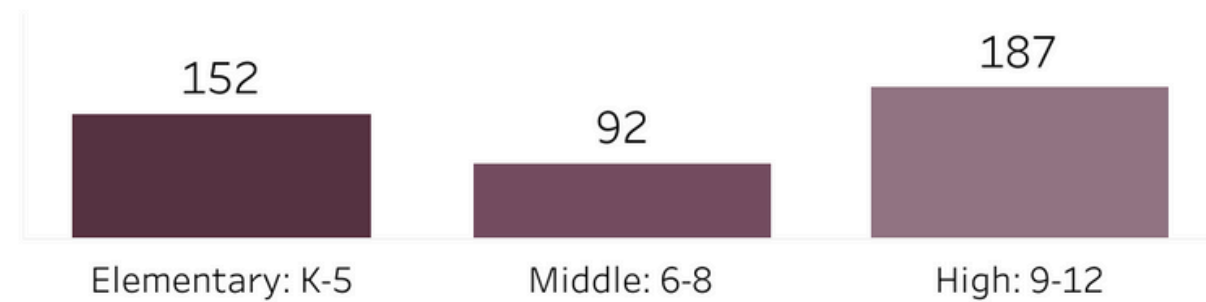
Students  
Experienced Homelessness

3.5%

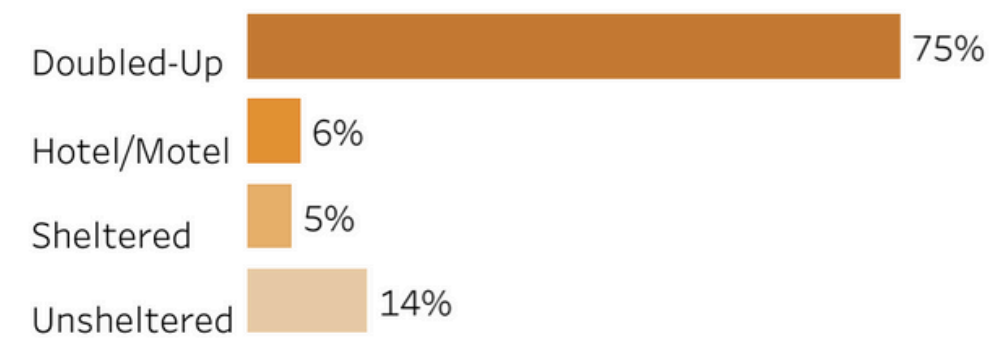
Of All Students  
Experienced Homelessness

56%

Of Students Experiencing  
Homelessness Are Students of Color

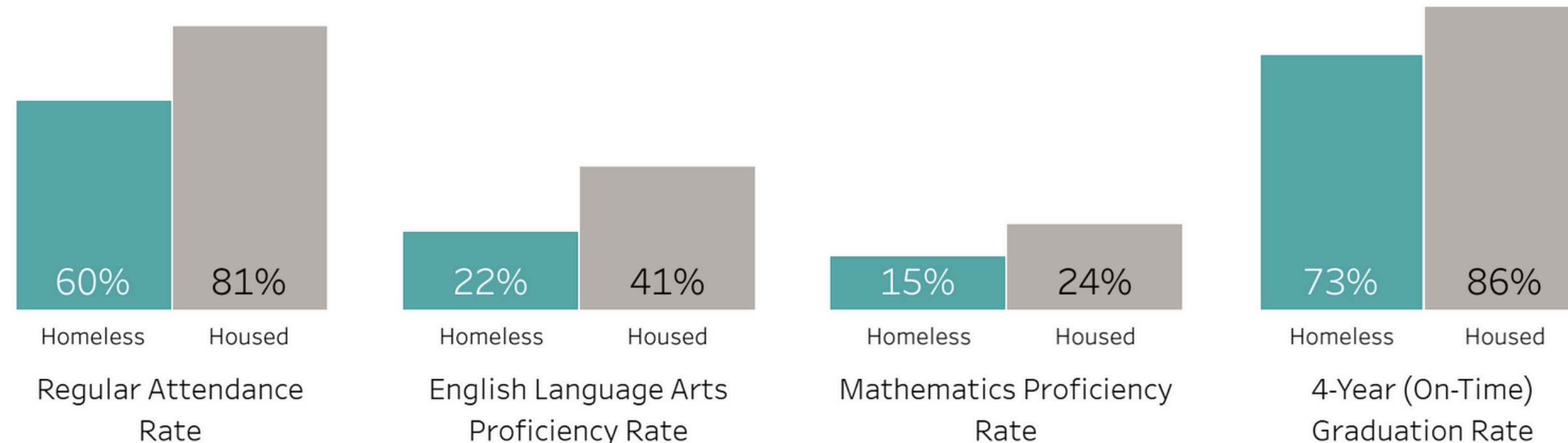


Students Experiencing Homelessness  
by Grade Band



Nighttime Residence of  
Students Experiencing Homelessness

## Student Outcomes



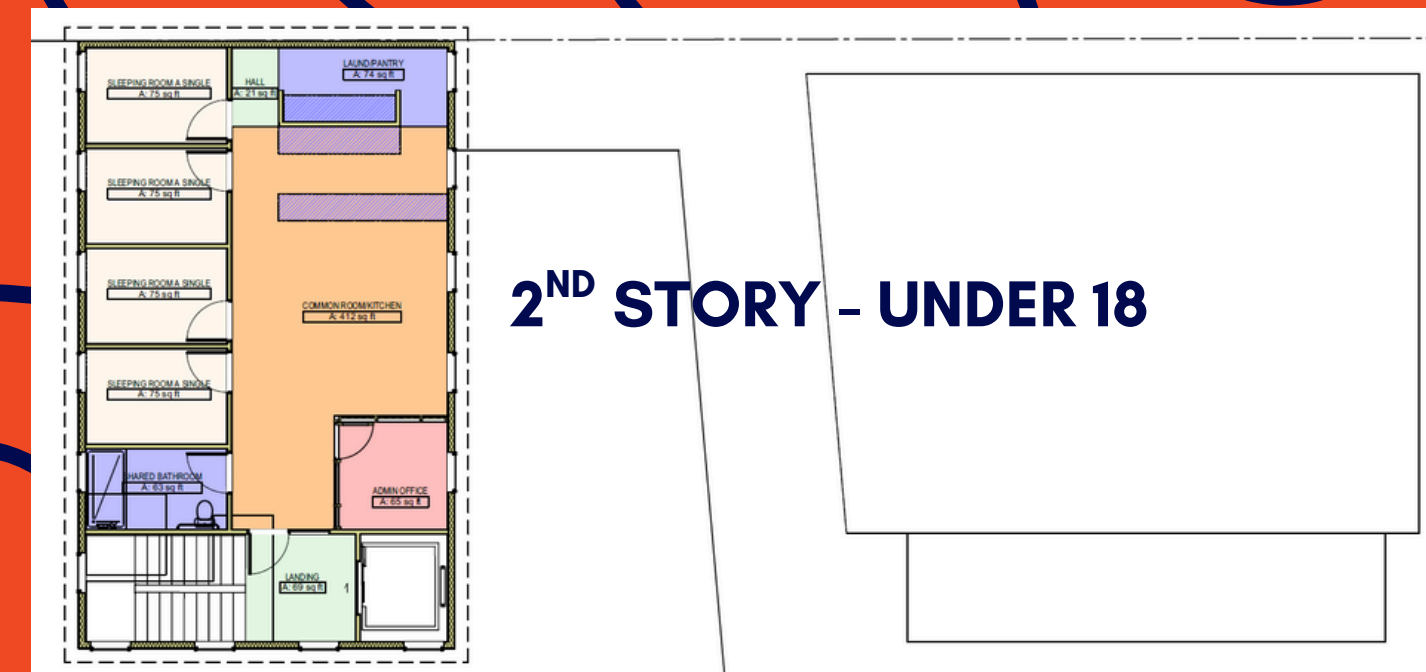
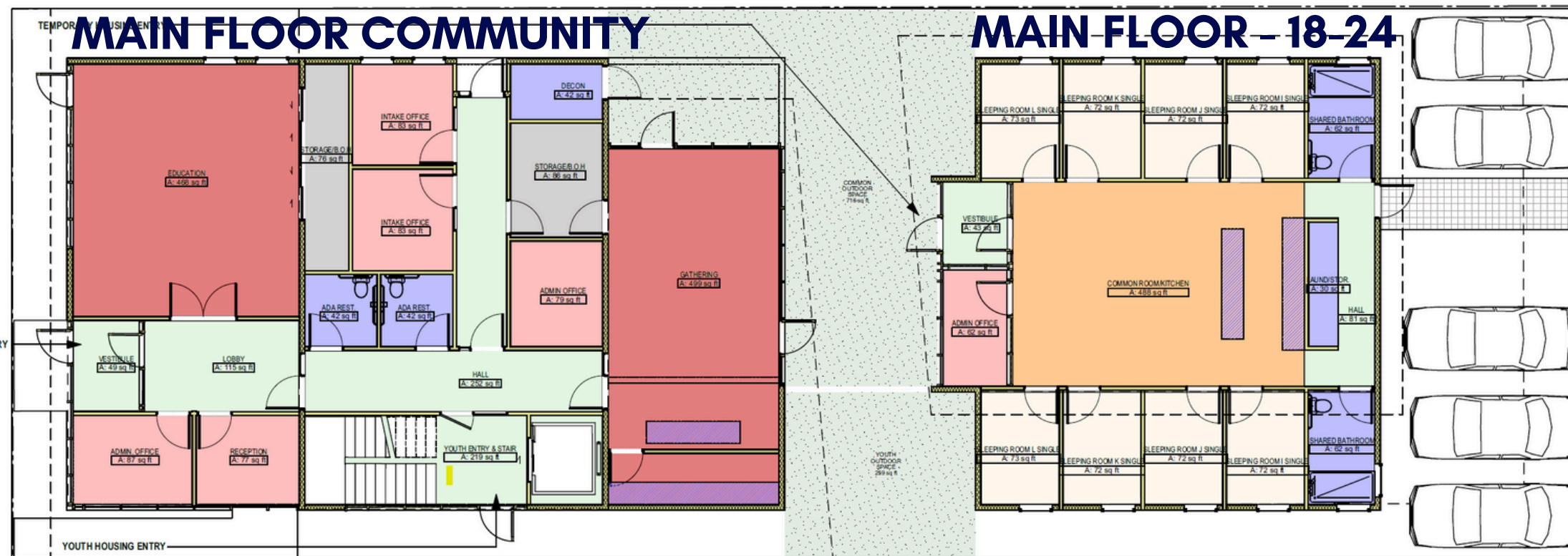
We know why, school staff know why, and anyone who learns their housing situations can see the challenges





## The Model

- 24-7 supervision
- Transitional programming allowing housing for under 18 youth to have stability
- Independent living targets for both age groups
- Learning kitchen
- Community multi-purpose space
- Housing + HSSP and YAHP programs
- Will be licensed by DCYF
- Target: BH clinician by opening



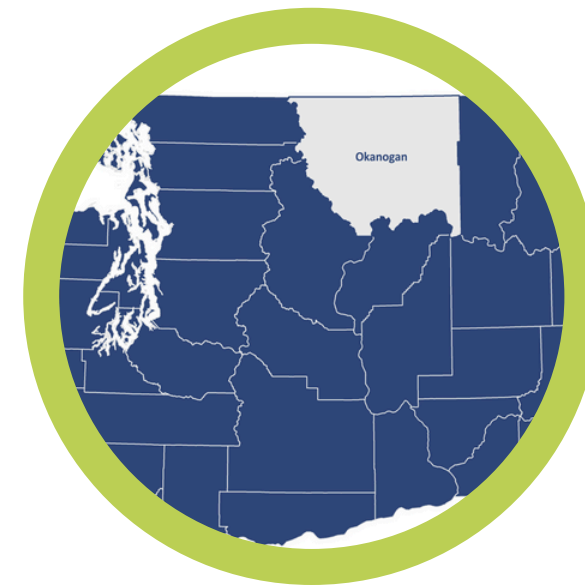


# THE team

Who is involved?

Who supports this project?

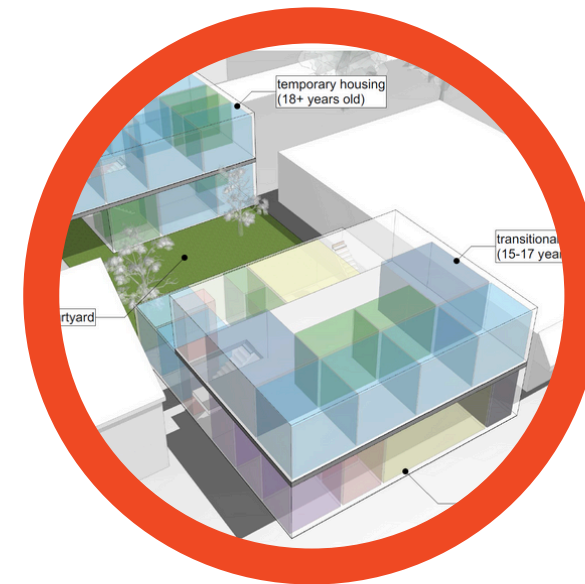
- Housing Coalition
- Those intersecting youth
- Top 3 Project in CoLab
- Program Funders



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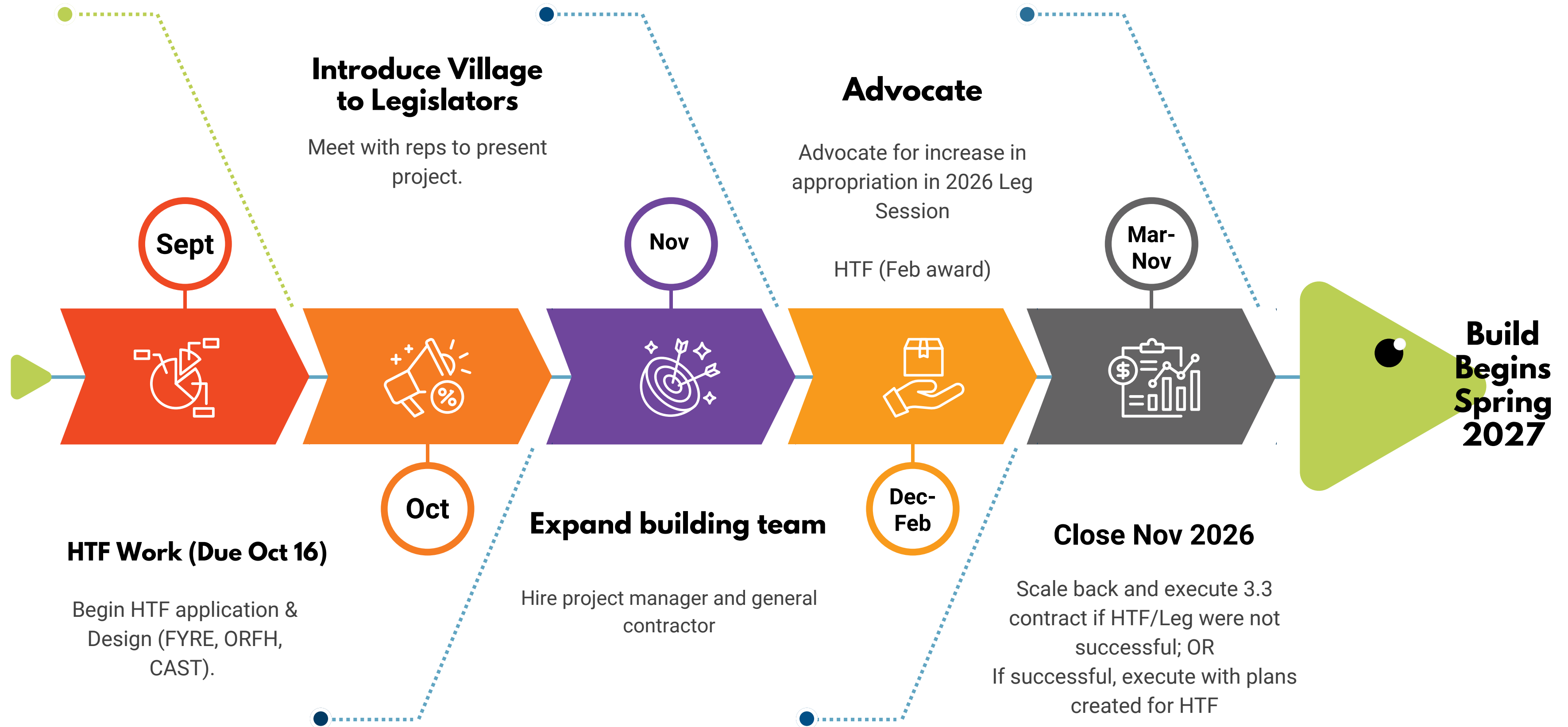
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**STAFF + BOARD**

# FYRE VILLAGE TIMELINE: 2025-NOV 2026

## (FINALIZE CAPITAL STACK)



# FYRE Village

## Timeline

2025-26

### Phase 1: Precontract

- Aligning FYRE staffing plan via strategic plan
- Commerce Grant & Leg. Advocacy: maintain and/or increase award (final award amounts Mar. 26)
- CAST + Gen. Contractor finalize plan (Mar-Oct, 26)

2027-2028

### Phase 2: Building

- Contracts close (+all capital \$ secured) (11/26)
- 12-18 month timeline for build (3/27-9/28)
- Staffing increases for housing programs

2029

### Phase 3: Licensing

- 12 month buffer (can begin last phase of build)
- Staff recruitment and DCYF processing

2030

### Phase 4: Operating

- Aligned w/OHY Funding timeline + federal \$ if needed



# Alignment with local planning

## ZONING

### **18.08.525 Youth residential facility.**

“Youth residential facility” means a full-time or temporary residential use providing supervised housing for a group of persons under eighteen years of age; and/or for persons between eighteen and twenty-four years of age; and where required is licensed by the state to provide such services to non-adult persons; and provides supportive services. Supportive services include meal service, cleaning service, health services, counseling, vocational training, or similar. This facility would not include facilities which persons are assigned to pursuant to a criminal conviction or those where residents, individually or by their legal guardian, are not free to terminate their residency at will. (Ord. 1930 § 1 (Exh. A), 2023).

## CITY PLAN

### **A-14 Policies for Housing and Residential Development**

P1: encourage & support the provision of a variety of healthy, safe housing units w/in economic reach of all residents.

P6: establish appropriate levels of service for residential development and require improvements in new developments consistent with these levels.

P7: encourage development and redevelopment of appropriate lands within the existing corporate limits in addition to annexing new areas for residential purposes.

P8: support the rehabilitation and redevelopment of mixed-use areas throughout the planning area.

P11: encourage provision of long-term residential care for the elderly, handicapped or functionally disabled in all density designations.

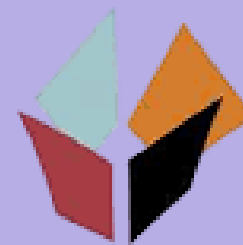
P12: adopt regulations to ensure that supported living arrangements & residential & congregate care facilities are compatible w/ the residential areas in which they are allowed.



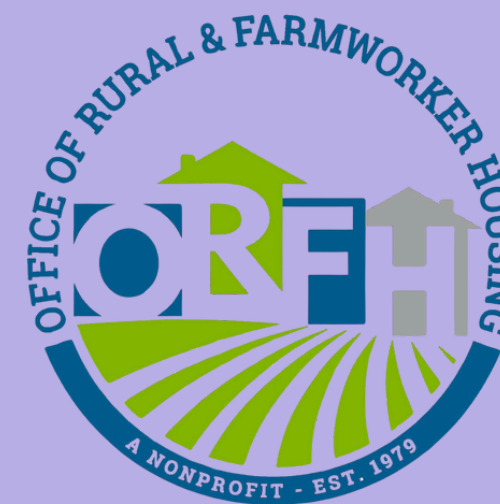
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