

Service Providers and Regional Connections (SPARC) A Comprehensive Framework to End Homelessness

What is SPARC?

SPARC (Service Providers and Regional Connections) is a collaborative model designed to address homelessness and housing instability in rural communities like Coos and Curry Counties, Oregon. SPARC aims to unite the housing continuum through integrating/connecting shelter, transitional housing, permanent affordable housing, and workforce housing, with supportive services available at every level, SPARC creates a comprehensive Continuum of Care that fosters long-term stability and independence.

Vision: A resilient, coordinated South Coast region where every individual and family has access to shelter, supportive services, and diverse housing options, advancing health, stability, and empowerment for all.

Mission: To establish a community-driven system connecting individuals to essential housing and supportive services, reducing homelessness and ensuring sustainable solutions.

What Will SPARC Accomplish?

SPARC is designed to create measurable, transformative outcomes for individuals, families, and communities across the South Coast. Key accomplishments include:

1. Reduce Homelessness

- Establish a direct pipeline from shelter beds to permanent housing, ensuring that homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

2. Expand Affordable Housing

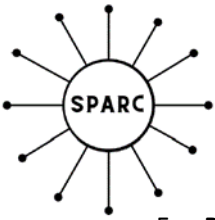
- Increase the availability of affordable and workforce housing units through sustainable development practices, addressing critical shortages.

3. Integrate Supportive Services

- Embed mental health, addiction recovery, employment readiness, and family support services into housing developments, tackling root causes of housing instability.

4. Foster Regional Collaboration

- Unite housing authorities, CAP agencies, healthcare providers, nonprofits, and local governments to align resources and streamline service delivery.



5. **Promote Economic Stability**

- Support workforce housing to stabilize local economies, reduce employee turnover, and enhance regional growth.

6. **Build Community Resilience**

- Develop a replicable model for rural communities that integrates shelter, housing, and services into a cohesive system of care.

7. **Improve Public Health**

- Address social determinants of health by providing stable housing coupled with access to healthcare and behavioral services, improving overall community well-being.

Key Components

1. **Integration of Shelter and Housing Systems**

- Connects shelter beds directly to housing opportunities, ensuring a seamless transition to permanent housing.
- Examples: North Bend Family Housing, Hope Village.

2. **Comprehensive Support Services**

- Embeds mental health, addiction recovery, employment readiness, and case management services within housing developments.

3. **Sustainable Housing Creation**

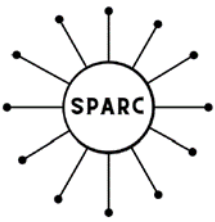
- Utilizes Community Land Trusts (CLTs) to preserve long-term affordability and create home ownership pathways.
- Incorporates innovative funding models blending public, private, and philanthropic resources.

4. **Hub-and-Spoke Model**

- Central hubs like Belloni Ranch (planned site) provide shelter and coordination, while "spoke" sites extend services to rural areas through mobile outreach and local partnerships.

5. **Data-Driven Solutions**

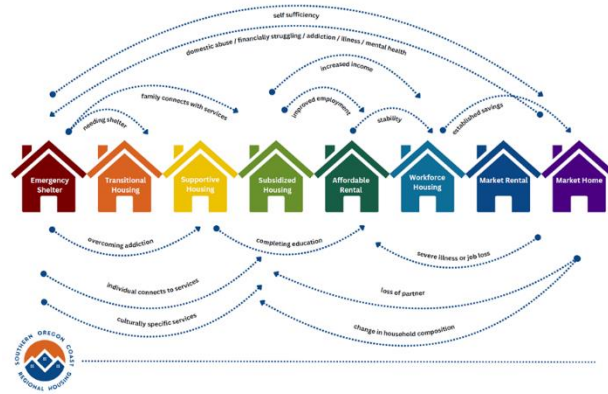
- Leverages tools like the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for resource allocation and outcome tracking.
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Who We Need

To achieve its vision, SPARC seeks dedicated partners from diverse sectors:

- **Housing Authorities and Developers** to lead affordable housing creation and management.
- **Community Action Programs** to help lead and connect efforts to resources.
- **Health and Behavioral Wellness Providers** to integrate comprehensive services for stability.
- **Nonprofit Organizations** that manage shelters and/or provide wraparound services.
- **Local Governments and Community Leaders** to support policies and resource alignment.
- **Private Sector and Philanthropy** to contribute innovative funding solutions and expertise.
- **Education and Workforce Agencies** to strengthen economic mobility for residents.



By working together, these collaborators can build a system that transitions individuals from crisis to stability while addressing root causes of homelessness.

Key SPARC Projects

- **North Bend Family Housing:** A 176-unit development integrating affordable and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) units with onsite services.
 - **Hope Village:** A tiny home transitional community offering stability and pathways to permanent housing.
 - **Courage Lane Cottages:** Permanent supportive housing for veterans, addressing both housing and service needs.
 - **Woodland Apartments:** Revitalizing affordable housing in the Empire District with integrated mental health and wellness programs.
 - **Belloni Ranch/or similar site:** A centralized hub providing shelter, navigation center, transitional housing, and wraparound services, designed to bridge the gap between immediate needs and long-term housing stability.
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