



# Evaluating a long-term solution for Off the Streets Program

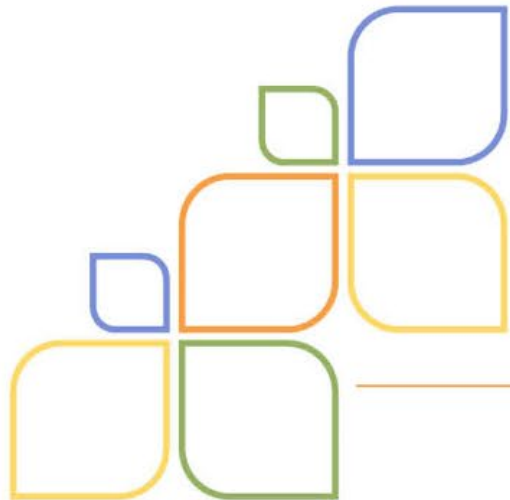
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# Mesa's Strategy: Housing Path to Recovery (and long-term stability)





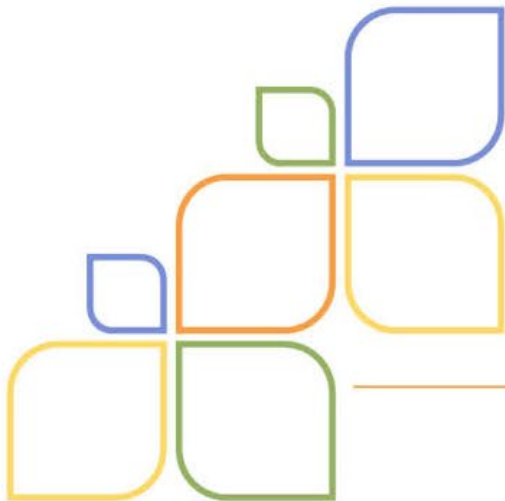
## Evaluation for long-term use and program placement.

- Continues a promising program and partnership.
- East Mesa location- spreading services citywide.
- Need to enforce urban camping laws
- Mesa controls decision for program continuation, future relocation, focus on Mesa clients.
- Limited time to use federal funding.
- Leasing costs rising.

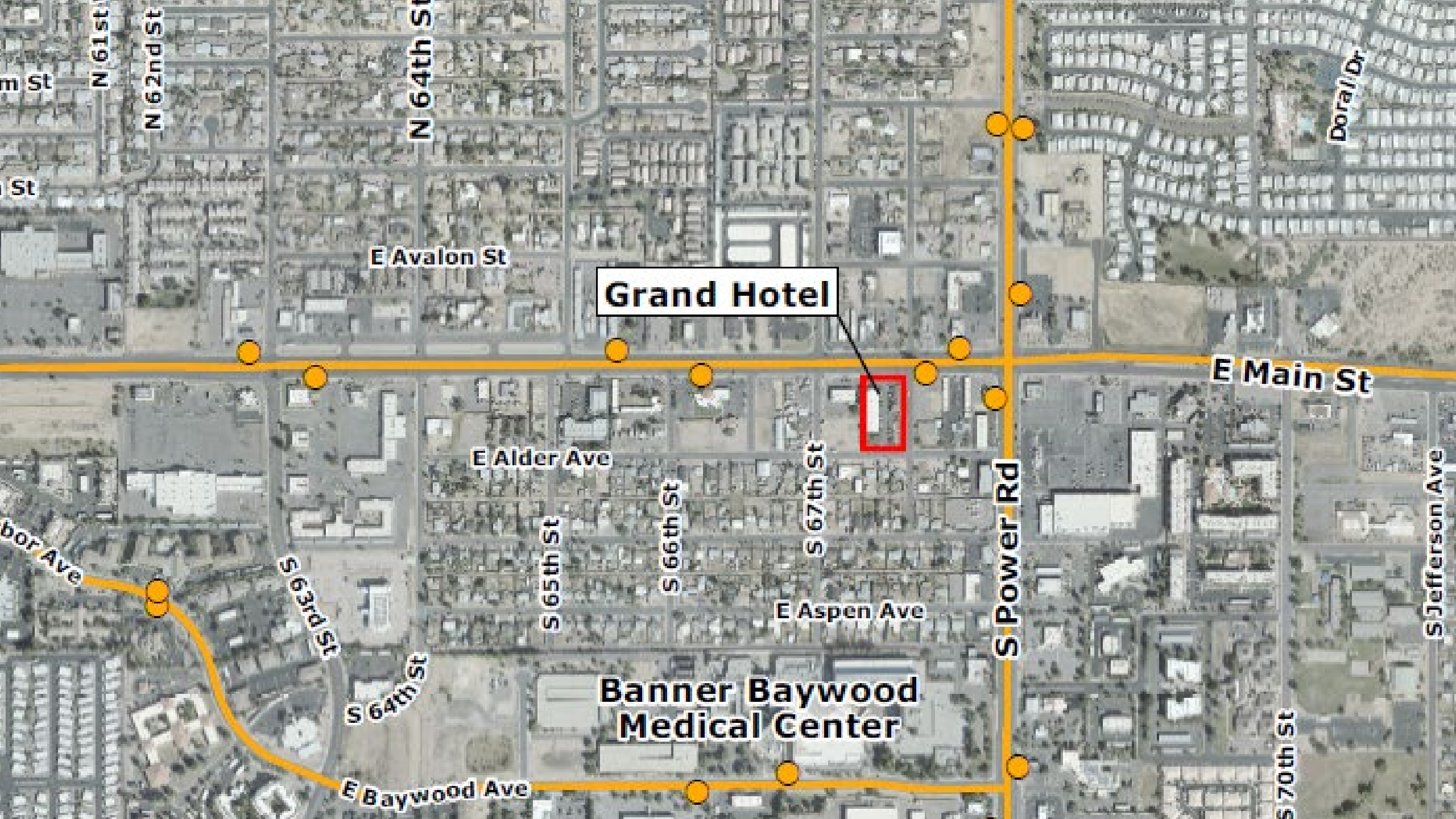


## Property under evaluation

- The Grand Hotel-6377 E. Main St.
- Built: one-story 1973; two-story 1985
- 70 rooms, 1.34ac (one/two beds)
- Space for dusk-to-dawn beds
- Office space, laundry facilities
- Connects to transit, commercial jobs
- New A/C units, tankless water heaters, roof
- Single story could serve transitions into program or to graduation
- Would require ADA, other tenant improvements to maximize capacities







**Grand Hotel**

**E Main St**

**Banner Baywood  
Medical Center**



## Next Steps

### This month

Appraisals, title searches

If both parties agree to appraised amount:

- **Early 2023**
  - Community engagement
  - Property due diligence evaluations/escrow
- **Spring 2023**
  - Council Use Permit (to allow social service use)
  - Council consideration to finalize purchase
- **Summer/Fall 2023**
  - Tenant improvements, move in activities
  - Possible transitional room lease at Windemere

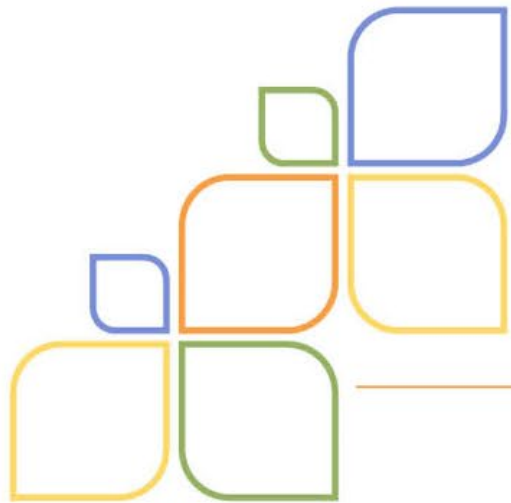
# Questions?





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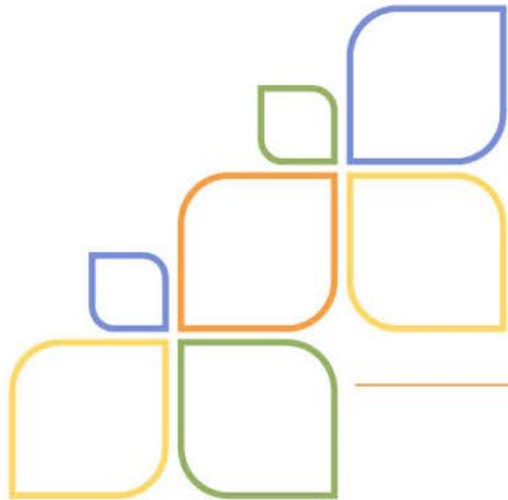
## Being a Good Neighbor (examples)

- Referral based, no walk-up or drop-in services
- Limited designated areas for outdoor use
- Delineate and secure campus
- Daily CBI checks of participant rooms
- Curfew for program participants afterhours
- Transport clients off campus for most services
- Police presence on-site day and night
- Trespass enforcement for surrounding businesses
- Ongoing community engagement with phonenumber for nearby businesses and residents



## About the Program

- Launched May 2020.
- 1,021 people served; approx. 75.9% positive exits
- Priority to Mesa's most vulnerable
- Referred by Mesa first responders, nonprofits
- Lease (hotel space only): Approximately \$1.75m per year 85 rooms, 15 dusk-to-dawn beds, pet allowances, and operations space.
- Program structure and dedicated onsite security in alignment with Council's strategic priority of community safety.



# Who we are.

17% youth under 17



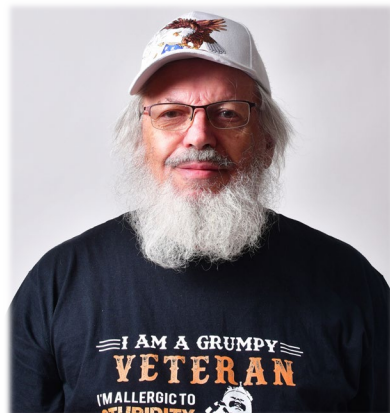
Avg (adult) age: 46  
Avg stay: 82 days



13% over age 62



9% fleeing domestic violence  
or struggling Veterans



More than 53% of  
participants identify one or  
more disabilities:

- 42% physical
- 37% mental health
- 27% addiction(s)

48% female





Off the Streets

# Who we are.





## **For Off the Streets Participants:**

- Immediate housing, stabilization, respect and dignity
- Focus on most vulnerable (women, elderly, families, disabled)
- Tailored plan for recovery and housing
- Staff with lived experience and passion for service
- Onsite: 24/7 program oversight, case management, peer support, transportation, life skills training, triage nursing and crisis response
- CBI/regional services off-site: dedicated team of medical and behavioral health professionals, addiction treatment, therapy, SNAP, employment/jobs training, healthcare







## **For Mesa:**

- CBI hotline dedicated to Mesa's first responder priority referrals
- Enables urban camping enforcement
- Manage all O & M; staff training and support
- Access to other CBI programs, and connections to others
- Partnership and collaboration with City on overall approach and strategy
- Monthly metrics and outcomes

