

## DESC Burien tenants

- are single adults with disabilities
- have experienced long-term homelessness
- are highly vulnerable
- earn less than \$23,350 (30% of the area median income).

### *Permanent Supportive Housing*

- brings support services to tenants to help them live successfully in their apartments.
- Tenants sign leases and pay rent.
- Most tenants stay for life.

### *Will people experiencing homelessness in Burien get housing at DESC Burien?*

- King County affirms that new supportive housing programs should be established to meet the needs of people already in a given community.
- Coordinated Entry for All (CEA), the regional housing application system, will place tenants. DESC is highly successful at working with CEA applicants for specific sites.
- DESC outreach teams will work with local organizations to identify people experiencing homelessness in Burien and
  - help those people apply to CEA and
  - promote to them the selection of "Burien" if that is their geographic preference.



HOUSING AND HEALTH  
TO END HOMELESSNESS

## BURIEN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING PROJECT

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# History of Burien Project

## *Early 2020*

- DESC begins site search

## *August 2020*

- DESC identifies several sites, meets with City of Burien staff who help select the current site

## *September 2020*

- DESC and city staff hold Affordable Housing Demonstration Program (AHDP) pre-application meeting

## *November 2020*

- DESC applies to AHDP

## *February 2021*

- DESC begins community outreach
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*Current street view, above (Google Earth Street View)*

*DESC Burien, below (SMR Architects)*



# How will this project benefit Burien?

## *Homes for people in Burien experiencing homelessness*

- DESC exists to help marginalized people start anew as integrated members of the community.

## *New downtown sidewalks and landscaping*

- DESC will replace the old and add new sidewalks along SW 150th St and 8th Ave SW.
- We will plant street trees and install landscaping.

Current street aerial view, below  
(King County Imap 2019)



DESC Burien building with green space, below  
(Fazio Associates & SMR Architects)



## How will this project benefit Burien?

### *More community meeting space*

- We have added a meeting space with separate access which will be available to local groups for free.

### *Individualized relocation help*

- Current tenants will receive individualized support from an experienced relocation specialist to find new space in Burien, plus monetary assistance for the move.

### *Opportunities for local subcontractors*

- DESC's general contractor will work with Burien City Staff to connect with local subcontractors and encourage them to bid on the DESC Burien construction job.

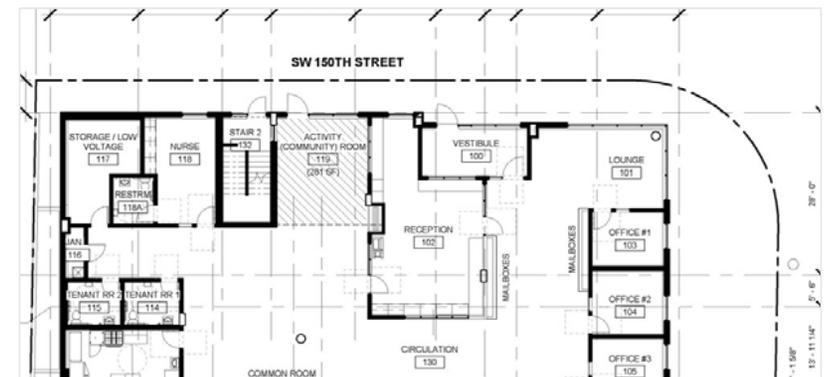
### *New union jobs*

- DESC Burien will need staff! DESC Human Resources will recruit from the local Burien area for 14-16 SEIU 1199NW healthcare union positions.



Community Room entrance off SW 150th St., above

Floor plan with 281 square feet of Community Room, below  
(Both SMR Architects)



## How will this project benefit Burien?

### *More customers*

- 40-60 workers onsite daily during construction will patronize local businesses and restaurants.
- When the building opens, 95 tenants and 20 staff will be eating and shopping in Downtown Burien.

### *New public art*

- DESC is really excited to feature a large art piece on the west side of the building overlooking Ambaum. Working with the City Art Commission, we will invite a local artist to create work that reflects Burien's history and culture.

### *Extra eyes on the street*

- DESC Burien's front desk staff, available 24/7 (at least 2 people per shift), will be an added resource for neighbors when community engagement is needed.

## Building Design

### *Why downtown Burien?*

- We look for welcoming places where people want to live! Downtown Burien's vibrant, thriving city center offers copious nearby amenities and transit options.



*The floral mural marks the spot for local art.*

### *Why this size, 95 studio units?*

- It is a community size that is successful for other DESC housing projects.
  - It is the greatest number of units we can create with the public funding available.
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### **Green features**

- Rooftop solar panels, bioretention planters, utility metering and monitoring, low-VOC building finishes, low-flow plumbing fixtures, energy recovery ventilation system to recycle heat from exhausted air.
- DESC is always seeking new green technology and ways we can be good stewards to the environment.

### **Parking**

- Responding to community concerns, DESC seeks to lease parking spaces in addition to the three spaces in the site plan. Our tenants typically don't drive or own cars. We are confident that three spaces plus leased offsite parking will be adequate.
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## **Services and Safety**

### **Onsite services and amenities**

- Case management offices, lounge space, activity space, private tenant courtyard, meal services twice a day and front desk staffed (at least 2 people per shift) around the clock.

### **Good Neighbor Policy**

- Along with their lease, each tenant signs the “Good Neighbor Policy.” This, and how our staff enforces it, are crucial to our ability to be a good neighbor. Tenants agree to act appropriately in the community, with the understanding that violations of the policy may risk their tenancy.

### **911 Calls**

- They will happen—we can't promise otherwise, but most calls are placed to assist individuals with significant health problems and frailty due to years of life on the street. We can promise to work with local emergency services to keep calls as few and far between as we are able.

## DESC is a recognized leader in Housing & Health

- **Experienced:** 27 years & 1,155 apartment units in 15 Permanent Supportive Housing projects.
- **Award-winning architectural design** from our partner SMR Architects:

### The Estelle

- 2018 Gold Nugget Award of Merit for **Best Supportive/Transitional Housing**
- 2018 Affordable Housing Finance Magazine Reader's Choice Award Finalist for **Special-Needs Housing**
- Puget Sound Regional Council 2018 VISION 2040 Award Winner

### Clement Place

- 2020 Gold Nugget Award of Merit for **Best Supportive/Transitional Housing**



- Multiple **national, regional and local awards** for services, housing, health care.
  - **Extensively evaluated programs;** many involve academic research, peer-reviewed scientific journal articles and other published reports.
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