

Micro-Housing: Another Tool in the Battle Against Homelessness



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Photo: Village of Hope, Fresno, CA (Jim Wilson, New York Times)

What is Micro-housing?

- An alternative to street/unsanctioned encampments
- More privacy and security than the shelter system
- Temporary vs. permanent
- Different typologies, service models and costs
- Regulated by government
- Enhanced by case management and social services

Unsanctioned Mobile



Tents and Parking



Domes



Sheds



Sheds



Sheds



Cabins



Cottages on Wheels



Permanent Cottages



Shipping Containers



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477 people sleep in vehicles



Sonoma County Safe Parking Program



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Questions

- What GP/code changes would be required?
- How could construction be funded?
- How could operations be funded?
- What sites are most appropriate?
- What is the exit strategy for a transition to permanent housing?