

CONSTRUCTING A BRIGHTER FUTURE

FACT SHEET

Project Description – Constructing a Brighter Future (CBF) is an innovative effort to address homelessness, student skill development, and the construction talent pipeline. CBF provides training to CTE instructors from all Lane County School Districts to construct finished single room shelters. Once trained, CTE instructors lead their students in the construction process, providing them with hands-on, education, training, and work-based learning opportunities that help them develop valuable employment skills, credentials, credits, and certifications.

2023-2024 School Year Goals –

- Number of shelters to be completed and delivered to local housing sites – 16
- Number of estimated Lane County schools participating – 19
- Coordinate classroom CTE mentorships with the Lane County Construction-Aggregate sector industry professionals to assist with CBF project builds.
- Focus on rural expansion for site development of CBF model. Work with rural leaders to identify community build project needs.

2022-2023 School Year Data –

- Number of participating Lane County Schools – 16 (11 are considered rural)
- Number of participating students – 190
- Number of shelters completed and delivered to local housing sites – 7
- Number of shelters that are in process of completion, Fall 2023 – 9

Project Benefits –

1. Prioritizes the community's need to build housing units for the most vulnerable population.
2. Leverages Lane County High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) Construction classrooms to build one room transitional shelters. Introduces participating students to high wage/high demand construction trades employment opportunities.
3. Provides the construction sector, who desperately need a pipeline of younger workers, with a proven work-based model for skill development.



Shelter Models – For the school year 2022-23, CBF built one room transitional shelters for two local housing organizations – Square One Village and Everyone Village. Both are located in Eugene. Shelter models are 8x12 or 8x16 and include essential amenities - bench/bed, small desk/work area, one window and door. One model has electricity, another has a front porch area. Plumbing was not included in these models. Materials costs range from \$5,700 - \$7,000 per build. All shelters are built on skids and easily moveable by forklift. Shelter work is done at the schools and the final product is transported to the respective housing site when completed.

Partners – This collaborative project defines the true meaning of partnership, as it builds from an existing network of partners that all align and support the project through to completion.

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| Lane ESD/Lane CTE/Lane County School Districts | Everyone Village |
| Lane Workforce Partnership (LWP) | PIVOT Architecture |
| SquareOne Village | One Hope |
| Lane Community College (LCC) | Richardson Media |

Testimonials –

CTE Instructor: The incredible goodwill and support shown by our local community; seeing the pride that our students felt by participating in a meaningful project that went toward helping a social need; visiting one of Square One's sites to see what the end product of the project looked like.

CTE Student: It made me realize that people are trying to make a better life for themselves and I'm helping to provide a stepping stone for them to do so with more affordable housing.

CTE Student: It made me want to be more helpful in my community.

Additional Information –

- [CBF Video- Student Panel](#)
- [CBF Website](#)
- [CBF Playbook](#)

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