



**LOCATION:**  
Tulalip, WA

**SIZE:**  
21 shelters

**POPULATION SERVED:**  
Unhoused members of  
the Tulalip Tribes

**OPENING DATE:**  
Jan. 2023

**FUNDING:**  
BIA Self Governance Funding

**FEATURES:**

- Onsite meals and medical care
- Mental health and substance use treatment services



## A Washington tribe is healing from within

**The most vulnerable members of the Tulalip Tribe now have a safe place to recover and rebuild on tribal land.**

Just before Christmas 2022, Pallet crossed a milestone, building our 100th shelter community on the Tulalip Tribal Reservation in Washington state, just a short drive north of our headquarters. The location holds special meaning for some Pallet employees who previously experienced homelessness in the area and now find purpose building transitional housing to help others in the community.

The village features twenty 64-square-foot shelters and one 100-square-foot shelter. It was constructed in just two days by the Pallet deployment team. The Tulalip Tribe operates the village with the ability to provide culturally appropriate resources.

In 2018, the tribe issued an emergency declaration in response to the opioid epidemic, then addressed it with multiple new resources including the Pallet shelter village, the Recovery Resource Center, and a medical assisted treatment clinic.

The village is the latest achievement of this tribally coordinated crisis response aiming to close service gaps—including a need for more community outreach, education, and engagement to expand prevention and intervention efforts.

The insulated Pallet shelters feature a bed, a heater, windows, and locking doors. The tribe provides toiletry kits and sage smudge sticks for each new resident, to support them on their path to permanent

housing. There are shared bathrooms, a kitchen space in a community building, and access to wraparound services. The shelters are part of a continuum of care that pairs medically-assisted substance use treatment with transitional housing and a focus on Native culture to help residents feel more at home as they find their way.

**“When I started researching this, I couldn’t find anything like it on a reservation. This is something special. Here on the reservation we all know each other. There are trusted relationships. There are family and friends. It can be intimidating to leave the reservation for those services. People do better in their recovery when they feel connected.”**

**ROCHELLE LUBBERS, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, THE TULALIP TRIBES**

## Site Features:

- 20 64 sq. ft. and one 100 sq. ft. Pallet shelters
- Shared restrooms, kitchen, and community space
- Access to detox, treatment, and intensive outpatient services
- Support from Healing Lodge, residential post treatment support
- Access to medically assisted treatment and mental health support
- Support from Recovery Support Center: laundry, recovery outreach workers, payment for oxford living
- Access to next-step supportive housing and job training

