

Government Operations Committee Meeting
Homelessness Related Services Summary
April 4, 2022

Video Recording at www.bangormaine.gov/video
Agency Website: [Design Wall Housing | \(dwhousing.org\)](http://Design Wall Housing | (dwhousing.org))

Design Wall Housing

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- Design Wall Housing is a newly formed nonprofit that is picking up momentum.
- It is planning with a mission to provide safe and affordable housing with foundation for personal foundation for growth to those impacted by homelessness. Having a structure is not enough. Providing a foundation meets people where they are at. Trauma lives with people.
- Goals are to house folks but also bring folks together and join forces with other people/entities.
- They are open to partnerships and accept donations. They have received some grant funding and are on track to open a housing unit with three people by December 2022.
- Goal is housing units with three to four people by unit. Want to create environment for success, want to integrate into community and be good neighbors.
- Landlords aren't in social services and its not their job to be supports to their tenants. Find they don't have contact with tenants which isn't always okay. Expressed empathy and create relationships with landlords.
- They want to create housing with accountability and ownership of apartment with peer mentoring.
- Want to work together as there are many gaps. No one entity can resolve challenge. Number of hotel rooms housing individuals who are homeless and once money runs out, we will see influx. Hope is to work with them.

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