

Micro Village Population Checklist

The following lists are some basic aspects of the who and why to consider when designing your program. Work closely with your villagers, allies, community partners, and service providers to plan your village.

Population - by affinity

Consider shared interests between villagers and the community in which your village will be in. What needs overlap between housed and unhoused neighbors? What assets exist within the community that your village could support and grow? The following list shows a few types of affinities. Your village may be focused or a combination of types.

	Affinity Types
	<p>Neighborhood Emergency Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village runs an overnight shelter (like Right 2 Dream Too.)• Village as neighborhood emergency supply and communication center• Villages as severe weather hub (heating and cooling centers, power supply center.)• Village as a severe emergency hub such as FEMA housing for wildfires, earthquakes, etc.
	<p>Garden Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village as Farmer's Market or Community Supported Agriculture hub• Village as food growing and permaculture hubs for food security• Village as community garden• Village as ecological restoration
	<p>Maker Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village as construction hub for other villages• Village as construction training• Village as product creating and building: woodworking, jewelry, metal smithing, etc.• Village as tool library and market
	<p>Artist Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village as community art hub• Village as art therapy and skill building• Village as library and market
	<p>Pet Support Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Village as low-cost pet care hub hosting vet clinics• Village as micro animal rescue

	<p>Writer's Village</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village as writers in residency program • Village as story telling and sharing: open mics, readings, and performances • Village as library
	<p>Security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Village as site security for businesses • Village as alternative for unsanctioned camping and service delivery meeting people where they are. • Village as safe parking

Population - by identity

Some villages focus on a particular identity type because of the need to provide culturally specific services or other highly specialized services. Villagers also value peer support from villagers with similar life experiences. Often people hold multiple identities that overlap and create unique challenges at that intersection, so your village may need to address this intersectionality. Below are some basic considerations. If your village is provider managed, make sure your staff and leadership are diverse and reflect your village's population.

	Identities and/or service groups
	Veterans
	Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC)
	Women
	LGBTQ2SIA+ community
	Youth
	Families
	Domestic Violence
	Neurodivergence and people with disabilities
	Questions to consider with each group and/or intersections of identities
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	Consider the unique type of traumas people experience from their lived experience and identity(ies.)
	Consider disabilities due to injuries, congenital conditions, or health
	Consider the unique challenges people face in obtaining and maintaining housing.
	Consider multilingual staff, services, and programming
	Consider unique security needs for the village population
	Consider the religious affiliations of your villages and make sure your program addresses the values and needs for individuals and families of faith.