



The Nest on Fourth FAQ

What is The Nest on Fourth?

The Nest on Fourth is a 24/7 low-barrier emergency shelter for adult individuals which means it is a safe place for people to stay and does not require sobriety in order to be there. Instead, the approach of “is it safe for you and others for you to be here” is used.

How did this come about?

The Nest on Fourth was created from a partnership between Grand Forks Public Health and Grand Forks Housing Authority to adapt to evolving community needs and more effectively utilize funding. The two entities garnered community partner support to receive approval from the City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, the State of North Dakota and Altru Health System to transition from the withdrawal management program to a low-barrier emergency shelter.

GFHA staff, tenants, and guests have reported unauthorized individuals staying in common spaces and other places not meant for human habitation on a regular basis over the years. The Nest supports people who are unable to access or find other options.

How is it funded?

The City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, Northeast Human Service Center, Altru Health System, Federal Emergency Solutions Grant, North Dakota Homeless Grant.

Who supports this?

Altru Health System, CANA (regional group of agencies that address homelessness), City of Grand Forks, Grand Forks County, Grand Forks Board of Health, Grand Forks Housing Grand Forks Homes, Inc., Grand Forks Police Department, Homeless Helpers, Love in Action, North Dakota Department of Health & Human Services, Spectra Health.

Who can stay there?

Adult individuals, 18+ years of age, that have no other housing/shelter options. They do not need to be sober in order to stay, but they do not need to be under the influence in order to stay either. **The use, sale or possession of substances is not allowed inside the building.



How many can stay?

The Nest on Fourth has 16 beds available.

How long can people stay there?

While there is no time limit for people to stay at The Nest, all efforts are made to support people in applying for, obtaining, and maintaining permanent housing options. As the Grand Forks Housing Authority, our staff help navigate which options are available.

What else do people do when they stay at The Nest?

The Nest is open during the day for people who are staying overnight. Staff engage with the people who stay with us to identify needs and connect with providers to support guests in obtaining housing, services and other resources. Sleeping hours are from 10:00pm until 7:00am. People who stay with us are not able to sleep during the day unless it's necessary (e.g. if they work the overnight shift).

What if people can't stay at The Nest on Fourth, then what?

Staff work diligently to find appropriate and available resources for the person. Each situation is unique, but staff work with Altru Health System, Centre Inc., Homeless Helpers, Northeast Human Service Center, Northlands Rescue Mission, United Way of GF/EGF, and other agencies to find an option.

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