

Ford Street Project

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Directors

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As our mission describes, Ford Street Project is dedicated to assisting the addicted and unhoused of Mendocino County attain sobriety and improve self-sufficiency. Ford Street Project began as a program of NCO in 1974, and in 1980 became a 501c3 nonprofit corporation. Ford Street is organized into three different business units, with 44 intrepid employees.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment and Services; The Ukiah Recovery Center



Ford Street has been providing State licensed residential treatment for adults since 1997. The Ukiah Recovery Center's SUD Treatment and Services is the largest business segment, employing 33 people. With the completion of the Ukiah Recovery Center Expansion, Ford Street's residential treatment license has been increased from 40 beds to 64 beds, and a 24-bed sober living dormitory has been added to the site. Ford Street is certified to provide Outpatient Treatment at 139 Ford Street and 201 Brush Street. In 2025, 280 clients participated in the withdrawal management, residential treatment program, and 40 in Outpatient Treatment

Community Benefit Program: Unity Village Family Shelter



- The Unity Village Family Shelter is a clean and sober program designed to help unhoused families with small children. The shelter is funded by a contract through the Mendocino County Homelessness Continuum of Care. The shelter is fully utilized, and housing care management support is provided to shelter residents. Ford Street provides 24/7 supervision at the shelter with a staff of 3 full-time and 2 part-time people. At the present time funding for shelters is uncertain, with changes being made at HUD. We expect the Unity Village shelter will be funded through June 2026. We are hoping to find funding to keep the shelter open.

Community Benefit Program: Community Food Bank

- The Community Food Bank located at 888 N State serves over 4,100 people a month, with a staff of 2.5 employees, and 20 volunteers. The Mendocino County Department of Social Services provides \$850 a month to help fund the food bank; the remaining funds are all donated. This year's Ukiah Daily Journal Food Bank Drive set a goal to raise \$200,000 and we are very close to reaching that goal. Our costs to operate the Food Bank have gone up this year with the elimination of Federal Funding for Food Banks that had previously covered the cost of delivering food to Ukiah and even supplying some food at no cost. To maintain a weekly delivery and comparable amount of food will cost an additional \$3,000 a month.
- Recently the interior of the Food Bank was remodeled with funds from two donors who remembered the food bank in their Wills. The

