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But plans are underway to build a \$1.5 million, 50-bed homeless shelter in the city.

Mayor Will Flanagan said he doesn't know all of the details of homelessness in Fall River, "but it's not getting any better."



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"The capacity in the city to house the homeless is inadequate," Flanagan said.

The new shelter would house homeless families and individuals and provide social services that would be totally funded through charitable donations.

For the past two years, Flanagan said, the Task Force on Homelessness has been working to establish additional housing.

"It's difficult to find housing for the homeless because of increasingly strict state regulations and overflow facilities that can't handle the increase in need," Flanagan said.

Flanagan said the task force has identified the former Haddad Electronic Supply Co. at 138 Durfee St. as the location for the new facility.

The building will be purchased for Steppingstone Inc. Steppingstone operates the First Step Inn, which provides emergency shelter services to the homeless.

Michael Bryant, the supervisor and case manager for First Step Inn, said the facility can accommodate 20 people.

An overflow facility at the First Baptist Church, which is opened temporarily during the winter, accommodates up to 15 people.

Thursday was the first day the overflow shelter opened and was able to accommodate homeless people.

Flanagan said BayCoast Bank has committed to funding the purchase of the building, and a fundraising campaign will follow.

Nicholas Christ, CEO of BayCoast Bank, is the co-chairman of the Task Force on Homelessness.

"This will be funded through the benevolence of the private sector," Flanagan said.

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