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shifts as they turn away from our material culture.

"People can become disillusioned with materialism as a lifelong orientation. Often the resulting spiritual shifts can be very disorienting," she said.

"Will we stop shunning and persecuting those who deeply and honestly address the issues we face?" Oaks asks through her art. She believes "the poor and outcasts are usually closer to the spirit than the materially wealthy and social insiders." In other words, when you have to have faith to get through the night, you develop faith. People may become more sensitized to signs of the divine through living a precarious existence. Oaks is quick to note, however, that spiritual experiences are open to everyone, and poverty is not a magical gateway.

"Material poverty is still traumatic. Countless people experience it as hell," she said.

"Look within yourself to see what your heart's desire is," Oaks advised. "It has been my heart's desire to express myself. I just hope people can receive it."

Oaks' current show has found a fitting home at the Franciscan Spiritual Center in Milwaukie. It is open to the public through September. All pieces are for sale, but some of the pieces discussed and pictured here are not in the show.

The Less in Being Homeless

by Amy Turco

Getting something stolen that's important
can be emotionally draining.

Being awoken by yelling is scary, like when I was half-asleep
and heard two guys yelling about my partner, Sean.

When homesickness starts to kick in.

When you have no entertainment and
you're just staring off into space, bored
out of your mind, sleep can be your best friend.

The feeling when you hear,
it's your choice to be homeless.

It's not.

A Fine Day for a Walk

by Daniel Cox

I entered a broken mind, I journeyed
through dark places. Traversed canyons
of loneliness, my travels took me far
and wide, sometimes there were angry skies,
and every step was ever so deeper into the depths
of madness. I finally emerged
I thought unscathed from such
a horror. It was a dangerous trip,
indeed.



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Request for Programmatic Qualifications (RFPQ) Sourcing Event No:	RFPQ-26-2019 (1)
Sourcing Event Name:	JOHS Adult Homeless Services
Proposals due by 4:00 P.M. on:	9/17/2018
Pre-Proposal Conference:	There will be a Pre-Proposal Conference for this sourcing event on Friday 8/24/2018 at 2:30 PM located at the Multnomah County Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland, OR 97214. Attendance is optional, but strongly encouraged.

JOHS ADULT HOMELESS SERVICES

SUMMARY:

The Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS), through Adult Homeless Services is seeking to qualify non-profit agencies and services providers to provide a range of services for households that are experiencing, or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

RFPQ AVAILABILITY:

To access the RFPQ, visit <https://multco.us/purchasing/bids-proposal-opportunities> then select the "Multco Marketplace Supplier Network" link for new business opportunities.

Proposals must be submitted electronically through the Multco Marketplace Supplier Network. Suppliers will need to register at this portal in order to submit a response. Proposals are accepted until, but not after, 4:00PM on the close date of the Sourcing Event.

Multnomah County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals if not in compliance with the Request for Programmatic Qualifications (RFPQ) procedures and requirements and to reject any or all proposals or to cancel the Sourcing Event if Multnomah County finds it is in the public interest to do so.