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California Awards Nearly \$192 Million to Help People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness Move from Encampments into Housing

SACRAMENTO – The California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) today announced it has awarded nearly \$192 million in <u>Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) grants</u> for 20 projects in 17 California communities to help people experiencing unsheltered homelessness move from encampments into housing.

When completed, the projects funded by the awards announced today will have provided services and supports to nearly 3,600 people and provided permanent housing for nearly 2,200 of those individuals. Twelve of the 20 projects are designed to resolve encampments along state rights-of-way.

"This new funding will get people out of tents and into housing across California," said Governor Gavin Newsom. "As the state provides unprecedented resources like this, we also expect accountability. Local governments must ensure this funding – and all homeless funding – is getting people out of encampments."

"These grants show what is possible when the state partners with local communities to put people first and provide them with services to put them on the path to safe, stable housing," said Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency Secretary Tomiquia Moss, who co-chairs Cal ICH. "This approach focuses on providing the person-centered local solutions that will ensure that unsheltered Californians are connected to the appropriate housing and supportive services they need to achieve long-term stability."

"All 17 communities had strong proposals that will help people transition from encampments and onto pathways to housing," said Cal ICH Executive Officer Meghan

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Marshall. "While these grants will be made by our sister Department of Housing and Community Development, Cal ICH looks forward to supporting the success of these communities with technical assistance, grounded in evidence-based practices."

Here is the complete list of awardees:

- The **city of Anaheim** will receive **\$3,182,054.17** to serve 95 people and house 75 to resolve two closely connected encampment areas along a state right-of-way.
- The city of Chico will receive \$2,683,091 to serve 62 people and house 62.
- The **city of Fresno** will receive **\$10,926,075.48** to serve 600 people and house 200 by expanding on previous rounds of ERF funding for an encampment along a state right-of-way, including adding up to an additional 100 permanent housing beds.
- The **city of Los Banos** will receive **\$11,842,621** to serve 95 people and house 95 through development of 50 modular units of permanent housing on city property.
- The **city of Oakland** will receive **\$7,216,307** to serve 210 people and house 180 by completing a hotel conversion.
- The **city of Oceanside** will receive **\$11,398,466.52** to serve 350 people and house 196 by funding a range of interim and permanent housing to resolve an encampment along a state right-of-way.
- The **city of Ojai** will receive **\$12,667,461.04** to serve 38 people and house 20 by investing in interim housing and permanent supportive housing to address an encampment located behind Ojai's City Hall.
- The **city of San Bernardino** will receive **\$4,569,511** to serve 110 people and house 60 to resolve an encampment along a state right-of-way by funding beds at a recovery center, motel vouchers, and permanent supportive housing through rental subsidies.
- The **city of Santa Cruz** will receive **\$4,032,184.38** to serve 55 people and house 30 by adding 20 new non-congregate housing units, permanent supportive housing vouchers, and expanding outreach and navigation services.
- Los Angeles County will receive \$51,554,398.92 to serve 586 people and house 446 to add six encampment zones along state rights-of-way to its Path Home program.
- **Marin County** will receive an award of **\$5,999,241.68** to serve 65 people and house 46 from the community's largest encampment.

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- **Marin County** will receive an award of **\$8,678.324** to serve 60 people, mostly Latinx farm workers and their families, and house 60 people in a new RV interim housing site and support the construction of 27 new permanent housing units.
- Marin County will receive an award of \$3,720,706.26 to serve 110 people and house 90 people by building off a previous ERF-funded project and adding additional staff and interim shelter options to resolve an encampment along a state right-ofway.
- **Monterey County** will receive an award of **\$4,726,963.50** to work with the city of Soledad to provide services to 40 people and house 30 to resolve an encampment in the Salinas Riverbed that is along a state right-of-way.
- Monterey County will receive \$6,441,326.33 to complete a permanent housing
 project that will house 46 persons currently in interim housing. Without these funds,
 these persons would be forced to return to their original encampment site along a
 state right-of-way.
- **Nevada County** will receive **\$2,508,622.54** to serve 150 and house 70 from its densest encampment.
- San Mateo County will receive \$14,134,200.12 to serve 211 people and house 108 from an encampment along a state right-of-way.
- **Santa Barbara County** will receive **\$7,975,380** to serve 300 people and house 150 by addressing vehicle encampments along state right-of-way that are composed primarily of people experiencing homelessness for the first time.
- The **Humboldt County Continuum of Care** will receive **\$3,498,431.13** to serve 110 people and house 50 to resolve an encampment along a state right-of-way by creating a 10-15-unit pallet shelter and 50 beds of rapid rehousing.
- The **Tehama County Continuum of Care** will receive **\$14,103,946.98** to serve 275 people and house 183 to resolve five encampments along state rights-of-way by expanding interim and permanent housing.

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The California Interagency Council on Homelessness is co-chaired by the Secretaries of the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency and the California Health and Human Services Agency. It is comprised of director-level representatives from 18 state departments and agencies, with two community organization representatives appointed by the state Legislature. The Council oversees the implementation of "Housing First" policies, guidelines, and regulations and identifies resources, benefits,

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and services to prevent and work toward ending homelessness in California. For more information, visit bcsh.ca.gov/calich.