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## **California Awards \$38 Million to Move People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness from Encampments into Housing**

**SACRAMENTO** – In keeping with the [Statewide Action Plan for Preventing and Ending Homelessness in California](#), the Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency (BCSH) and the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) are awarding [\\$38 million in Encampment Resolution Fund \(ERF\) grants](#) to seven communities statewide.

The ERF grants will support local communities and service providers in connecting people experiencing homelessness in encampments to services and supports that will lead to housing. The grants will provide services to 1,250 people and housing for more than 680. Six of the seven projects will resolve encampments along state rights-of-way.

“These grants exemplify the power of partnership between the state and local communities to resolve unsheltered homelessness and change lives,” said BCSH Secretary Lourdes Castro Ramírez. “All seven communities had strong plans for connecting unhoused individuals living in encampments with services and support, ultimately leading to what we all deserve – dignified permanent housing.”

The [Encampment Resolution Fund](#) was designed by Governor Newsom and the Legislature to provide communities of all sizes with the funding to move people living in encampments into housing.

“As recent weather events have unfortunately demonstrated, living in encampments puts Californian’s lives in danger,” said Meghan Marshall, the Cal ICH Executive Officer. “These grants allow communities to move their most vulnerable residents to safe and stable housing, where they can be supported in addressing their unmet needs.”

San Joaquin County is receiving the largest grant of more than \$11 million to serve 300 people living in encampments and house 150. The Bakersfield/Kern County Continuum of Care will receive more than \$7 million to serve 100 people living in encampments, and the City of Thousand Oaks will receive almost \$6 million to serve 50 of their unhoused neighbors.

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Here is the complete list of awardees being funded:

- San Joaquin County will receive \$11.1 million to serve 300 people and house 150 from an encampment in Stockton near the I-5 and CA-4 interchange.
- The Bakersfield/Kern County Continuum of Care will receive \$7.0 million to serve 100 and house 95 from encampments along the river and near a busy freeway junction.
- The city of Thousand Oaks will receive \$5.8 million to support the development and operation of a 30-bed navigation center while serving 50 people and housing 44.
- The city of Long Beach will receive \$5.3 million to serve 140 people and house 110 from a large encampment by leasing interim housing units and supporting rapid rehousing.
- The city of Visalia will receive \$3.6 million to develop a 100-bed navigation center that will support transitioning people from unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing and will serve 500 people and house 200 during the project.
- Sonoma County will receive \$2.8 million to serve and house 40 people with street outreach, interim sheltering, and permanent housing.
- The Pasadena Continuum of Care will receive \$2.1 million to serve 120 people and house 45 by funding non-congregate shelter stays, robust services and housing connections.

All of the projects with the exception of the city of Long Beach include encampments located along state rights-of-way.

The ERF program was created in FY 2021-22 with \$50 million. Those funds were awarded to 19 communities, who began working on their projects in July 2022 and will complete their efforts by June 30, 2024.

In the current fiscal year, The Governor and Legislature appropriated \$300 million for the Encampment Resolution Fund. The first \$48 million was awarded in October 2022 to those communities who had previously applied for funding but didn't receive grants due to the budget limitations.

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In June, Cal ICH awarded \$199 million for 23 projects in 22 communities. Today's \$38 million in awards use the remaining 2022-23 funds, for which 48 communities applied requesting more than \$280 million.

A third \$400 million round of ERF is included in the 2023-24 budget, and unfunded applications from the second round are being reviewed for funding in the third round. We plan to announce the first awards from Round 3 (FY 23-24) in the coming weeks.

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*The [California Interagency Council on Homelessness](#) oversees the implementation of Housing First guidelines and regulations, and identify resources, benefits, and services to prevent and end homelessness in California.*