



RESOLUTION NO. 061-2022

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires local jurisdictions seeking funding for homelessness to conduct a Point-in-Time count of the homeless population in their respective jurisdictions every other year; and

WHEREAS, HUD also requires Continuums of Care to operate a Homeless Management Information System to track and monitor the most current data on active homeless persons being served by local service providers; and

WHEREAS, while the Homeless Point-In-Time Count provides a rough estimate of the number and nature of El Dorado County's homeless population, it is regarded by many as an underrepresentation of the actual number of people experiencing homelessness at any given point in time within El Dorado County; and

WHEREAS, data from the Homeless Management Information System managed by El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care indicates that as of March 2022, there are 520 active homeless persons being tracked/served on the 'By-Name List', with 307 persons (59%) facing unsheltered homelessness as they are residing in a place not meant for human habitation; and

WHEREAS, El Dorado County is one of only four counties across the State of California that does not have any permanent, low-barrier emergency beds, as verified in Statewide Homeless Management Information System Data; and

WHEREAS, the Health and Human Services Agency acting as the Administrative Entity for the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care has acted since 2018 in this capacity, and since that time Continuum of Care and HHSA homeless grant funded programs have exited 1,350 individuals from homelessness with 80% obtaining and retaining permanent housing between 2018 and 2021; and

WHEREAS, despite these efforts, the number of persons experiencing homelessness, and the proportion experiencing unsheltered homelessness in the County remains high as there are no permanent, low-barrier shelter beds for the general homeless population, and as a result there are insufficient options for emergency housing and temporary shelter to accommodate the County's homeless population; and

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado affirms its commitment to combatting homelessness and creating or augmenting a continuum of shelter and service options for those living without shelter in our communities; and

WHEREAS, this declaration will assist the County's efforts to streamline the establishment and operation of alternative housing for persons experiencing homelessness in public facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to this declaration, the County will be able to establish emergency housing or homeless shelters as defined by Section 8698 et seq. of the Government Code to mean "a facility with overnight sleeping accommodations, the primary purpose of which is to provide temporary shelter for the homeless that is not in existence after the declared shelter crisis. A temporary homeless shelter community may include supportive and self-sufficiency development services. A "homeless shelter" shall include a parking lot owned or leased by a city, county, or city and county specifically identified as one allowed for safe parking by homeless and unstably

housed individuals” and as further defined by El Dorado County Ordinance Code section 130.80 and General Plan Amendment GPA21-0002, the 2021-2029 Housing Element Update; and

WHEREAS, emergency housing or homeless shelters established under this declaration will be subject to County oversight and budget appropriations that will determine the length of operations which shall not exceed the duration of this declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a shelter crisis pursuant to Government Code section 8698.2 exists in El Dorado County based on a finding that a significant number of persons within the County are without the ability to obtain shelter, and that the situation has resulted in a threat to the health and safety of those persons. This declaration shall remain in effect until terminated by the Board of Supervisors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado, a political subdivision of the State of California, will approve amendments or enter into new agreements, consistent with departmental appropriations, without the requirement of traditional contracting processes under the El Dorado County Code, with homeless service providers, consultants and vendors who provide services needed to operate and establish emergency housing and homeless shelters; to enter into said agreements that will not exceed available Grant funding received from the State of California; to enter into non-monetary amendments of said agreements, and to do and perform everything necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of El Dorado at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 19th day of April, 2022 by the following vote of said Board:

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Ayes: Parlin, Thomas, Hidahl, Novasel
Noes: Turnboo
Absent: None

By: 
Deputy Clerk


Chair, Board of Supervisors
Lori Parlin