

COUNTY OF EL DORADO

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2022

TO: Cleve Morris, City Manager, City of Placerville
Cc: Don Ashton, Chief Administrative Officer

FROM: Daniel Del Monte, Interim Director of Health & Human Services Agency *DDM*

SUBJECT: Requirements of CoC Funding for Outreach for the Pending Navigation Center

On Monday, July 25th, the Placerville City Council held a special meeting to discuss the pending development of a Navigation Center in El Dorado County. Within that discussion, the Council referenced the City's desire for the County to establish a program that prioritizes its homeless outreach to Upper Broadway, a targeted area in Placerville, for placements into the pending Navigation Center. There was also discussion regarding the desire to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County, to ensure an open partnership and written understanding of factors such as targeted outreach in Placerville and what to expect with this program.

The purpose of this memo is to provide information to your Council regarding funding and programmatic requirements associated with Federal and State Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) dollars, and how the requirements will be utilized to frame any associated outreach efforts that would be tied to the pending development of the Navigation Center.

Per the direction of the Board of Supervisors, the goal of the Navigation Center project would be to provide services to address the immediate crisis of residents experiencing unsheltered homelessness in encampments, to support individuals living in encampments onto pathways out of homelessness through the Navigation Center, and which would ultimately result in restoration of public spaces to their intended uses while safeguarding the community from potential fire danger that encampments pose. CoC and other Federal funding would be utilized for the development and operational efforts tied to this project. As such, it is important to note that CoC dollars are required to serve the entire geographic area of El Dorado County. More specifically because of this, and as an example, the County and CoC are not allowed to develop any program that is framed around an ability to only tie outreach to a smaller geographic area within the larger County, such as Placerville or a specific area in Placerville.

To comply with funding requirements, the CoC and County are required to develop any program to target specific persons based upon vulnerability, and which would be able to serve the entire geographic service area of the County. In this case, this project is essentially considered an encampment resolution program. As such, the eligible group would be persons residing in encampments, and the criteria for prioritizing encampments for engagement and based upon vulnerability is expected to be framed around key factors such as the size of the

encampment, or possibly other similar criteria. In essence, encampments across the entire geographic county and with the largest numbers of individuals are likely to pose the greatest fire danger, health and safety risks, and other community concerns, and therefore would be considered the most vulnerable. A framework such as this would be eligible criteria for this program within funding requirements, and as such, it is important that your Council is made aware that the program would be unable to explicitly target Upper Broadway or Placerville, only, while being memorialized that way within an MOU. To comply with funding requirements, the criteria for prioritization of outreach would need to be established and based upon vulnerability factors such as size of encampments and the associated fire and health and safety concerns that the largest encampments in El Dorado County currently pose.