

SUBMISSION PORTAL OVERVIEW

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No, this is my official Submission.

Part 1: ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Application Window

This application is being submitted in the following application window:
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Eligible Applicant

Select the eligible applicant's jurisdiction type.
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What is the name of the city or county?
City of Banning

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Part 2: PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

People Served

Number of people currently residing in prioritized encampment site
50

Of people currently residing in prioritized encampment site, how many will be served by this proposal?
50

Given the potential for inflow of people into the prioritized encampment site, how many people are projected to be served across the entire grant period?
150

Of people projected to be served across the entire grant period, number of people projected to transition into interim shelters
90

Of people projected to be served across the entire grant period, number of people projected to transition into permanent housing
60

Is the prioritized encampment site part of a larger encampment area?
No

Encampment Information

1. Briefly describe the characteristics of the people residing within the prioritized encampment site. The description must include demographics and may include household compositions, disabilities, and projected service and housing needs. (1500 character limit)

The City of Banning has identified two priority encampment sites: the Railside Encampment (RE) and the Smith Creek Encampment (SCE).

RE is located east of the City's established Opportunity Village (OV) emergency housing site and is mainly

comprised of individuals who wish to be near their friends and family members who are OV residents, and wish to share in the assistance and wraparound services that OV residents are receiving. Residents of RE include Hispanic, Caucasian, and African American single men and women and 3 dogs. While RE's population is very dynamic, there are currently no veterans or families. Residents have developmental disabilities, and require mental health, substance abuse, and medical care. All residents need housing assistance. Many requested assistance with benefits enrollment.

SCE is located along Smith Creek, just south of Interstate 10 (I-10) between Highland Home and Sunset. Current residents at SE are Caucasian and African American men. Population at this site is heavily influenced by weather conditions and is highly dynamic. Recent outreach found 1 veteran, and no families, women, or pets. Residents report learning disabilities and problems with alcoholism, drugs, and mental health (anxiety and depression), as well as serious health conditions such as renal failure, Hepatitis C, and Stage 4 cancer. Residents express needs for medical, mental, and substance abuse care; assistance with benefits; transportation to appointments; and housing.

2. Briefly describe physical characteristics of the prioritized encampment site in which the people you are proposing to serve are residing. The description must include the specific location, physical size of the area, the types of structures people are residing in at the site, whether vehicles are present, and any other relevant or notable physical characteristics of the site. (1000 character limit)

RE is located east of OV, at the east end of Bryant St. and Hargrave St., in the Caltrans right-of-way, between I-10 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. Within the approximate 9,500 sq. ft. area, people are residing in cardboard and tent structures, and no vehicles are present. There are minimal trees and no source of fresh water. RE has an abundance of trash and debris, including cardboard, shopping carts, Caltrans bollards and equipment, and wood scraps. There is evidence of drug use.

SCE is located on the banks and riverbed of Smith Creek, south of I-10, between Highland Home and Sunset. Residents of the approximately 30,000 sq. ft., widely spread site utilize tents and shelters made of cardboard and abandoned building materials. There is considerable trash and debris along the banks and in the creek itself, as well as a burned vehicle. Clothing and tents are hung on the trees, bushes, and vegetation. Wildfires occur regularly, with previous fires impacting travel on I-10.

3. Why is this particular encampment site being prioritized? (1000 character limit)

The RE is located on Caltrans right-of-way between I-10 and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, posing great risks for RE residents, motorists, and railroad operators. The Federal Railroad Administration reports that trespassing along railroad rights-of-way is the leading cause of rail-related deaths in America, and California ranks #1 for trespassing casualties (<https://dotcms.fra.dot.gov>). Proximity to I-10 poses risk for the RE, as evidenced by a June 2022 accident that resulted in a vehicle careening off I-10 into a tent, hospitalizing 3 individuals.

Flood risks threaten SCE residents and first responders who may be called in for water rescues, as it is located in a FEMA Zone A Special Flood Hazard Area, with a 1% ANNUAL risk of the occurrence of a 100-year flood. River corridors have ample fuels and SCE fires present significant wildfire risks. SCE poses environmental risks due to its proximity to Smith Creek, with contaminants in the waterway and damage to creek-side vegetation.

Attachment: Map

Priority Encampment Maps.pdf

4. Is the prioritized site on a state right-of-way?

Yes - partially

Attachment: Caltrans Letter of Support

Proposal's Outcomes

5. What are the outcomes this proposal seeks to accomplish by the grant close (6/30/2026)? If funded, what are the primary activities you are planning to implement to achieve the proposal's outcomes? (1000 character limit)

This project will provide homelessness interventions via the Community Homeless Assistance Team (CHAT) outreach program to successfully transition 150 individuals from unsheltered homelessness to receiving services, shelter, and permanent housing. The project will also complete infrastructure improvements at OV to create a safer, better quality of life for all 50 residents. Primary activities to achieve outcomes include:

- Installation of 5 new pallet shelters in OV to provide interim housing for an additional 20 people per year (2 per shelter)
- Expanded wraparound services contracted through Faith in Action-San Geronimo Pass (FIA-SGP) to create seamless delivery of critical resources
- Installation of a sound barrier wall to mitigate high levels (88 decibels) of highway noise at OV
- Installation of OV amenities, and safety and security improvements
- Implementation of the CHAT program to provide outreach
- Rapid Rehousing funds to facilitate transitions to permanent housing

6. How will the applicant measure progress towards the proposal's outcomes? (1000 character limit)

This project's progress will be measured by the attainment of milestones by encampment residents towards resolving unsheltered homelessness, as well as the completion of infrastructure enhancements at OV to achieve quality of life outcomes.

The project's CHAT outreach will include representatives from the City, Riverside County, Banning Fire Department, Banning Police Department, and FIA-SGP to conduct needs assessments for RE and SCE residents and develop individualized 90-day transition plans that will include:

- Interim and permanent housing assistance
- Medical/behavioral health/substance abuse care
- Benefits enrollment and obtaining identification documentation
- Trainings and workshops (housing preparation, life skills, budgeting, etc.)
- Employment training and assistance

This project includes infrastructure improvements to OV, to include: installation of a sound barrier wall; safety, security, lighting, and pavement enhancements; and enhanced village amenities.

7. Are there any local ordinances, resources, or other factors that may hinder achieving the proposal's outcomes? If so, how will the applicant navigate these challenges? (1000 character limit)

This project has support from the City Council and City Manager, as evidenced by the adoption of Ordinance 1585 (Standards and Procedures for the Design, Site Development, and Operation of Homeless Shelters–10/11/22), and Resolution 2022-04 (Declaring an Emergency Shelter Crisis–1/11/22) for the development of OV.

A shortage of local permanent housing options is the single factor that may hinder this proposal's outcomes; however, we will continue to rely on housing within the greater County area until closer options become available. It has always been the City's goal to transition guests into permanent housing within 90 days of entering OV, and this project's expanded support services will ensure that individuals are prepared for this transition. ERF-2-R funding will allow the City to assist rent, deposits, and fees to facilitate the shift,

and the City is working with local developers to expedite affordable housing construction to ensure that the proposal's outcomes are achieved.

8. Is this proposal a standalone project or part of a larger initiative?

Standalone

Part 3: IMPLEMENTATION

Core Service Delivery and Housing Strategies

9. Describe the proposed outreach and engagement strategy, case management, and / or service coordination for people while they are continuing to reside within the encampment site. Quantify units of service to be delivered including the ratio of staff to people served, frequency of engagement, and length of service periods. (2000 character limit)

The implementation of the CHAT outreach program will ensure expanded engagement in the prioritized encampments, with bi-weekly visits to establish trust. CHAT outreach will begin with on-site crisis response (if needed), followed by assessments for the individuals' needs, including medical, behavioral health, employment, housing, and food requirements. The City has an ongoing relationship with FIA-SGP for assistance with outreach, case management, and service coordination for individuals experiencing homelessness. The City plans to continue this collaboration by contracting with FIA-SGP for wraparound support services to benefit residents of the priority encampments, OV, and beyond. Using the CHAT assessments, FIA-SGP Navigators will provide case management services that begin with the development of a customized, needs-based plan to assist each individual to transition from unsheltered homelessness to emergency housing at OV or other shelters, with the goal of transitioning to permanent housing. During the transition period, FIA-SGP will manage services such as:

- coordinating medical, behavioral health, and substance abuse screenings and follow up care;
- obtaining necessary documentation, social security cards, identification cards, etc.;
- facilitating transportation for transition plan appointments;
- setting up bank accounts and completing income tax returns;
- assessing employment needs;
- educating residents on community food resources;
- conducting trainings and workshops, including housing preparation, employment training, budgeting, and life skills;
- assisting in exploration of shelter and permanent housing options;
- identifying financial support needs to facilitate transition to permanent housing (fees, deposits, etc.);
- assisting in all documentation and reporting.

The project will serve approximately 150 people with an 1 to 18 ratio of staff to people. Project improvements and CHAT outreach will serve people during the 36-month grant period.

10. Describe the role of Coordinated Entry in the context of this proposal and how Coordinated Entry policies or processes will support and / or hinder the implementation of this proposal. (1000 character limit)

CHAT outreach will provide expedited supportive intervention and prevention services using a Housing First approach. On site, CHAT will first provide crisis response, and then will utilize the Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT) to assess the individual's needs, and craft a customized approach to providing services.

Assessment data will be entered into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the Coordinated Entry System (CES) to manage participant information and facilitate access to resources. The City collects HMIS data for all OV residents. Cross-jurisdictional coordination of services, such as that provided by CHAT, HMIS, CES, and the Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions (HWS) and Continuum of Care (CoC) will support this project's outcomes and ensure that more individuals are able to transition to employment and ultimately permanent housing

11. Please describe the interim shelter and permanent housing opportunities proposed to support this proposal and provide evidence of the applicant's demonstrated ability and commitment to deliver permanent housing for people residing in the prioritized encampment. (2000 character

limit)

Since July 2022, OV’s very successful model has led 27 residents to employment and 6 to permanent housing, providing a safer option than living on the streets. OV has 20 8’x8’ pallet shelters, each with 2 beds, heat/AC, outlets/lighting, and storage, and on-site trailers with toilets, shower and laundry facilities. OV’s demand far outweighs its current capabilities. This project adds 5 new pallet shelters, increasing capacity by 20% and providing greater throughput to meet the needs of RE and SCE residents, as well as unmet waiting list demands. Project activities include: common space improvements such as picnic tables, shade structures, and recreational equipment; pavement crack sealing and application of Cool Seal sealcoat to improve surfaces and reduce surface temperatures, creating a cooler, safer, and more comfortable living environment; and safety enhancements such as networked security cameras and improved lighting. OV’s location near I-10 and the railroad results in dangerous levels of traffic/train noise. The addition of a sound barrier wall will help mitigate high noise levels to provide residents a safer, more enjoyable living experience.

It has always been the City’s goal that OV would be an emergency interim housing solution, with the goal of transitioning residents to permanent housing within 90-180 days. Thus far, this timeframe has proved to be a challenge due to a lack of local, permanent housing options. This project will allow for greater outreach, expanded units at OV, and wraparound support to help prepare individuals for a successful transition to permanent housing. Grant funding will subsidize rapid rehousing strategies, such as rental subsidies, security/pet deposits, and credit check fees, to overcome financial obstacles to permanent housing transition. The City is working with local developers to expedite the construction of affordable housing in Banning. Currently, permanent affordable housing options are only available outside the city.

12. Describe how this proposal is tailored to meet the needs and preferences of people residing within the prioritized encampment. (1500 character limit)

This project is dedicated to providing people-first assistance, with the personal desires and goals of each resident being of utmost importance. The City has gained experience in the needs and preferences of homeless individuals through the implementation of OV and collaboration with FIA-SGP. FIA-SGP has developed relationships with the local homeless community through their outreach efforts and their Community Assistance Navigation Center. The City has found that homeless individuals are often resistant to assistance, fearful that homeless programs and shelters enforce rules that will result in the loss of privacy, autonomy and the sense of community found in encampments. For individuals that may have suffered violence and rejection in past living situations, “home” is more than simply four walls and a roof. It is essential that outreach efforts establish trust, build relationships, and create community in order to provide healing, and eventually, the help that is so desperately needed. The health, housing, and services needs and preferences of encampment residents will be met through CHAT outreach, expanded FIA-SGP wraparound services, and individualized transition plans.

Table 1: Projected Living Situations Immediately Following the Encampment

Briefly Describe Each Projected Living Situation Immediately Following the Encampment	Is This Permanent Housing?	Quantify The Capacity (e.g., number of beds/units, frequency of bed/unit availability)	Prioritized or Set-Aside for ERF-2-R?	Is this living situation funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?	% of Served Persons Projected to Fall Within This Living Situation
Opportunity Village – located in	No	40 beds currently – no availability. 10	Prioritized and Set-Aside	Both	65

Banning. 8' x 8' pallet shelters with heating/AC, 2 bunks per shelter, and desk. Toilet/shower/laundry facilities on-site. Communal spaces.		additional beds to be added with addition of 5 new pallet shelters. Once filled, unit availability is dependent on OV's residents' ability to transition to more permanent housing.			
Coachella Valley Rescue Mission – located in Indio, CA. The CVRM provides emergency overnight shelter. Availability varies and individuals must be transported 43 miles to shelter	No	150 beds - availability varies daily.	Prioritized and Set-Aside	Both	15
Set Free Shelter – only available in extreme weather situations.	No	Variable	Prioritized and Set-Aside	Both	5
Housing4UsAll – housing in development in Banning. Includes units for vulnerable populations.	Yes	210 units - while this option will provide permanent housing in the future, expected completion is outside the grant performance period.	Neither	Neither	0
Unsheltered – many individuals will	No	Unlimited	Prioritized and Set-Aside	Both - the City will continue to provide	15

be unwilling to accept services and assistance, leading to continued unsheltered homelessness by choice.

outreach and attempt to provide housing and support services.

Table 2: Projected Housing and Service Pathways to Permanent Housing

Describe Projected Housing and Service Pathway to Permanent Housing	Quantify the Capacity of the Housing and Service Pathway	Is this Housing and Service Pathway Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?
FIA-SGP services: includes assistance with employment preparation/training; housing preparation/training; identification documents; medical care connections/facilitation; banking/budgeting; food resources.	150	Both
CHAT outreach	150	Both
Opportunity Village: emergency shelter housing, with a current capacity of 40 individuals. Project improvements will expand capacity to add another 10 beds. Additional support services and rapid rehousing funding will enable greater throughput.	63	Both
Rapid Rehousing funding: funds available to assist and expedite transition to permanent housing, to be used for credit check fees, rental application fees, rental assistance, deposits	50	Both

Table 3: Strategies to Mitigate Displacement

Strategy	Is this Strategy Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?
Encampment Outreach – Regular CHAT outreach will build relationships and trust, resulting in greater success in priority encampment residents’ acceptance of support services and emergency shelter housing.	Both
Support Services – Expanded support services coordination through FIA-SGP will reach more priority encampment residents to facilitate services and transition to interim shelter housing.	Both
Interim Shelter Housing – The addition of pallet shelters at OV will increase shelter capacity, facilitating transfer to shelter housing instead of another unsheltered location.	Both

Table 4: Strategies to Mitigate Returns to Unsheltered Homelessness

Strategy	Is this Strategy Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?
CHAT Outreach: Continued outreach to build relationships towards acceptance of support services and shelter.	Both
Permanent Housing: Placement in permanent housing supported by project Rapid Rehousing funds.	Both

13. Describe how this proposal considers and plans for the dynamic nature of encampments including potential inflow of people into the geographically served areas. (1000 character limit)

Banning faces unique challenges with homelessness because it is categorized as an Area of Persistent Poverty and a Historically Disadvantaged Community by the Federal Transit Administration. Outreach indicates that inmates released from the Riverside County's Smith Correctional Facility (located in Banning) contribute to homelessness, as they often have nowhere to go outside of Banning. This is supported by a study that found formerly incarcerated people are nearly 10 times more likely to be homeless. (<https://bit.ly/2MdVK0I>).

In 2022, there were 8,203 individuals within the Riverside County CoC homelessness response system. This project will allow for bi-weekly CHAT outreach encampment visits to build trust and establish relationships with existing residents and newcomers, and help to ensure that new arrivals are assessed and properly logged into HMIS and CES programs to ensure coordination of services. The CHAT team will emphasize the risks of living in the RE and SCE areas.

14. Describe how this proposal will support individuals with continued access to and / or the storage of their personal property. (1000 character limit)

This project will provide 2 storage footlockers with combination padlocks for each OV resident. While the City recognizes that personal possessions carry both practical and emotional importance, hoarding behavior has created storage challenges. With the help of trained staff, OV residents will participate in "Trash or Treasure" prioritization, allowing each resident to choose their important items. Studies show that 18.5% of individuals with a history of homelessness or housing instability exhibit hoarding behavior, a number that is more than 3 times that of the general population (<https://journals.lww.com/jonmd/toc/2020/10000>). Stockpiling of possessions can be a link to a more prosperous past or preparation for future challenges, and while the City is reticent to place restrictions on personal possessions, space restrictions, sanitation, and increased fire risks must limit storage. FIA-SGP will facilitate behavioral health care for individuals exhibiting hoarding tendencies.

15. Describe how this proposal will support individuals with service animals and/or pets. (1000 character limit)

Animal companionship is extremely important in people's lives – it gives them a sense of purpose, and also teaches them responsibility and accountability. This is also true for individuals experiencing homelessness. Living on the streets can be a very isolating and dehumanizing existence, and people experiencing homelessness often have no support or love from family and friends. Pets give unconditional acceptance, and a source of courage, strength, and love for someone struggling to survive. OV policies allow guests to have pets and/or service animals, with approximately 15 pets currently housed in the Village. OV has specific pet areas for exercise and 2 pet waste stations. FIA-SGP is building relationships with local animal

shelters and veterinarians to make pet food vouchers and veterinary care available for the pets of homeless individuals.

Budget and Resource Plan

16. State the total amount of ERF-2-R funds requested.

\$980,461.00

17. State the estimated dollar value of secured, non-ERF-2-R resources that will help meet this proposal's outcomes.

\$250,000.00

18. Identify and describe these non-ERF-2-R resources. (1000 character limit)

The City' \$250,000 of non-ERF-2-R resources for this project are derived from Successor Agency Housing Funds (formerly Redevelopment Agencies funding).

19. Describe how the proposal is a prudent and effective use of requested funding relative to the number of people it seeks to serve and the types of services and housing to be provided in the proposal. Include an explanation of how the requested ERF-2-R amount was determined. (1000 character limit)

This project is a prudent and effective use of the requested funding as it is providing services, expanded capacity for interim housing, and shelter improvements that directly support the transition of 150 individuals from unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing solutions.

This ERF-2-R funding request was determined through cost estimates for each project element and/or service. It is incredibly difficult for a disadvantaged city like Banning to serve the chronically homeless with services like EMS, fire control, code enforcement, police, emergency room services, etc. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development estimated that it costs about \$40,000 a year for these services for only one homeless person who lives on the streets (https://www.huduser.gov/publications/pdf/costs_homeless.pdf). By comparison, the proposed project will spend approximately \$6,536 per person annually (total grant funding divided by 150 priority encampment residents served by the project).

Attachment: Standardized Budget

ERF Standardized Budget_City of Banning_02.23.xlsx

Key Entities and Staff

20. First, describe the implementing organization and specific unit or office within the implementing organization that would administer ERF-2-R. Then, describe their role and primary responsibilities for this proposal. Finally, if these entities have managed a complex homelessness project or grant, describe how those experiences informed this proposal. (1500 character limit)

The City Manager and OV Site Coordinator will be responsible for project management, with responsibilities including: project coordination, materials procurement, CHAT outreach development, FIA-SGP contract management, and oversight of the staffing, infrastructure, and daily operation of OV. Grant

administration tasks will be handled by the City's Grants Coordinator.

Creating OV has given the City experience in managing a complex homelessness project. The non-congregate emergency shelter was constructed in May 2020 to provide more sanitary conditions during the pandemic for 40 of the City's estimated 90 homeless individuals. An accidental fire in one of the shelters spread quickly, resulting in the complete destruction of OV in December 2020. All 40 residents were evacuated safely and temporarily rehoused. Insurance claims and grant funding from the Riverside County Department of Housing, Homelessness Prevention & Workforce Solutions-Emergency Solutions Grant Program COVID-19 allowed the City to rebuild OV in its current location. The City has extensive experience in managing grants, with previous awards from Caltrans, Riverside County, and the Bureau of Reclamation.

OV experience and collaboration with FIA-SGP has informed this project, identifying infrastructure enhancements to improve capacity and quality of life at OV; development of CHAT outreach; and enhanced support services and rapid rehousing funding to expedite the transition from unsheltered homelessness.

Table 5: Key Staff

Title	Currently Filled Position?	FTE of Staffing for This Proposal	Funded by ERF-2-R and / or Leveraged Funds?	Brief Description of Duties
City Manager	Yes	.10	Leveraged	Oversight of all project elements; management of ERF-2-R funding; FIA-SGP contract management; oversight of daily operations of OV, in addition to other citywide duties.
OV Shelter Worker	No	2.5	Leveraged	Assists Site Coordinator with Village operations including: resident intake; works with FIA-SGP to facilitate food, clothing, services, housing, and support towards solutions of issues that have rendered individuals homeless.
FIA Navigators	Yes	2.5	ERF-2-R	Encampment outreach and needs assessments; development of written 90-day transition plan for each encampment resident; facilitation of support services.
Banning Public Works	Yes	2	Leveraged	Coordinates and performs OV improvement installation.
Banning Electric Utility	Yes	2	Leveraged	Performs lighting installations; electric utility for OV expansion.
Banning Police	Yes	1	Leveraged	CHAT outreach participation;

Department				safety coordination
Banning Fire Department	Yes	1	Leveraged	CHAT outreach participation; safety coordination
Grant Administration	Yes	1	Leveraged	Grant administration duties including reimbursements and progress reports.

21. First, describe key partners that will collectively pursue the proposal's outcomes. Then, describe their role and primary responsibilities for this proposal. Finally, if these entities have managed a complex homelessness project or grant, describe how those experiences informed this proposal. (1500 character limit)

Key partners that will collaboratively work to achieve the project's outcomes, and their roles, responsibilities, and experience are outlined below:

- The City: The City will provide oversight of all aspects of the project including implementation of the CHAT outreach team; completion of infrastructure improvements at OV; and daily operation of the OV emergency interim shelter. The construction, rebuilding, and the day-to-day operation of the current shelter has afforded the City great experience in managing a complex homelessness project and identifying the needs of the shelter and the City's homeless population.
- FIA-SGP: A non-profit organization with 17 years of experience of helping the homeless in the San Geronio Pass area, FIA-SGP has provided services to over 250 members of our local communities in the past year. FIA-SGP will be contracted to provide navigational services for this project, including employment resources; governmental and social services program assistance; workshops/trainings; medical and behavioral health coordination; and housing assistance, playing a crucial role in the City's "Housing First" model to facilitate successful transitions from unsheltered homelessness to emergency and permanent housing, employment, and better living situations.
- Riverside County CoC: The CoC will continue to assist in coordination and identification of health, employment, and housing resources to support this project.

22. Describe specific examples of how Local Jurisdiction(s) and the CoC have collaborated on the design and implementation of this proposal. (1000 character limit)

Riverside County Housing and Workforce Solutions Department (HWS) and the Riverside County CoC is providing significant support via numerous departments including: housing/public benefits; diversion services to identify permanent housing solutions; health services; behavioral health care, including screenings and referral services for mental health/substance abuse care; and Police and Fire services. FIA-SGP attends monthly CoC meetings to ensure collaboration and coordination of services and resources to support this project. Riverside County has supported OV since its inception with the provision of an Emergency Services Grant that allowed the City to purchase the original pallet shelters and support amenities.

The Western Riverside Council of Governments is focused on expanding transitional housing projects in the region and coordinating re-entry services, and has pledged its support of this project.

Optional Upload: Evidence of Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration

Banning_Letters of Support_ERF2R.pdf

Ordinance No. 1585.pdf

CC Resolution No. 2022-004.pdf

23. Identify any entities that have a right to and/or control of the property upon which the encampment site resides and discuss whether each of these entities committed allowing the implementation of this proposal. If they have not committed, please explain how you have or plan

to engage with this entity to implement your proposal. Additionally, describe how you collaborated with Caltrans on your program design, implementation plans, and timeline. (1000 character limit)

The RAILSIDE Encampment is located on the Caltrans right-of-way, adjacent to I-10 and the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way. The City is in collaboration with both Caltrans and the Union Pacific Railroad to address the encampment issue in this area. Caltrans recognizes the need for resolution of homeless encampments along highways in the San Geronimo Pass region, and has provided support of the City's funding request. A Caltrans letter of support for this project has been uploaded with this application.

The Smith Creek Encampment is located on property owned by North Point Banning Industrial, LLC. NorthPoint Banning Industrial has signed paperwork with the Banning Police Department to give permission for law enforcement to make contact with encampment residents. The City has reached out to company representatives to discuss the project and resolving the encampment.

Centering People

24. How were persons with lived experience meaningfully incorporated into the planning and proposed implementation of this proposal? Please identify whether any perspectives were incorporated from persons that are currently unsheltered and / or formerly or currently residing within the prioritized encampment. (1000 character limit)

The City is in constant communication with residents at OV, including twice weekly visits from the City Manager. Plans are in place to develop a Resident Advisory Board, with elected resident positions and weekly meetings with City staff. These meetings will give residents the opportunity to voice concerns, and assume a greater sense of ownership for village policies and procedures. Resident feedback and FIA-SGP's working experience has helped with the development of this project.

Outreach in the priority encampments thus far has been difficult, and conducted by Banning Police Department officers and Caltrans/Union Pacific Railroad officials. As previously mentioned, encampment residents are often hesitant to interact with law enforcement officials. Grant funding will allow for implementation of the City's CHAT outreach and contracting with FIA-SGP for expanded outreach and support services, allowing greater interaction with individuals in the prioritized encampments.

25. Briefly describe how the proposal exemplifies Housing First approaches as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 8255. (1000 character limit)

This project recognizes that social services and care coordination are necessary elements of housing stability and quality of life, and as such, the CHAT outreach and expanded FIA-SGP services are crucial project elements that exemplify the Housing First model. Assessments will utilize VI-SPDAT to prioritize residents based on vulnerability, and recognizing the "hierarchy of need," support services will include identification of food resources and emergency shelter housing. OV housing is not dependent on participation in "housing readiness" services, such as FIA-SGP's budgeting, life skills, and housing preparation trainings and workshops. However, these services and programs help develop accountability and prepare the individuals for a more successful transition to permanent housing and employment. Relationships built with local real estate agencies and developers, as well as a budgeted rapid rehousing allotment, will ensure expedited transition to permanent housing.

26. Briefly describe how this proposal will center an individual's choice and provide trauma informed services and supports. (1000 character limit)

This project seeks to approach each individual experiencing homelessness with an attitude of understanding, compassion, and acknowledgement that they may be suffering from many types of traumas. Establishing trust is crucial. Regular visits by CHAT outreach will help familiarize encampment residents with Team members, helping to build confidence in the Team's intentions. Outreach will provide encampment residents with safety, respect, and choice. FIA-SGP will facilitate a customized 90-day transition plan for each resident based on individual needs and goals. Each transition plan will include medical, behavioral health, and substance abuse screenings and care.

Additionally, the proposed project will provide formal trauma-informed, mental health, and substance abuse training for all CHAT outreach members which will teach approaches to ensure that encounters with homeless individuals do not inadvertently create additional trauma.

27. Describe how this proposal will operationalize harm reduction and provide services that improve a person's health, dignity, and safety while they continue to reside within the prioritized encampment site. (1000 character limit)

Some members of the CHAT outreach team already have formal training, others will receive mental health, substance abuse, and trauma-informed training to ensure that all team members recognize the complexities of drug use, and acknowledge that poverty, social isolation, past trauma, and other social inequalities affect both people's vulnerability to drugs, and their capacity for effectively dealing with drug-related harms. This training will be the first step towards non-judgmental provision of services and resources to encampment residents who use drugs. Communication of safer drug-use practices will help educate and empower encampment residents to avoid risky behaviors to reduce the harms of drug use. Additionally, this project will provide expanded support services for residents of the prioritized encampments, to include, behavioral health and substance abuse screenings, as well as connection to evidence-based treatment if the resident so chooses.

28. For encamped locations that are objectively dangerous, describe how the proposal will seek to prevent harm for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness in these locations. (1000 character limit)

This project's CHAT outreach will educate encampment residents about the inherent risks at each priority encampment. Outreach efforts in the SCE and RE will include education regarding area flood risks, and the dangers of inhabiting highway and railway rights-of-way, respectively. Every effort will be made to encourage residents to create distance between their living space and points of conflict (e.g.: trains, motor vehicles, creek bed), with the goal of eventually transitioning residents into a safer shelter situation. Resolving these high-risk encampments, and moving people to the expanded OV and other temporary shelters, is the overarching goal that will prevent harm and lead to permanent housing.

29. Identify what controls are or will be in place to ensure that all ERF-2-R funded parties will not penalize homelessness. The term "penalize homelessness" means to impose, by a governmental unit, criminal or civil penalties on persons who are homeless in a manner that is related to those persons' engagement in necessary human activities, including sleeping, resting, and eating. (1000 character limit)

The project's model does NOT include approaches that encourage arrest of individuals for the sole reason of being homeless and engaging in necessary human activities. Conversely, the project's CHAT outreach will include law enforcement representatives to help build trust and establish relationships from initial contact. This will help establish law enforcement as a part of the "team" that is there to help, reinforcing them as a trusted entity. The project seeks to divert homeless individuals from the criminal justice system whenever possible. CHAT outreach will also include City and County representatives who will focus on safety and support, rather than persecution. Prior to the development of CHAT outreach, a liaison officer from the Banning Police Department has been the lone interface with encampment residents, providing outreach, and offering services and shelter coordination.

30. Describe how this proposal considers sanitation services for people residing in the prioritized encampment. This may include but is not limited to non-intrusive, curbside waste removal and access to clean and available bathrooms. (1000 character limit)

In the past, the City has been unsuccessful in attempts to provide sanitation services and waste removal for encampments. Portable toilets and waste receptacles have been vandalized, often to the point of destruction. Dumpsters have proven to be a point of conflict, with individuals rummaging through the contents, and fighting with other residents over possession of the rubbish. As such, the City would prefer to prioritize transition from unsheltered homelessness, encouraging the move to safer, and more sanitary

emergency shelter situations. Emergency shelter options provide restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities to support the sanitary requirements of priority encampment residents.

Accelerated Timeline

31. How is your community currently supporting and / or engaging with people residing within the prioritized encampment? (1000 character limit)

Thus far, engagement with the people residing in the prioritized encampments has been minimal and limited to interactions with Banning Police Department officers, Caltrans officials, and Union Pacific Railroad officials. The City is currently developing the CHAT outreach team and working with FIA-SGP to expand outreach efforts to begin the process of developing relationships with residents of the priority encampments.

Banning’s City Council and City staff have a history of readiness to address the homelessness issues in our area. In September 2019, the City hosted a homelessness summit uniting municipal and non-profit groups for collaboration, and the City conducts a bi-monthly homeless program with law enforcement officers and County staff. Development of OV shows the City’s commitment to innovative solutions to homelessness, and this project embodies the City’s devotion to providing outreach, support services, and quality of life improvements to support the homeless community.

32. If this proposal is selected, in advance of receiving funding, what steps will your community take to support the people living in the encampment and swift implementation of this proposal? (1000 character limit)

The City has already begun implementation of the CHAT outreach, developing a logo, selecting members, beginning collaboration, and scheduling training. FIA-SGP has begun outreach in RE and SCE. Regular visits will help residents become familiar with team members, establishing communication and building trust. This frequent interaction is paramount to the residents’ acceptance of services, and will take time. During this time, CHAT will provide crisis response, as needed. The City will collaborate with project partners to establish relationships that are crucial to achieving the project’s outcomes.

Emergency Solutions Grant-COVID 19 Funds have allowed the City to begin groundwork for implementation of infrastructure improvements at OV, such as electrical and pavement preparation, in advance of receiving ERF-2-R funding, as well as procurement of necessary equipment/supplies. The City is actively recruiting for OV staff positions to support daily operations and resident advocacy.

Table 6: Projected Milestones

Outreach to the people residing in the prioritized encampment site began / will begin in month ____.	This proposal will reach full operating capacity in month ____.	The first planned exit of a person or household from the prioritized encampment will occur in month ____.	The last planned exit of a person or household from the prioritized encampment will occur in month ____.
June 2023	3	3	34

Attachment: Standardized Timeline

ERF Project Timeline_City of Banning_02.23.xlsx

Applicants must use the [ERF-2-R Timeline Template](#) available on box.com

CERTIFICATION

Before certifying, applicants are strongly encouraged to review the NOFA.

I certify that all information included in this Application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name

Doug Schulze

Title

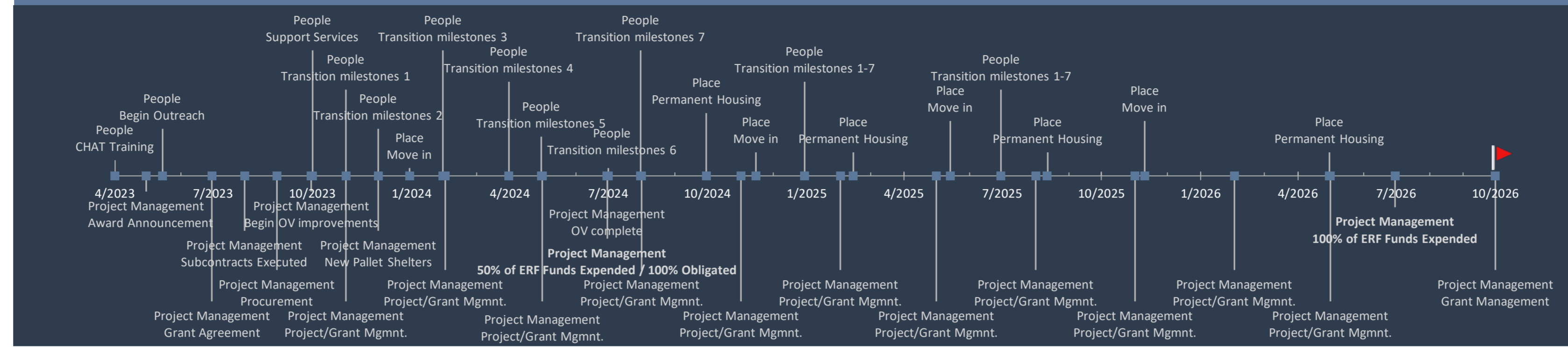
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ERF-2-R Project Timeline

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Project Milestones

Date	Milestone	Category	Vertical Position	Additional Detail for Milestone
4/1/2023	CHAT Training	People	10	Substance Abuse/Mental Health/Trauma trainings to prepare CHAT team for outreach
4/30/2023	Award Announcement	Project Management	-10	Awards announced
5/15/2023	Begin Outreach	People	30	Begin outreach in priority encampments
6/30/2023	Grant Agreement	Project Management	-80	Grant Agreement Executed
7/30/2023	Subcontracts Executed	Project Management	-35	Includes: FIA-SGP support services, installation of security cameras, lighting at OV
8/29/2023	Procurement	Project Management	-60	Procurement of OV improvements - lockers, picnic tables, CoolSeal, shade shelters, sound wall, security cameras
9/30/2023	Begin OV improvements	Project Management	-10	Begin implementation of OV improvements: lighting, security cameras, pavement sealing, amenities
10/1/2023	Support Services	People	80	Priority encampment residents begin to accept support services; needs assessments are completed
11/1/2023	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-80	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
11/1/2023	Transition milestones 1	People	55	1st group Transition milestones 1 achieved - assessment of shelter/housing needs and benefits eligibility
12/1/2023	Transition milestones 2	People	30	1st group Transition milestones 2 achieved - food, medical/mental health/substance abuse screenings/care
12/1/2023	New Pallet Shelters	Project Management	-35	New pallet shelters installed
12/30/2023	Move in	Place	5	10 clients move into new shelters at OV
1/30/2024	Transition milestones 3	People	80	1st group Transition milestones 3 achieved - identification/documentation, continued medical care
2/1/2024	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-60	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
3/31/2024	Transition milestones 4	People	60	1st group Transition milestones 4 achieved - assessment of employment needs/employment training
4/30/2024	Transition milestones 5	People	25	1st group Transition milestones 5 achieved - assessing employment needs/employment training
5/1/2024	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-80	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
6/30/2024	OV complete	Project Management	-15	All OV improvements completed
6/30/2024	50% of ERF Funds Expended / 100% Obligated	Project Management	-40	Statutory Deadline for 50% of ERF funds to be spent and 100% Obligated
7/1/2024	Transition milestones 6	People	5	1st group Transition milestones 6 achieved - bank accounts, income tax returns
7/31/2024	Transition milestones 7	People	80	1st group Transition milestones 7 achieved - trainings (budgeting, life skills, housing preparation)
8/1/2024	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-60	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
9/30/2024	Permanent Housing	Place	40	Rapid Rehousing funds utilized to transfer 5 OV clients to permanent housing - continues throughout project
11/1/2024	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-80	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
11/15/2024	Move in	Place	15	5 new clients move into OV
12/30/2024	Transition milestones 1-7	People	60	Transition milestones 1-7 begin for 2nd group of clients; continues for approximately 6 months
2/1/2025	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-60	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
2/13/2025	Permanent Housing	Place	15	Rapid Rehousing funds utilized to transfer 5 OV clients to permanent housing - continues throughout project
5/1/2025	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-80	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
5/14/2025	Move in	Place	35	5 new clients move into OV
6/30/2025	Transition milestones 1-7	People	55	2nd group Transition milestones 1-7 completed
8/1/2025	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-60	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
8/12/2025	Permanent Housing	Place	15	Rapid Rehousing funds utilized to transfer 5 OV clients to permanent housing - continues throughout project
11/1/2025	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-80	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
11/10/2025	Move in	Place	35	5 new clients move into OV
2/1/2026	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-60	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
4/30/2026	Permanent Housing	Place	15	Last Rapid Rehousing funds utilized to facilitate moves to permanent housing
5/1/2026	Project/Grant Mgmt.	Project Management	-80	Continued project management; grant management/reporting
6/30/2026	100% of ERF Funds Expended	Project Management	-20	Statutory Deadline for 100% of ERF funds to be spent
10/1/2026	Grant Management	Project Management	-60	Final Grant Reporting

PROJECT TIMELINE TIPS

1. Fill in the light blue cells to customize this template with your project's specific milestones.
2. Insert entire rows to the Project Milestones table to add additional milestones.
3. Column B should be a date
3. Column C should be the milestone name- however your team refers to it.
4. Column D provides a dropdown menu with options to help categorize milestones into broad groups. To add an option, go to sheet 1 and add the option in one of the green cells at the bottom of the list.
5. Column E indicates the *Vertical Position* of milestone markers in the Project Milestones table at the top of the sheet. Changing this number allows you to change the vertical position of the milestone relative to the horizontal axis. Use positive numbers to position them above the axis and negative numbers to position them below.
6. Column F is a space to provide additional context, detail, or description for a specific milestone.

		ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORY	<5 WORD DESCRIPTION	NAME OF ENTITY OR PART OF PROPOSAL				ERF-2-R PROPOSED BUDGET	LEVERAGED FISCAL SUPPORT	2 SENTENCE DESCRIPTION
Guidance and Intended Use	<p><i>This budget template may be slightly modified to meet local needs. If awarded funding, this budget, once approved, will serve as your community's official project budget. Any changes to this budget must be authorized through the change request process.</i></p> <p>Principle : Cal ICH should be able to navigate only your submitted budget and understand the general parameters of the proposal and how it may be funded.</p>	Use dropdowns. See NOFA, III. A.	Enables Cal ICH to immediately understand the line item.	Enables Cal ICH to associate the line item with specific entities or parts of a proposal.				Only ERF-2-R Funds	Non ERF-2-R Funds That WILL be Used to Support this Proposal	Enables Cal ICH to better understand the line item, context, and / or other pertinent information related to the proposed line item.
PERSONNEL COSTS					SALARY	FTE	MONTHS			
Subtotal - Personnel Costs								\$ -	\$ -	
NON-PERSONNEL COSTS					UNIT	RATE	TIME			
	Interim Sheltering	Pallet Shelters	Opportunity Village	5	14,448			72,241		5 shelters - amount includes shelter structure; electrical kit w/heater; air conditioner w/install kit; folding bunk bed; custom fit mattress pad; assembly; tax; shipping; + 10% contingency for inflation
	Interim Sheltering	Electric Hookup	Opportunity Village	Hookup for 5 shelters	40,000			40,000		Contracted electric hookup for 5 pallet shelters
	Operating Subsidies	Electricity Service	Opportunity Village	1	568	36 months		20,448		Electricity service for Opportunity Village - \$568/month
	Operating Subsidies	Water/Backflow	Opportunity Village	1	189	36 months		6,804		Water and backflow service Opportunity Village - \$189/month Includes: 5 subscriber radios; 6 NEMA boxes; 6 Radio Pole Mount J-Arms; 6 Switches; 1 Omni Antenna; 1 Radio for Omni; 1 Gig Link to Highsite; Misc. Cable/Hardware; Engineering Design; Installation Labor; + 10% contingency for inflation
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Security Wireless Network	Opportunity Village	Security System				10,419		Verkada CD52-E - network surveillance cameras (5)
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Security Cameras	Opportunity Village	5 cameras	3,405			17,023		22 Gallons of CoolSeal pavement resurface - includes 10% contingency for inflation
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Pavement improvements	Opportunity Village	Gallon	22			23,716		Pavement preparation labor/Bearcat Operation - includes 10% contingency for inflation
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Pavement preparation	Opportunity Village					8,624		
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	LED Lighting	Opportunity Village	LED lighting	17,460			17,460		LED lighting and installation
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Sound Barrier Wall	Opportunity Village	1	390,000			390,000		Acoustifence sound dampening curtain w/appurtenances - includes \$175,000 for fence, an estimated \$50,000 for installation
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Shade Structure	Opportunity Village	1	30,000			50,000		40' x 20' fabric shade structure, poles, attachments
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Picnic Tables	Opportunity Village	5	1,197			5,985		46" Round Expanded Metal Picnic Table - includes shipping + 4.92% discount for bulk quantity - 5 quantity
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Resident Storage Footlockers	Opportunity Village	100	24			2,400		Sterilite plastic footlocker - 32"x18"x14" - 2 per OV resident, 100 quantity
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Resident Storage Padlocks	Opportunity Village	100	8			800		MasterLock combination padlocks for footlocker storage - 2 per OV resident, 100 quantity
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Recreational Equipment - Outdoor Fitness Tower	Opportunity Village	1	403			403		Recreational Exercise Equipment - outdoor multi-use strength training tower
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Recreational Equipment - Outdoor Fitness Strider	Opportunity Village	1	850			850		Recreational Exercise Equipment - outdoor fitness strider
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Recreational Equipment - Outdoor Rubber Mats	Opportunity Village	2	70			140		Recreational Equipment - rubber traction mats for under exercise equipment - 2 quantity
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Recreational Equipment - Tetherball Unit	Opportunity Village	2	136			272		Recreational Equipment - portable tetherball unit - 2 quantity
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Supply shelving	Opportunity Village	2	250			500		Shelving for OV supplies - 2 quantity
	Improvements to Existing Emergency Shelters	Wagons	Opportunity Village	2	125			250		Heavy duty wagons to transport OV supplies - 2 quantity
	Street Outreach	Resource Cards - printing	CHAT Outreach	1	400			400		Printing costs for resource cards to be distributed by CHAT members during encampment outreach
	Delivery of Permanent Housing	Rapid Rehousing funding	Permanent Housing	1	150,000	36 months		150,000	177,794	Funding to expedite transition to permanent housing - credit check fees, rental application fees, rent assistance, deposits, etc.
	Services Coordination	Wraparound Services	CHAT Outreach	2	104,000	12 months		208,000		City has already entered into 1-yr agreement for Faith In Action's services. ERF-2-R funding will support 24 additional months of contracted services for wrap around services includes, but not limited to: obtaining documentation for guests; facilitating 90-day transition plan; determine/facilitate assistance needs, including medical, food, transportation, employment, housing; conducting workshops/trainings; assistance with banking/tax return preparation; reporting.
Subtotal - Non-Personnel Costs								\$ 980,461	224,068	
ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS										
	Administrative Costs	Grant Administration	City of Banning	16	\$ 45.02	36 months			25,932	Grant Administration - includes reporting and invoicing, 16 hrs/month x 36 months
Subtotal - Administrative Costs								\$ -	25,932	
TOTAL BUDGET								\$ 980,461	\$ 250,000	

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CALTRANS DISTRICT 8
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February 28, 2023

To: California Business, Consumer Services, and Housing Agency

Subject: City of Banning Encampment Resolution Funding Letter of Support

To Whom It May Concern:

Caltrans District 8 is supportive of and committed to the City of Banning for their proposal to the Encampment Resolution Funding Program, Round 2, Second Disbursement (ERF-2-R). The City of Banning and partnering agencies have been providing services such as emergency shelter, permanent housing, crisis intervention, medical and mental health support, and other support services to homeless encampments along Interstate 10 for the last 24 months. They are committed to the region and have shown their willingness to partner to improve the accessibility of those most in need by providing housing and other resources.

Caltrans is committed to:

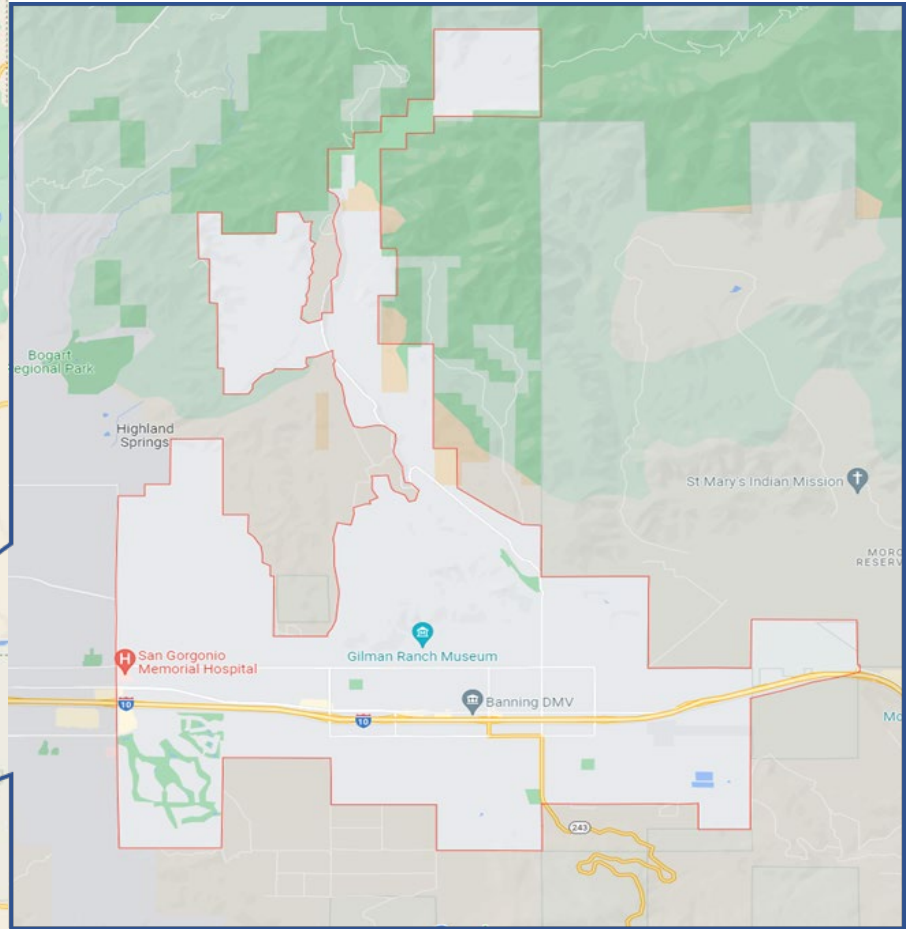
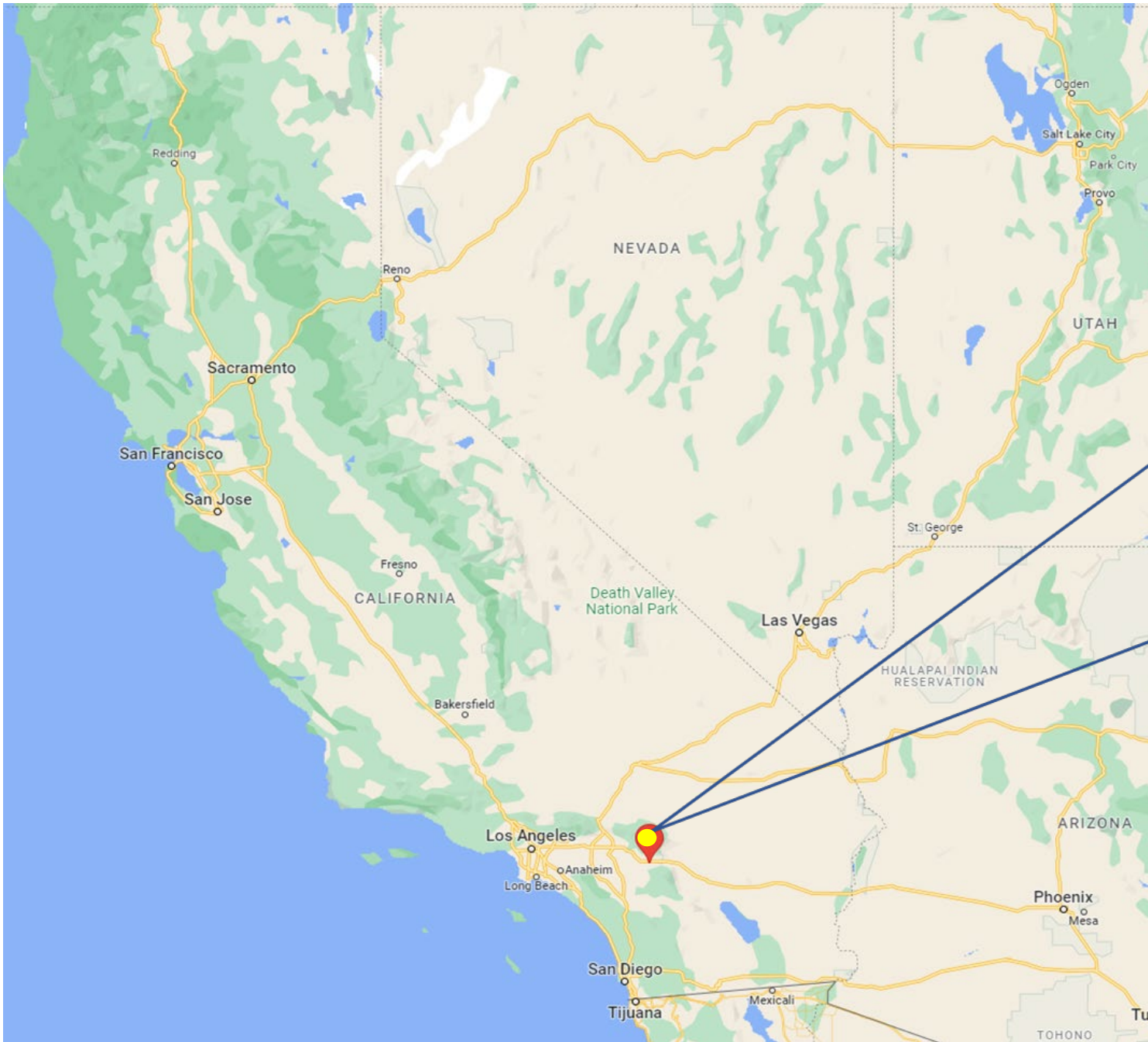
- Providing recommendation/support for funding.
- Providing brief explanation why funding is necessary for homeless encampments along highways in the San Gorgonio Pass and surrounding areas.
- Only taking action on priority encampments in collaboration with the City of Banning and with at least two weeks-notice, unless critical life, health, safety, or infrastructure circumstances exist.

We are eager to be part of the City of Banning partnership so we can strengthen and expand the resources to connect homeless with new opportunities in the community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Rogers', written over a horizontal line.

for Jim Rogers
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Caltrans District 8
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City of Banning





City of Banning Opportunity Village Expansion and CHAT Outreach Project



This project map identifies the locations of the City of Banning's two priority encampments, the Smith Creek Encampment and the Railside Encampment.

The map also identifies the location of Opportunity Village, the City's emergency interim housing village. The project's infrastructure improvements will take place at the Village.



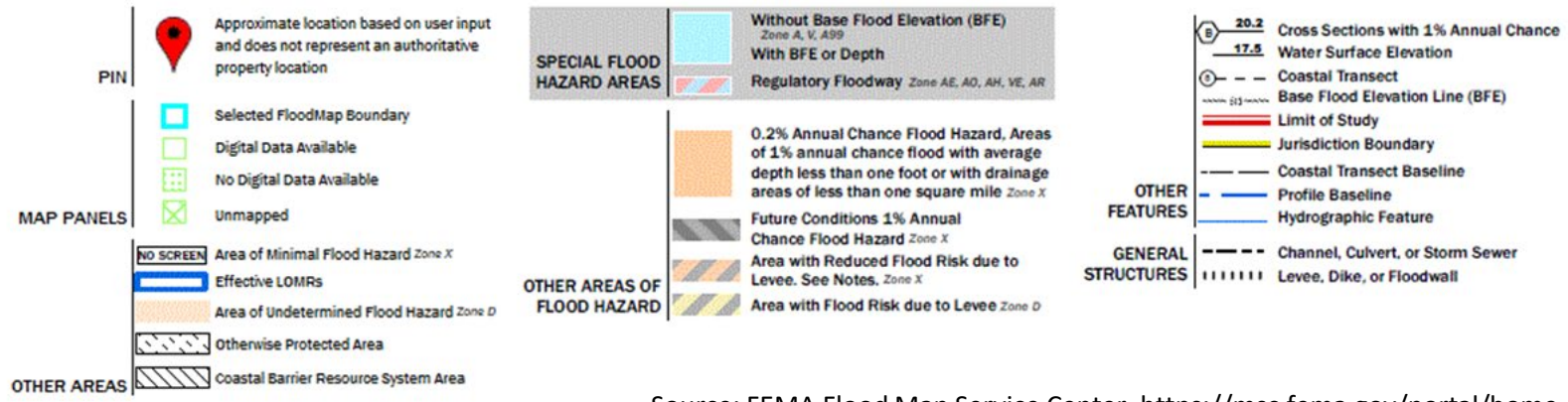
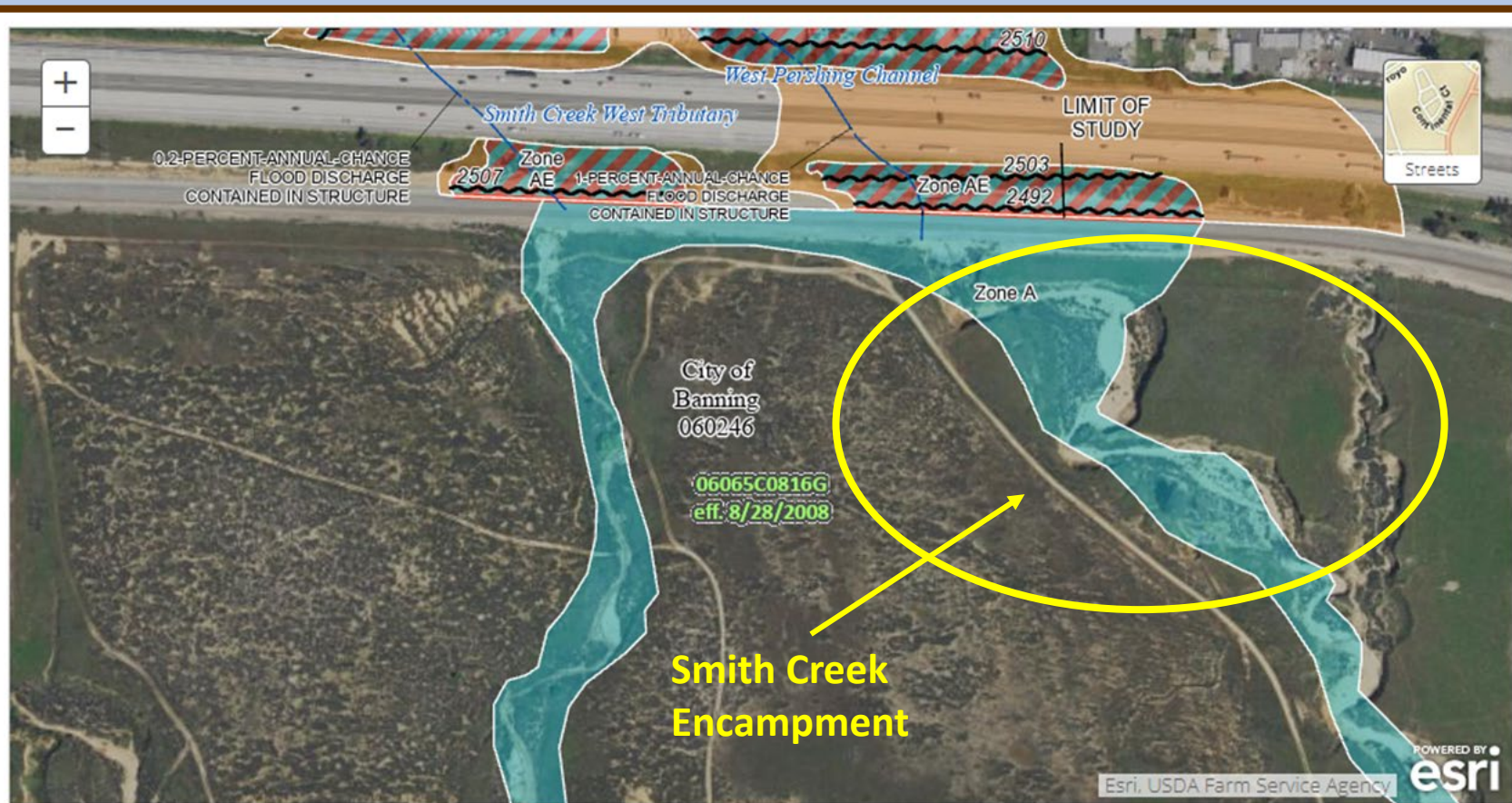
Smith Creek Encampment



Railside Encampment

Smith Creek Encampment

The Smith Creek Encampment is located south of Interstate 10, between Highland Home Road and S. Sunset Avenue. The encampment lies within a FEMA Zone A Special Flood Hazard Area, which is subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event. The location of this encampment not only places the homeless individuals at risk in the event of flooding, it also places emergency responders in jeopardy when rescue is required. The Smith Creek Encampment is extremely widespread, and measures approximately 30,000 square feet.



Source: FEMA Flood Map Service Center, <https://msc.fema.gov/portal/home>



Photo 1 - Creek bed is filled with debris and trash.

Smith Creek Encampment Photos



Photo 2 - Evidence of habitation in Smith Creek spillways adjacent to I-10.

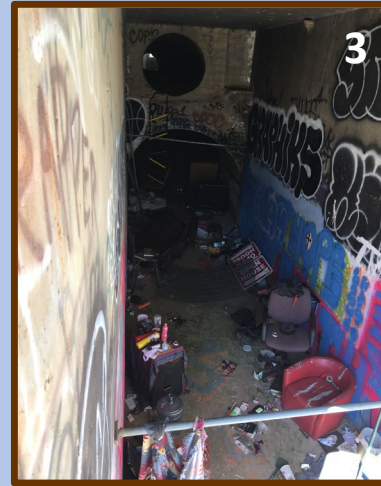


Photo 3 - Individuals living in the Smith Creek waterway, spillways, and culverts face great flood risks in this FEMA Zone A Special Flood Hazard Area.



Photo 4 - Shelters built from abandoned building materials



Photo 5 - Evidence of wildfires, including burnt trees

Photos Source: City of Banning and FIA-SGP



Smith Creek Encampment Photos - continued

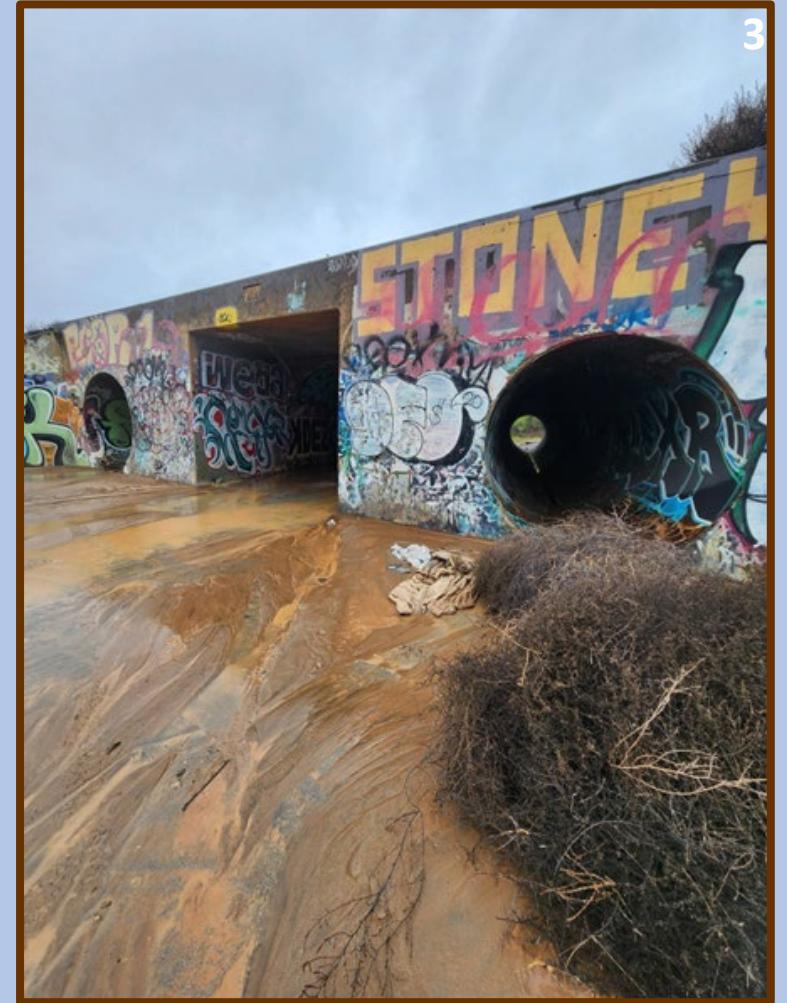


Photo 1: Shelters are built in the creek bed

Photo 2: Tents are scattered across the widely spread, approximately 30,000 square foot encampment.

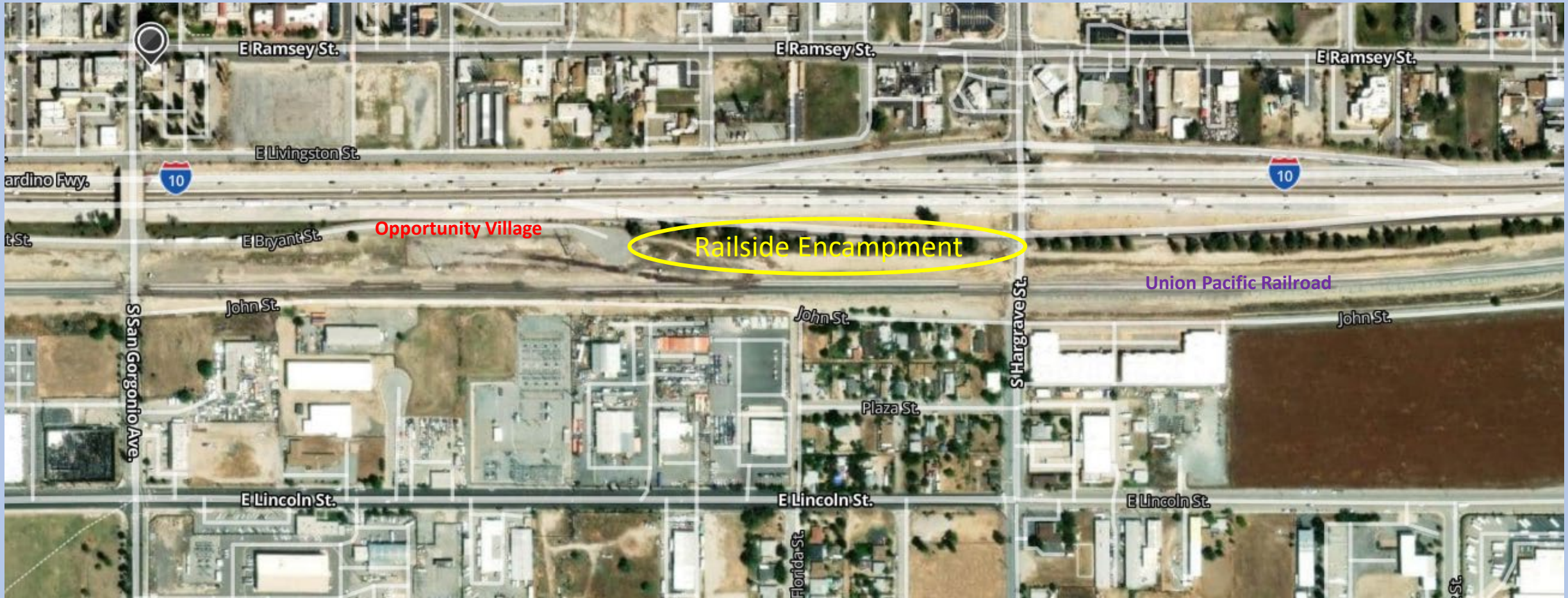
Photo 3: Encampment's proximity to culverts present extreme flood risks. Water from recent rains is evident.

Photo 4: A burned out car and large dumping site in the creek.

Photos: FIA-SGP

Railside Encampment

The Railside Encampment lies east of the City's Opportunity Village emergency interim housing, sandwiched between Interstate 10 to the north, and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the south. The encampment stretches approximately 9,500 square feet. The encampment is located on Caltrans right-of-way and often encroaches on Union Pacific right-of-way, placing encampment residents in rail and vehicular danger.



Railside Encampment Photos



Encampment shelter in Caltrans rights-of-way



Caltrans traffic control devices are being used to construct shelters in rights-of-way



Encampment is immediately adjacent to I-10 on the right, and is utilizing Opportunity Village fence to support shelter



Photos Source: City of Banning



Encampment has tents, debris, trash, and shopping carts.



Photo source: City of Banning

Homeless individuals lined up along I-10 in anticipation of the opening of the Bryant Street Opportunity Village in July 2022.



Photo source: KESQ.com

Interior of pallet shelters

Opportunity Village

Opportunity Village improvements will include the addition of 5 new pallet shelters to increase interim housing by 20%. Other improvements will include a sound barrier wall to reduce dangerous levels of highway noise from nearby Interstate 10, security cameras, improved lighting, and communal area amenities.



Photo source: KESQ.com

Opportunity Village - continued



A Little Free Library was unveiled on 2/15/23 at Opportunity Village. Co-sponsored by the Banning Library and the Morongo Community Outreach, the library will provide free reading material for residents.



OV has multiple picnic tables for residents, with more being provided through the proposed project.



Two trailers (one ADA accessible) provide toilet, shower, and laundry facilities at Opportunity Village. Each trailer has two toilets, a laundry room with two stackable washer and dryer units, and two shower stalls.

