

ERF-3-R, Application

Part 1 (A): ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Application Window

Window #1, 11/3/2023 - 1/31/2024

O Window #2, 2/1/2024 - 4/30/2024

O Window #3, 5/1/2024 - 6/30/2024

Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the application window will be reviewed and evaluated during the following application window. **Note, applications submitted after 5:00 p.m. on 6/30/2024 will not be reviewed.**

Eligible Applicant

Select the eligible applicant's jurisdiction type.

O CoC ⊙ City O County

What is the name of the city or county?

City of San Bernardino

Part 1 (B) Contracting Information

Complete all elements of the below section. This information is required for contracting should this application be chosen for award.

Contractor Information

Contractor Name (the legal entity entering into contract with the State)

City of San Bernardino

What is the Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN # or tax id number) for the contractor?

95-6000772

Tax ID Form

ERF-3 Tax Form.pdf

Governmental entities will need to submit a GovTIN Tax Form, and Non-governmental entities will need to submit a STD 204 Tax Form. Links to each are below:

GovTIN: <u>Taxpayer ID Form (ca.gov)</u>

STD 204: STD 204 - Payee Data Record (ca.gov)

Who is the best contact person for this contract?

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Reaching these limits is not required, however competitive responses will address <u>all parts</u> of each

question asked.

Part 2: PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

Guidance:

In completing this application, applicants must identify the specific encampment that will be prioritized for resolution.

If an applicant proposes to prioritize a large, noncontiguous, or multiple site(s), the encampments may only be addressed through a single application if: (a) the justification for prioritizing the encampments is the same, **and** (b) the demographics and service needs of the residents of the encampments is sufficiently the same that, (c) the same set of services, and service providers, including outreach, interim and permanent housing programs, will be used to resolve the identified people's experience of homelessness in encampments.

Applicant must prepare a separate application for each encampment that does not meet the requirements of (a) - (c).

Proposal Summary

Summarize the proposed Encampment Resolution Fund (ERF) project, including an overview of all key components and/or phases of the project that will be funded in whole or in part with ERF-3-R resources. (1500-character limit)

The City of San Bernardino's ERF project is a targeted initiative designed to provide a pathway to stable housing for 110 unhoused individuals within a 5.2-mile prioritized encampment area along Waterman Avenue. This area encompasses two state right-of-way areas, State Route (SR) 18 and Interstate 210 (I-210), extending into areas such as maintenance tunnels of the I-210 structure, pedestrian passageways, and surrounding neighborhoods. The project will secure permanent housing for 60 individuals and interim housing placements with supportive services that may lead toward permanent housing for 40 unhoused individuals residing within the priority area. The project will provide coordinated access to services designed to promote individual wellness, stability, and success. These include healthcare, employment opportunities, behavioral health support, harm reduction programs, and post-placement case management, integral for the rehabilitation and reintegration of unhoused individuals into the community. In collaboration with various community partners, the City will significantly improve the living conditions and safety of the unhoused individuals in the prioritized area. The project's comprehensive approach is designed not only to address the immediate needs of these individuals but also to create a sustainable and positive impact on the surrounding community, facilitating a successful transition out of homelessness.

People Served

| Number of people currently residing in prioritized encampment site | Potential inflow of people into the prioritized encampment site during the grant term. | | | | |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| 200 | 20 | | | | |
| # | | | | | |
| Of people currently residing in prioritized encampment site, how many will be served by this proposal? | Given the potential for inflow of people into the prioritized encampment site, how many people are projected to be served across the entire | | | | |
| 110 | grant period? | | | | |
| # | <u> </u> | | | | |
| | # | | | | |
| Of people projected to be served across the ent transition into interim housing. | ire grant period, number of people projected to | | | | |
| # | | | | | |
| Of people projected to be served across the ent transition into permanent housing | ire grant period, number of people projected to | | | | |
| 60 | | | | | |

This should include both people who transition directly into permanent housing **and** people who may first transition into interim housing.

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

Encampment Information

1. Briefly describe the characteristics of the people residing within the prioritized encampment site,

including demographics, household compositions, disabilities, and projected service and housing needs. Include how this information was gathered. (1500-character limit)

In December 2023, the City's outreach team counted about 200 people residing within the priority area. According to the 2023 Homeless Count Report, the majority of the residents, roughly 48%, are between the ages of 25 to 44, and about 45% are aged 45 to 64. The health status of these individuals is concerning, where 15.8% report having life-threatening chronic health conditions such as heart, lung, liver, kidney, or cancerous diseases. Alarmingly, nearly half of the surveyed population, 47.5%, meet the HUD definition of chronically homeless. Between 19 and 22% of the unhoused persons are suffering from some type or combination of physical/mental and/or health disabilities, and more than 35% struggle with substance abuse. The encampment household demographics consist of individuals and couples – many of whom have animal companions. Over 37% of the priority encampment population identifies as Hispanic/Latinx, 36% as Caucasian, and 31% identify as Black or African American. Additionally, approximately 67% reported having no monthly income, and 20% reported having a fixed income of under \$1,000 per month.

If this proposal seeks to serve a particular target population, specify and describe.

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)

The priority area stretches about 5.2 miles along the major arterial north-south corridor of Waterman Avenue, including two state right-of-way areas, State Route (SR) 18 and Interstate 210 (I-210), and the East Twin Creek area, which drains into the Santa Ana River Basin, a major regional watershed. The priority area begins at Wildwood Park along SR 18 and traverses I-210 to just south of East Mill St. Tents can be seen along the shoulder of both SR 18 and I-210, where deadly accidents involving unhoused residents have occurred. The encampment area extends into the maintenance tunnels of the I-210 structure and along pedestrian passageways, and surrounding neighborhoods, into cemetery plots, and alleyways. There are self-made pallet homes, shopping carts, tents, and other debris scattered throughout the area, including vehicles, RVs, camper trailers, and free-roaming dogs.

3. Why is this encampment site being prioritized? Applicant should identify any distinguishing needs and/or vulnerabilities of the people living in this encampment and/or any health, safety, or other concerns that led the applicant to prioritize this site over other encampments. (1000-character limit)

There are increasing life-safety and environmental concerns arising from the encampment's location along major transportation routes and the East Twin Creek area. Individuals residing within maintenance tunnels of the I-210 structure and along pedestrian passageways pose a danger to both their own lives and the structural integrity of the freeway. Much of the unhoused population in this area meets the HUD definition of chronically homeless, and many suffer from various physical and mental disabilities, struggle with life-threatening chronic health conditions, and substance abuse while enduring extreme living conditions. Weather in this area ranges from triple-digit heat to below-freezing temperatures. Individuals reside in and along the East Twin Creek, which drains into the Santa Ana River Basin, a major regional watershed, contaminating the area's water supply and potentially impacting the endangered Kangaroo Rat Species, which inhabits a designated sanctuary in the same area.

ERF authorizing legislation requires funding be used for "prioritized" encampments. Applicants must,

therefore, provide a justification for the prioritization of the encampment proposed to be served. Except in very small communities where it may be possible to justify prioritizing all of a small number of encampments for resolution using this fund source, ERF is not intended to be used to fund a community-wide encampment resolution program.

Attachment: Map

Prioritized Encampment Area Map.pdf

The provided map should clearly indicate the area of the prioritized encampment. The map may also indicate the location of other key service, shelter, and housing resources described in this proposal.

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

O No ⊙ Yes - partially O Yes - entirely

Attachment: Caltrans Letter of Support

ERF R3 CalTrans LOS San Bernardino 2024 D8.pdf

Projects entirely or partially on a state right-of-way must include a Letter of Support from Caltrans.

- This letter must include confirmation from Caltrans that they are aware of and in support of the ERF project, including the projected timeline, and that they will only take action on that encampment site in collaboration with and at least 2 weeks-notice to the ERF grantee, unless critical circumstances exist when an encampment poses an imminent threat to life, health, safety, or infrastructure and must be immediately addressed.
- This letter should be signed by the local Caltrans Deputy District Director of Maintenance (DDDM) or their designee.
- This letter may also include Caltrans role in the proposal and what Caltrans resources are being leveraged.

Proposal's Outcomes

- 5. What outcomes does this proposal seek to accomplish by 6/30/2027? Outcomes should be specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART). (1000-character limit)
- 1. By June 30, 2027, provide interim housing assistance to 50 individuals from the targeted encampment area in San Bernardino, ensuring their transition from homelessness to a stable living environment, with progress tracked quarterly.
- 2. Successfully enroll and stabilize 60 individuals in permanent housing through the Rapid-Rehousing program by June 30, 2027, offering rent assistance and case management for up to 6 months, with monthly monitoring of participant retention and lease agreements.
- 3. Establish and operationalize a homelessness support program and quality of life space with the County CES Access Center by December 31, 2025, dedicated to serving the City of San Bernardino's homeless population, with bi-annual evaluations of the program's impact and effectiveness.
- 6. What are the primary activities the applicant will implement to achieve each of the proposal's outcomes? (1000-character limit)

To achieve the proposal's outcomes, the City will implement Rapid Rehousing and leverage relationships with local organizations and motel partners to increase interim shelter availability. The plan includes a commitment from VARP, Inc. of 42 sober living transitional beds per year that includes connections to permanent housing placements. Due to the City's extreme housing shortage, board and care facilities are part of the plan to provide an innovative pathway to permanent housing solutions. Private landlords will be engaged and offered incentives for permanent housing placements. This includes using a Rapid-Rehousing program model with case management with up to 6 months of rental assistance and prevention and diversion best practices to stabilize clients and prevent displacement. Case managers will participate in San Bernardino County's Coordinated Entry System (CES) and use the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Clarity to track housing placements and service engagement.

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

In collaboration with the CES, information will be entered into HMIS. Outreach staff will log information following each VI-SPDAT assessment and subsequent encounters with the residents in the target encampment area. This data will be used to track the program's progress toward both interim and permanent housing placement goals that will be reviewed during weekly case conferencing sessions with service providers to understand the efficacy of the current programmatic approach and determine if any modifications are required. Additionally, periodic visual assessments and the annual Homeless Point in Time (PIT) Count will serve as key metrics to assess the broader impact of the initiative. By comparing the number of unhoused individuals year-over-year, the City can gauge the overall effectiveness of efforts in reducing homelessness in the targeted area.

8. 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)

The City had previously adopted an anti-camping ordinance, however, in facing the challenge of the current housing shortage has chosen to not enforce it. The City acknowledges that enforcement of this ordinance hinders the overall efforts to assist people experiencing homelessness and is instead prioritizing the expansion of housing availability and the enhancement of related services. To accelerate this effort, in early 2023 the City of San Bernardino declared a Homelessness State of Emergency, launched a series of targeted actions to support unhoused individuals. Part of these targeted actions includes collaborating with local organizations and housing providers to increase interim and permanent housing options. Simultaneously, the City is committed to expanding the provision of comprehensive services, such as case management and implementing a prevention and diversion program - crucial for successfully transitioning individuals from homelessness to stable living situations.

9. Does this proposal fund a standalone project, or is the proposed project one component of a larger initiative?

O Standalone O Larger initiative

If it is part of a larger initiative, describe the role and significance of this project in achieving the objectives of the larger initiative. (1000-character limit)

On February 1, 2023, the City of San Bernardino declared a Homelessness State of Emergency. The City has adopted a two-pronged strategy to address the crisis of homelessness in the community by establishing a dedicated Homeless Outreach Team, constructing a new low-barrier, non-congregate Navigation Center, and adding 100 shelter beds in the city through the recent project Homekey award. The activities proposed will be part of this larger, city-wide approach to establish pathways for permanent housing. This project also aligns with the city-wide homeless initiative approved by the City on December 7, 2022 to mitigate homelessness and provide support to encampment residents.

Centering People

10. Describe how the perspectives of people with lived experience of homelessness meaningfully contributed to the content of this proposal? How will people with lived experience be part of the implementation of this ERF project? If individuals living in the encampment site were included in the development of this proposal, describe how their input was obtained and how that input shaped the proposal. (1000-character limit)

The City understands the importance of having people with lived homelessness experience—employed in homeless assistance programs. Because of this, the City's outreach team includes employees with lived homelessness experience, contributing their insight into the specific issues faced and the diverse demographic segments, such as youth, victims of domestic violence, families with children, veterans, and those with health, mental health, or substance abuse issues. This depth of understanding has been crucial in formulating an approach that coordinates resources effectively and considers the best temporary and permanent housing options. Moreover, City leaders and ACLU representatives conducted a listening session with unsheltered individuals in the priority area. The key takeaways from this session—the desire to avoid family separation, the need for non-congregate shelters, the ability to bring pets, and help in accessing services—have significantly influenced this proposal.

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

Recognizing that many individuals with long periods of homelessness and trauma are not immediately ready to engage with available services, the proposal focuses on meeting them where they are, considering their current needs. Importantly, the City does not set sobriety as a precondition for housing. Instead, it employs a harm reduction model, which supports residents in maintaining their housing as they work towards healthier substance use habits. A key aspect of this approach is using interim housing as a transitional step toward securing permanent housing. This acknowledges the complexity of addiction and trauma, offering a compassionate pathway towards stability and recovery. Once housed, individuals are better positioned to access and benefit from various other essential services. This includes mainstream benefits such as Medicaid, food assistance, and SSA/SSI, as well as primary care, outpatient behavioral health, and substance use services.

12. Describe how each of the following service delivery practices are incorporated into the outreach, interim shelter (if applicable), and permanent housing aspects of the proposed ERF project: (a) individual participant choice and (b) trauma informed care. (1000-character limit)

Recognizing the importance of individual autonomy, the proposal is designed around the voice and choice of each participant throughout their engagement in services. This approach is rooted in the awareness that individuals are their own experts and their recovery goals are self-selected. The outreach team will be trained to approach individuals with sensitivity, and that questions asked are necessary and non-repetitive to be respectful of the individual's experience.

The project will implement the use of the VI-SPDAT assessment tool, designed to minimize the potential for re-traumatization, ensuring that assessments are conducted in a manner that is sensitive to the participants' past experiences. Case managers are specifically trained in trauma-informed practices that carefully consider the language used and a conscientious approach to foster a trusting and empathetic relationship with participants that encourages an active role in choosing their long-term housing.

13. Describe how harm reduction principles will be incorporated into the outreach, interim housing (if applicable), and permanent housing aspects of this ERF project. (1000-character limit)

Harm reduction will focus on the unique challenges faced by the target population, including low motivation due to mental health issues, substance use, depression, trauma, and structural barriers, further compounded by a history of difficulties in obtaining or maintaining housing. Throughout the outreach, interim housing, and permanent housing aspects, the project will incorporate motivational interviewing, an evidence-based method, to foster hope and assist individuals in identifying practical, manageable steps toward housing and recovery. Once housed, the City will offer prevention and diversion services for a more compassionate, supportive, and realistic approach that acknowledges the complex realities of the target population. It empowers individuals to align their mindset with housing stability and recovery while respecting their pace and choices and enhancing the overall effectiveness of the project.

14. Describe the services that will be provided to improve people's health, dignity, and safety while they continue to reside within the prioritized encampment site. (1000-character limit)

The project team has established linkages to crucial supportive services. This includes access to mental health care and medical health care to address the physical and psychological health challenges exacerbated by homelessness. Additionally, the team facilitates connections to crisis counseling, domestic violence services, and substance abuse treatment beds, providing support options for immediate crises and long-term challenges. Additionally, the team assists with overcoming barriers to sustainable self-sufficiency and accessing benefits like SSI/SDI, CalWORKs, and Cal Fresh, as well as employment services. Importantly, outreach workers provide vital assistance such as transportation as needed and help with documentation, ensuring that clients can effectively access and utilize the services they choose.

15. Identify what controls are or will be in place to ensure that all ERF-3-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)

Rather than imposing civil or criminal penalties on unhoused individuals engaging in necessary human activities such as sleeping, resting, and eating, particularly those found encroaching on private property, the city plans to offer emergency shelter beds and services at a local motel partner, providing a supportive alternative to punitive measures. In collaboration with PD, the City intends to shift from the traditional criminalization approach to proactively engaging with individuals residing on publicly and privately owned properties within the priority encampment area and respond with housing and supportive service resources. The goal is to address their needs in a constructive and supportive manner rather than through criminalization. To ensure adherence to this non-penalization approach, all ERF-3-R funded partners will communicate frequently and work closely to ensure unhoused individuals are guided towards services and not penalized.

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

The San Bernardino Community Action Partnership (CAP) mobile shower unit is a crucial community resource that offers regular shower facilities to the encampment residents. Other engaged local community organizations contribute to these efforts by offering additional hygiene-related services, including showers, haircuts, hygiene items, and laundry services, available to the residents of the priority encampment on alternating days throughout the week. In addition, the City, through its Public Works Department, currently provides routine encampment waste services twice a week. The continuation of these services throughout the period of performance will prioritize the dignity and health of individuals experiencing homelessness in the encampment and continue the sense of respect and care for the individuals residing there.

Part 3: IMPLEMENTATION

Core Service Delivery and Housing Strategies

17. 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 City of San Bernardino has partnered with Hope the Mission, a Los Angeles County-based organization, to provide a full-time team of eight skilled team members to work with San Bernardino Housing and Homeless staff five days a week. The outreach team's role includes providing transportation services in addition to providing resources such as access to long-term shelter, rehabilitation, access to crisis centers, or help with reconnecting with their families through reunification programs. This proposal will expand these efforts to focus engagement within the priority encampment site. The City has begun dialogues with potential partners, including Lutheran Social Services, the County of San Bernardino Behavioral Health, San Bernardino County Probation, and the San Bernardino County Sheriff Homeless Outreach HOPE team. The City will procure a subcontractor to implement its rapid rehousing model. further expanding the service coordination capacity. A key element is facilitating multi-partner bi-weekly encounters with the unhoused. The Hope to Mission team will be responsible for conducting follow-ups. Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), and HMIS assessments and entries. According to a 2017 Cal State Long Beach research study, an average of 17 encounters are necessary before unhoused individuals accept services. It is anticipated that multiple outreach interactions will be necessary to successfully engage individuals. Once services are accepted by the client, the outreach worker will provide a warm handoff to the case manager, who will connect unhoused persons with appropriate services as needed and guide interim and/or permanent housing placement. This coordinated agency partnership will also provide case management and housing navigation with a case management ratio of 1 to 25, with monthly post-placement follow-ups for up to 6 months.

18. 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)

The CES is a foundational element in ensuring a data-informed, person-centered approach that adheres to Housing First principles. Coordinated Entry will inform the transition of individuals into either interim shelter with clear pathways to permanent housing or directly into permanent housing, according to their needs as mutually determined with the participant. The outreach team and case managers will conduct the VI-SPDAT assessments, informing the housing prioritization process within the CES. This step is critical in ensuring that the most vulnerable individuals receive timely and appropriate attention based on their specific needs and circumstances. The use of the CES's structured approach will guide the achievement of the outcome goals for the proposal. It will facilitate measuring the progress of the project, monitoring the efficient use of limited resources, and expediting the connection of individuals to appropriate and available resources.

19. Describe each of the specific (a) interim housing and (b) permanent housing opportunities that will be used to achieve the proposed outcomes of this ERF project. Demonstrate that any ERF-3-R funded interim housing capacity is either non-congregate or clinically enhanced congregate shelter. (2000-character limit)

The project includes securing 60 permanent housing placements, achieved through strategic partnerships and the provision of rental assistance. These permanent housing options are diverse, consisting of Room and Boards, shared housing, residential facilities, and private landlords to ensure that individuals have access to housing solutions that best suit their specific needs and situations. In addition to the permanent housing solutions, the project will provide at least 50 interim housing placements. The partnership with VARP, Inc., will provide at least 42 clinically enhanced congregate interim housing per year, providing substance use recovery services, access to psychological and medical treatment, linkage to supportive services, and a connection to permanent housing placements. This integration of housing and recovery services is critical for individuals dealing with substance abuse issues, or struggling with psychological challenges, offering them the support needed for long-term housing stability. The City will also incorporate non-congregate interim housing options through existing contracts with three local motels. These interim transitional housing options allow residents to have a safe and private space as they work with their case manager toward securing permanent housing solutions. On January 18, 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development awarded the City of San Bernardino in partnership with Lutheran Social Services nearly \$35 million for the Community Wellness Campus project, new construction that will create 140 modular housing units to serve people who are chronically homeless. This new construction is expected to be completed and ready to shelter individuals by spring 2025 and will also offer supportive services.

20. Demonstrate the applicant's commitment and ability to deliver permanent housing solutions to the people residing in the prioritized encampment, including by providing examples of prior successful efforts to permanently house similarly situated individuals. (2000-character limit)

The City of San Bernardino has successfully delivered permanent housing solutions for unhoused residents for many years. The Outreach and Engagement team has provided various resources and has recently engaged with 154 homeless individuals, providing 8 DMV waivers, 66 hygiene kits, and 148 snack bags, helping build the trust necessary for successful housing transitions. A significant team achievement includes effectively guiding people towards stable and permanent housing solutions by providing financial assistance to individuals and assisting with securing a lease for their own home. To expand these efforts, the City proposes implementing innovative housing solutions using alternative methods such as room and boards, shared housing, and residential facilities. These diverse housing options are unique and viable options that will meet the varied needs of the encampment residents. In addition, the City of San Bernardino is strategically expanding its capacity by procuring an experienced subcontractor to connect at least 60 individuals with permanent housing via private landlords, room and boards and other means. The City will also continue to work closely with the County CES access center to focus on enhancing services and programs specifically for the unhoused population of the priority encampment area. To provide interim housing solutions, VARP, Inc. has committed to setting aside interim shelter for at least 42 individuals, which also serve as clinically enhanced substance use recovery beds. Additional non-congregate interim shelter will be available through existing contracts that the City has with three motels, which will also serve as a bridge to permanent housing for many individuals.

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

In December 2023, the City's outreach team identified approximately 200 individuals residing in the priority area. The 2023 Homeless Count Report reveals that a significant portion of these residents, about 48%, are between the ages of 25 to 44, with another 45% aged 45 to 64. Nearly half, 47.5%, meet the HUD definition of chronically homeless. A concerning 19 to 22% suffer from various physical and mental health disabilities, and over 35% are grappling with substance abuse issues. Notably, 67% reported having no monthly income, with 20% earning under \$1,000 monthly. To address these diverse needs, the outreach and case management teams will offer tailored services through local partnerships, including sober living and substance abuse treatment, behavioral health, and medical care services, available before and during interim or emergency housing placement and continuing as needed after permanent housing placement. Hope the Mission recruits Peer Specialists with lived experience of homelessness who empower unsheltered clients through personalized service plans and assist in identifying suitable housing options. Using these plans, case managers will connect individuals to community programs and services, including job training, health, life skills, family reunification, and housing. Additionally, the street outreach team works collaboratively with various partners to ensure appropriate resources are available to meet the diverse needs of the encampment's residents.

Where applicable, identify the people, data, evidence, and / or other sources of information that was relied upon for this proposal.

Table 1: Projected Living Situations Immediately Following the **Encampment**

For people served who exit the encampment, what are the projected Living Situations Immediately Following the Encampment, including but not limited to, permanent housing, interim sheltering, and unsheltered?

Please provide responses in the table below. Add a row for each projected living situation. (250character limit for each cell)

| 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-3-R? | Is this living situation funded by ERF-3-R and / or Leveraged Funds? | % of Served Persons Projected to Fall Within This Living Situation |
|---|----------------------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Placed into interim housing - motel subcontractor for sheltering immediately following encampment | No Yes/No | 35 units- up to 90 nights | Set-Aside Pri/Set-Aside/Neither | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both | % |

| Placed into interim housing: VARP, Inc/Gibson House - substance use rehabilitation, support services, and linkage to permanent | No Yes/No | 12 male beds and 6 female beds: 42 beds per year - up to 6 months | Set-Aside Pri/Set-Aside/Neither | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both | 35 % |
|--|--------------|---|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|
| housing placement | | | | | |
| piacement | | | | | |
| Placed into | Yes | 60 units - | Prioritized | ERF-3-R | 55 |
| permanent housing: through connections to private landlords and board and care facilities | Yes/No | throughout the proposal | Pri/Set-Aside/Neither | ERF/Lev/Both | % |
| | Yes/No | | Pri/Set-Aside/Neither | ERF/Lev/Both | % |

Table 2: Permanent Housing Opportunities

A permanent housing opportunity is a combination of project and/or service provided to an individual with the goal of helping the individual obtain permanent housing. Of course, applicants cannot and do not need to provide every possible scenario; Cal ICH is looking to understand the primary, expected permanent housing opportunities for people projected to be served by this proposal.

Please provide responses in the table below. Add a row for each projected opportunity. (250-character limit for each cell)

Describe the Permanent Housing Opportunity

Prioritized or SetAside for ERF-3-R?

Prioritized or SetCapacity of the Housing and nded by ERFService Opport unity

Leveraged Funds?

| Persons who enter Interim/emergency housing made available through motel partnerships will be assigned a case manager that will assist with linkage to permanent housing and supportive services as needed. | Set-Aside Pri/Set- Aside/Neither | 35 interim non- congregate motel shelter - 90 nights | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both |
|---|--|---|-------------------------|
| When emergency or interim shelter is not an option for the individual, a case manager and housing navigator will be assigned to link individuals to substance use treatment partner, VARP, Inc. with connection to permanent housing. | Set- Aside Pri/Set- Aside/Neither | 42 substance use treatment beds available per year | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both |
| Placement into permanent housing through connections to private landlords and board and care facilities. | Prioritized Pri/Set- Aside/Neither | 60 units throughout the proposal | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both |
| | Pri/Set- Aside/Neither | | ERF/Lev/Both |

22. Describe strategies the applicant will use to ensure that people are not displaced from the prioritized encampment into another unsheltered location. Include strategies that are in addition to/complement the interim shelter and permanent housing opportunities that are part of this proposal. (1000-character limit)

The outreach team will document all interactions and transitions in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), providing a reliable means to track each individual's journey and ensure they are not lost in the system or displaced to another unsheltered location. Interagency warm hand-offs between the outreach team and case managers will aid in maintaining continuity of care and support. This includes immediate linkage to temporary and emergency shelters such as through motel stays to minimize displacement to another unsheltered location. Outreach teams and partner agencies will work collaboratively to engage with clients, especially in critical situations that may lead to displacement, such as circumstances involving danger or domestic violence. In such cases, clients are quickly placed into emergency shelters, ensuring their safety and preventing them from ending up in another unsheltered situation.

23. Describe specific strategies and/or services the applicant will use to prevent returns to unsheltered homelessness among people from the prioritized encampment who are sheltered and housed through this ERF project. Include whether these strategies will be funded with ERF-3-R funds and, if not, what other resources will be leveraged. (1000-character limit)

Case managers will participate in weekly case conferencing calls to collaborate and share resources to aid individuals who are struggling with the transition to housing. Here, best practices will be shared to provide comprehensive supportive services through existing partnerships throughout the county. Case managers will also conduct follow-ups with housed individuals for 6 months post-placement to apply evidence-based practices like motivational interviewing and trauma-informed care, ensuring that the support provided is effective and sensitive to the individual's experiences and needs. Additionally, case managers will actively work to resolve any issues or complaints that may arise from landlords or housing managers, preserving housing stability wherever possible. To aid these efforts, the City will employ prevention and diversion techniques to support at-risk individuals and prevent the re-entry into unsheltered homelessness.

24. 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)

The City's Street Outreach Team, operating through a multi-agency effort, will effectively use the County's Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and Coordinated Entry System (CES). Using the data from CES and HMIS, project staff can access essential information for relevant services to monitor the inflow of people into the prioritized area. This monitoring prevents duplication of services and facilitates efficient resource connection. For each individual encountered within the geographically served areas, project staff will enter information for data collection, evaluation, and linkage to services. This ensures that every person within the prioritized area is swiftly accounted for and their needs are quickly identified and addressed. Anticipating the encampment's dynamic nature and based on recent previous trends, the City anticipates an inflow of approximately 20 people over the next three years into the prioritized encampment area.

25. Describe how participants in this ERF project will be supported with continued access to, and storage of, their personal property while in the encampment, in interim housing (if applicable), and in permanent housing. (1000-character limit)

Recognizing personal belongings as extensions of oneself and that access to these items can aid in coping with the transition by providing comfort and familiarity, individuals transitioning into interim and permanent housing will have the opportunity to bring or store personal belongings. In cases where assistance is needed with personal items, especially in hoarding situations that could impact health or housing security, counseling services will be offered through County Behavioral Health partners. Importantly, participating in these behavioral health services is not a precondition for obtaining or maintaining housing. Instead, the City centers a housing-first, harm reduction, and supportive housing approach, implemented by case managers who understand the importance of respecting and accommodating participants' needs for personal belongings. Storage bins will be made available at a secured designated location for participants to store their belongings.

26. Describe how participants in this ERF project who have service animals and/or pets will be supported while in the encampment, in interim shelter (if applicable), and in permanent housing. (1000-character limit)

The City is aware of the importance of animals in the lives of many participants and will link participants to pet-friendly housing options as needed. This includes searching for and securing interim shelters and permanent housing that accommodate pets and negotiating with landlords for additional pet deposits/landlord incentives if needed. For situations where participants transition into interim or emergency housing that is not pet-friendly, the city will assist with alternative arrangements for temporary animal boarding for the safe care of pets until participants can secure accommodating permanent housing. Supported by the City Animal Shelter, necessary services such as proper pet licensing and vaccinations will be available at no cost to the participant to ensure pets are healthy and meet all required safety standards.

Budget and Resource Plan

27. State the total amount of ERF-3-R funds requested.

\$4,569,511.00

\$

28. State the estimated dollar value of secured, non-ERF-3-R resources that will help meet this proposal's outcomes.

\$36,613,056.48

\$

29. Identify and describe each leveraged non-ERF-3-R resource and how that specific resource will be used to help meet the proposal's outcomes, including the permanent housing outcomes. (1000-character limit)

Through the California Department of Housing and Community Development's Homekey Grant program, the City has secured \$35 million for the new construction of 140 modular housing units to serve chronically homeless people. Slated for completion in 2025, the project includes linkage to supportive services that enhance access to permanent housing. The City has allocated \$1.5 million in ARPA funds toward outreach efforts for unhoused persons that includes linkage to housing and other existing local support services. Another \$150,000 of ARPA funds have been awarded to Community Action Partnership to operate a mobile shower and laundry service twice per week through May 2024. In December 2023, the City was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program where \$18,333 will be leveraged to provide approximately 37 pet owners from the prioritized encampment area with free veterinary care for their companion animals through December 2024.

Applicants are directed to provide a detailed description of other fund sources, and system capacity, that will be leveraged to achieve the outcomes proposed for the ERF-3-R funded project (especially as it relates to meeting this proposal's permanent housing outcomes) and, if applicable, to sustain the new programming beyond the end of

the grant term.

This includes prior ERF awards, HUD unsheltered NOFO, and other federal, state, and local funding sources.

Applications will be evaluated with the understanding that communities vary significantly with respect to the current availability of other fund sources that can be used as leverage for their proposed projects and to sustain the projects beyond the grant term.

In the absence of currently available resources, Applicants are encouraged to provide a specific plan for obtaining the funding necessary to sustain their project beyond the grant term if the project is intended to continue.

30. Describe how the proposal is a prudent and effective use of requested funding relative to the number of people it seeks to serve, the types of services and housing to be provided, and any benefits to the community's efforts to address homelessness that will extend beyond the grant term, including ongoing expansion of interim and permanent housing capacity. Include an explanation of how the requested ERF-3-R amount was determined. (1000- character limit)

The funding request amount considers the comprehensive scope of services and housing solutions offered. This includes providing extended case management support, rental assistance for 6 months at Fair Market Rate, and the estimated costs associated with pooling resources from multiple agencies for the long-term success of participants. The project creates a pathway to permanent housing for 60 and 40 interim housing placements for unhoused individuals in the priority area, providing evidence-based services that enhance housing retention rates for 110 individuals. These include referrals for substance use recovery, and prevention and diversion services. This is particularly crucial for the complex needs of the chronically homeless, representing nearly half of the population at the priority site. Beyond the grant term, this proposal will be a model for successfully expanding permanent housing options and programs through forged inter-agency partnerships.

Attachment: Standardized Budget

ERF Standardized Budget City of San Bernardino 01.24.xlsx

Applicants must use the <u>ERF-3-R Budget Template</u> available on box.com

Key Entities and Staff

31. First, describe the implementing organization and specific unit or office within the implementing organization that would administer ERF-3-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 of San Bernardino is a general law city governed by a City Council/City Manager form of government. The administration of the ERF-3-R will be managed by the city's Housing Division, with the Housing and Homelessness Team spearheading the implementation. This division has experienced leadership with more than 10 years of experience and has formed relationships with service providers to enhance the area's housing and homeless resource efforts. Tasked with coordinating a Multi-Disciplinary Team, inter-agency coordination, and project implementation, the City will onboard a Homeless Outreach Coordinator (@ 1 FTE) to facilitate collaboration for client needs assessments, identify service gaps, and devise solutions. The City will also recruit 2 FTE Outreach Engagement Officers to conduct outreach, build rapport, collaborate with community partners and facilitate linkage to integrated services. The Grants manager will dedicate 0.15 FTE of their time for grant reporting, monitoring, compliance, and administrative support. In partnership with Hope the Mission, the project will include additional crucial staff to support outreach efforts in the priority encampment area. The City will also competitively procure a qualified subcontractor to implement the rapid rehousing program to ensure the permanent housing placements of 60 persons from the priority encampment area.

Table 3: Key Staff

Identify all staff positions (e.g. administrative, programmatic, development etc.) which are integral to this ERF project and to achieving the proposal's outcomes. For each position include the title, whether the position is filled or vacant, the approximate fulltime equivalent (FTE) of the position dedicated to the ERF project, whether the position is funded through ERF-3-R and/or Leveraged (i.e.non-ER-3-R) funds, and a brief description of the duties. Please provide responses in Table 3 below.

| Title | Currently Filled Position? | FTE of Staffing for This Proposal | Funded by ERF-3-R and / or Leveraged Funds? | Brief Description of Duties |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Homeless Outreach Coordinator | No Yes/No | 1 FTE # FTE | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both | Program Management, Oversight of Homeless Outreach Team, Coordination of the Multi- disciplinary Team, Inter-agency coordination and program implementation. |
| Grants Manager | Yes Yes/No | 0.15 FTE # FTE | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both | Grant reporting, monitoring, compliance, and administrative support. |

| Outreach Engagement Officer | No Yes/No | 2 FTE # FTE | ERF-3-R ERF/Lev/Both | Conduct outreach, build rapport, collaborate with community partners and facilitate linkage to integrative services and resources, provide transportation, and lead the advancement of client housing plans. |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|--|
| | Yes/No | # FTE | ERF/Lev/Both | |
| | Yes/No | # FTE | ERF/Lev/Both | |
| | Yes/No | # FTE | ERF/Lev/Both | |

32. First, describe key partners that will be responsible for implementing this ERF project and achieving the proposal's outcomes (e.g. service providers, public agencies, development entities etc.). 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 implementation of this project involves a collaborative effort among various key partners. Through the RFP process, the City selected Hope the Mission as the lead operator tasked with comprehensive city-wide homeless outreach, including street outreach, engagement, rapid response, housing navigation, tenancy support, and case management. Their expertise in these areas is instrumental for effectively implementing the project. Coordinating the project, the City's Housing Division will work closely with multiple city departments and outside agencies. The City's Public Works department is responsible for bi-weekly encampment waste clean-ups. Keys Non-Profit and LightHouse Social Services will provide referrals for available units. The Department of Aging & Adult Services offers housing leads for seniors and disabled adults. InnROADs, a department of Behavioral Health, will contribute with a mobile mental health unit, providing essential medication and follow-up services. Community Action Partnership and Independent Trinity Church will support participants by providing mobile showers, clothing, and other vital resources. The collective experience managing complex homelessness projects and the diverse resources of these organizations have informed the approach and strategies of this proposal and allowed the City to leverage each partner's strengths for a greater impact.

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

The City has a long-standing relationship with the County of San Bernardino Office of Homeless Services (OHS), the administrative agent for the CoC. This relationship has been instrumental in the collaborative planning of the city's unsheltered service delivery programs, including the ERF project. The City and OHS have worked together on multiple projects, particularly in streamlining data entry into the CES and the HMIS database. The design and implementation of this project have been shaped by collaborative efforts with the CoC and various local jurisdictions. A public stakeholder meeting of the Central Valley Homeless Partnership Committee, a regional division of the County's CoC, was held on January 11, 2023, and allowed public input that has informed this proposal. Representatives from County Behavioral Health, the Housing Authority, the School District, and hospitals, as well as community organizations, were present at this meeting.

Applicants may upload evidence of cross-jurisdictional collaboration such as MOUs, letters of support, or interagency agreements etc. in the field immediately below.

Optional Upload: Evidence of Cross-Jurisdictional Collaboration SB ERF Support Letter.pdf

34. Identify any entities that have a right to and/or control of the property upon which the encampment site resides. Describe how applicant has engaged with these entities and confirm that each of these entities has committed to allowing the implementation of this proposal. (1000-character limit)

The priority encampment site is on property owned by the City of San Bernardino and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The City has been proactive in engaging with Caltrans for the successful implementation of the project to ensure goals and strategies are aligned to address the challenges associated with the encampment site. Caltrans has provided a letter of support for the proposal, outlining their cooperation with the City of San Bernardino in implementing the ERF project.

Accelerated Timeline

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

On February 1, 2023, the City of San Bernardino declared a Homelessness State of Emergency, initiating a series of targeted actions to support unhoused individuals. Following this declaration, the City Council approved a city-wide street outreach services contract with Hope the Mission, which commenced in June 2023. And in December 2023, the City Council approved spending \$3 million to implement a motel voucher program for those experiencing homelessness citywide. Due to the size and complexity of the encampment site, various social service providers and non-profit organizations have also engaged unhoused residents in the prioritized area, albeit on a sporadic basis to offer diverse services and conduct outreach activities. This proposal will enhance the impact of these efforts through a strategic approach of cross-systems collaboration to streamline and coordinate resources provided by different entities, thus increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of the services.

36. 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)

Ahead of receiving ERF, the City will formalize agreements with community partners to solidify each organization's role and responsibilities, work to secure emergency shelter, interim and permanent housing, along with an updated timeline to ensure coordinated and timely actions. The City's recent Homelessness State of Emergency declaration directs the City Manager to prepare an interim ordinance that will, among other things, streamline approval of City-sponsored shelters on private property that may otherwise require zoning approvals. In addition, the City Council's recent approval to provide motel accommodations as interim shelter, coupled with the recent launch of the City's Street Outreach Team, forms a critical part of the early support for people living in the prioritized encampment and swift implementation.

Table 4: Project Timeline

Cal ICH should be able to use the project timeline to understand the general parameters of the project and how it will be implemented.

This Standardized Project Timeline Template will not perfectly capture every nuance - that's Ok. However, applicants are strongly encouraged to provide incremental milestones for achieving the interim shelter and permanent housing goals set out in the proposal. For projects that include interim shelter and/or permanent housing development, the timeline should include major development milestones.

Where there is ambiguity, conflict, or silence, use your judgment.

| Date | Milestone | Category | Additional Detail for Milestone | |
|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------|--|--|
| 5/1/2024 | Award Announcement | Project Management | Execution of Grant Agreement | |
| 5/31/2024 | Formalize Partnership Agreements | Project Management | Formalize partner agreements and outline timeline scope for each | |

| 5/31/2024 | Procure Rapid Rehousing Subcontractor | Project Management | Rapid rehousing subcontractor competitively procured to place 60 clients into permanent housing via room and board and private landlord connections. Includes case management, housing navigation, linkage of clients to supportive services, and timely payments to landlords for rental subsidies. |
|-----------|---|--------------------|--|
| 6/1/2024 | Begin Outreach | People | Outreach to prioritized encampment area, leverage service provider resources. |
| 7/1/2024 | Begin transitioning clients to interim housing | People | Leverage hotel operator contract and Navigation Center |
| 7/1/2024 | Begin housing navigation services | Project Management | Hire housing navigators and begin facilitating connections with local permanent housing providers. |
| 9/1/2024 | Begin transitioning clients into permanent housing placement | People | Transition clients from encampment to interim and permanent housing. |
| 10/1/2024 | Continue outreach, housing navigation, service referrals, and housing placements | People | Ongoing services (through 10/2026) to lead clients into housing and service options. |

| 11/1/2026 | All individuals exited from encampment s | · · | 50 persons placed into interim housing; 60 persons placed into permanent housing. |
|--|--|--|---|
| | | | |
| Answer the following occur approximately 3 | 3-6 months after January 3 | January 31, 2024. Cal ICH | assumes disbursement will (15-character limit for each |
| Outreach to the people residing in the prioritized encampment site began / will begin mm/yyyy. | This proposal will reach full operating capacity in mm/yyyy. | The first planned exit of a person or household from the prioritized encampment will occur in mm/yyyy. | The last planned exit of a person or household from the prioritized encampment will occur in mm/yyyy. |
| June 2024 | August 2024 | October 2024 | November 2026 |
| | licants are <u>strongly encoura</u> | | to the best of my knowledge. |
| Name | | | |
| Mary | | Alvarez-Gomez | |
| First | | Last | |
| This does not have to | be an authorized represer | ntative or signatory. | |
| Title | | | |

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| | | ELIGIBLE USE CATEGORY | ~5 WORD DESCRIPTION | NAME OF ENTITY OR PART OF PROPOSAL | | | | ERF-3-R PROPOSED BUDGET | LEVERAGED FISCAL SUPPORT | ~2 SENTENCE DESCRIPTION |
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| ce i d d | This budget template may be slightly modified to meet local needs. If wearded funding, this budget, once approved, will serve as your communitys | 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 emitties or parts of a proposal. | | | | Only ERF-3-R Funds | Non ERF-3-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 relate the proposed line item. |
| - | PERSONNEL COS | TS | | | SALARY | FTE | MONTHS | | | |
| | | Street Outreach | Outreach Engagement Officer | City of San Bernardino | \$112,000 | 2.00 | 36 | \$672,000 | | Conduct outreach, build rapport, collaborate with community partners and facilitate linkage to integrative services and resources, provide transportation, and lead the advancement of client housing p Program Management, Oversight of Homeless Outreach Team, Coordination of the Multi-disciplinary |
| | | Services Coordination Street Outreach | Homeless Outreach Coordinator Engagement Officer Fringe Benefits 20% Homeless Outreach Coordinator Fringe | City of San Bernardino City of San Bernardino | \$104,000 \$28,000 | 1.00 | 36 | \$312,000 \$84,000 | | Inter-agency coordination and program implementation Fringe Benefits |
| | Subtotal - Personne | Services Coordination | Benefits 20% | City of San Bernardino | \$26,000 | | | \$78,000 \$1,146,000 | | Fringe Benefits |
| | Subtotal - Personne | Costs | | | | | | 31,140,000 | , . | |
| , | NON-PERSONNEL | COSTS | | | UNIT | RATE | TIME | | | |
| - | NOA-PERSONNEL | Cosis | | | UMI | KAIL | HME | | | 12 male beds and 6 female beds (has capacity to serve at least 30 males and 12 females (42 persons) p |
| | | Interim Sheltering | Supportive interim housing | VARP, Inc (Gibson House) | 42 persons | \$2,572 per month | 6 months | \$771,600 | | includes meals, psychological health supportive services, substance use treatment, access to medical tr and connection to permanent housing placements. Hotel as non-congregate shelter - Bridge to Placement Street Care Initiative for immediate placement |
| | | Interim Sheltering | Motel Interim shelter - non-congregate | Motel subcontractor | 35 persons | \$120 per night \$200,000 per | | \$385,000 | | priority encampment site. Rapid rehousing subcontractor competitively procured to place 60 clients into permanent housing via board and private landlord connections. Includes case management, housing navigation, linkage of clience. |
| | | Delivery of Permanent Housing | Rapid Rehousing | Procured subcontractor | l contract 54 one- bedroom | year | | \$600,000 | | supportive services, and timely payments to landlords for rental subsidies. To be paid to landlords. Calculated based on local FMR for a one bedroom unit - includes security de |
| | | Rapid Rehousing | Rental assistance subsidy | Procured subcontractor | housing units | \$1.611 per month | 6 months | \$608.958 | | 6 months of rental assistance subsidies |
| | | Rapid Rehousing | Rental assistance subsidy | Procured subcontractor | 6 two-bedroom housing units | \$2,010 per month 54 units @ \$1.611, and 6 | | \$84,420 | | To be paid to landlords. Calculated based on local FMR for a two bedroom unit - includes security de 6 months of rental assistance subsidies To be paid to landlords. Up to one month's rent, per vacant unit held, based on the number of bedroor current Fair Market Rents (FMR) as an additional landlord incentive for negotiating permanent bousin |
| | | Rapid Rehousing | Landlord incentive Prevention client from returning to | Procured subcontractor | 60 placements | units @ \$2,010 | one-time | \$99,054 | | placements. For early intervention and alternative housing solutions to support at-risk individuals and prevent the re- |
| | | Prevention and Diversion | encampment | VARP, Inc (Gibson House) | 60 persons | \$3,333 per person | 6 months one-time | \$100,000 | | into homelessness Purchase of two SUVs fitted with an orange emergency light bar and a radio communication system is |
| | | Systems Support Street Outreach | SUVs for transportation Street outreach | City of San Bernardino Hope the Mission | 1 contract 100 interim | \$70,000 \$1,500,021.48 | purchase 36 months | \$140,000 | | emergency situations Executed service contract for city-wide street outreach & case management |
| | | Improvements to Existing Emergency Shel | lters Increased shelter capacity by 100 beds | City of San Bernardino/Lutheran Social Services | housing modular units | | 24 months | | \$34,944,702 | Project Homekey Round 3 award. Completion of 100 additional modular units for interim housing by 2025 City awarded ARPA funds to CAPS to provide mobile showers and laundry services to unhoused per |
| | | Services Coordination | Mobile showers and Laundry services | Community Action Partnership (CAPS) | 110 persons | \$150,000 per year | twice per week | \$450,000 | \$150,00 | May 2024. The City is requesting an additional \$450,000 to continue these services through the servi 0 at a cost of \$150.000 ner year. |
| | | | | | | | | | | Grant award from UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program that will be leveraged for the first 12 m the grant performance period (through 12/31/24) to aid pet owners from the priority encampment a veterinary care for their companion animals, including spay and neuter services through a voucher pr |
| 5 | Subtotal - Non-Pers | Services Coordination sonnel Costs | | City of San Bernardino | 110 persons | \$500 per pet | 36 months | \$36,667 \$ 3,275,699.00 | | The City is requesting an additional \$36,667 in ERF-3-R funding for the remaining 24 months. |
| | ADMINISTRATIVE | E COSTS | | | | | | | | |
| | | Administrative Costs Administrative Costs | Grants Management Data Management Software | City of San Bernardino City of San Bernardino | \$131,000 \$80,000 | 0.15 FTE | 36 months 36 months | \$67,812 \$80,000 | | Grant reporting, momitoring, compilance, and administrative support (cost includes annual \$19,656 sa 0.15FTE plus \$2,948 fringe benefits @20% of salary for grants manager) Software for HMIS Data Collection - Includes Software Support Consultant |
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January 22, 2024

Tad Egawa, Acting Secretary Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency 915 Capitol Mall Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Egawa:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 supports the application of the City of San Bernardino to the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH) Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program Round 3.

We recognize the importance of this initiative in addressing the challenges posed by the encampments in areas within the City of San Bernardino and our state highway system including near State Route 210 and Interstate 10. The City's project would provide temporary and permanent housing as well as outreach and engagement to the homeless community, demonstrating the City's commitment to the region.

The City's proposal is aligned with and furthers Caltrans' goal of advancing equity and livability in all communities by providing critical services, including emergency shelter and mental health support to those in need. Furthermore, we commit to only taking action on priority encampments in collaboration with the City and with at least two weeks' notice, unless critical life, health, safety, or infrastructure circumstances exist.

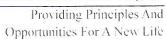
Caltrans supports the City's efforts to strengthen and expand the resources connecting the homeless with new housing and services in the community. Caltrans would like to thank the Cal ICH for its consideration of this Project.

Sincerely,

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Acting Deputy District Director

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January 16, 2024

Meghan Marshall Executive Officer California Interagency Council on Homelessness 500 Capitol Mall, Suite 1850 Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Letter of Support for the Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Project in the City of San Bernardino

Dear Ms. Marshall,

VARP, Inc. is pleased to extend its support for the City of San Bernardino's Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) project, targeting the areas along Waterman Avenue and including East Twin Creek. This letter affirms our understanding and backing of the proposal, recognizing its significance in addressing the immediate needs of some of the City's most vulnerable citizens.

Since 1979, VARP has operated drug and alcohol rehabilitation facilities in San Bernardino, including Gibson House for Men, Gibson House for Women, The Stephen P. Levine Center for Recovery, and more. Our mission is to transform and revitalize our community, by empowering individuals to change their lives. Hundreds of individuals enter our programs each year, referred through our longstanding partnerships with San Bernardino County, Riverside County, GEO (the state agency that refers parolees to post-release services), and others. We see a partnership with the City of San Bernardino on this project as an excellent way to advance our mission and contribute to the community.

We currently have the capacity to house and treat 200 individuals. In addition to safe, clean, and comfortable housing, we have an industrial kitchen capable of serving 3 healthy and tasty meals per day to our population of 200, along with snacks. We also have sufficient laundry facilities, and ample workout areas and exercise equipment. While we offer different programs, most of our consumers receive room, board, bedding, laundry facilities, and access to medical treatment. Many of our consumers come from the street, so we are experienced in meeting the specific needs of this challenging population.

Our support for the City of San Bernardino's project includes the following commitments (which will be more specifically defined in a formal agreement between our organizations):

1. VARP will allocate 12 male beds and 6 female beds to this project, enabling us to serve at least 30 males and 12 females per year with interim housing and associated services.

- 2. In addition to basic services including room, board, bedding, and laundry, VARP will provide additional services specifically required by this population and project, utilizing our pre-existing infrastructure, staff, and programs. These services will include medical screening, inpatient and outpatient medical services, psychological therapy, and employment development.
- 3. VARP will also offer permanent housing placement services, again utilizing our pre-existing infrastructure, staff, and programs. VARP's policy is to never release an individual from our care without a safe and appropriate place for them to live. As such, a vital part of our service to individuals is to work with them on what their living arrangements will be after they leave. We offer long-term housing at a reasonable cost on site, and we have an extensive network of housing options throughout the Inland Empire.

This is a vital project for San Bernardino. We are both committed and eager to partner with the City of San Bernardino in this undertaking, and believe it will significantly improve the quality of life for many of our most disadvantaged residents. With our decades of experience, our capacity, and our expertise, we are ideally equipped to contribute to this noteworthy effort.

Sincerely,

Shelly Mattazaro Executive Director

VARP, Inc.

