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Prohousing Designation: Encampment Template

[Subchapter 6.6 Prohousing Designation Program](#) requires applicants to confirm that its treatment of encampments on public property complies with and will continue to comply with the constitutional rights of persons experiencing homelessness. Please complete this form to demonstrate how the applicant has enacted best practices in their jurisdiction related to the treatment of unhoused individuals camping on public property, consistent with the [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' "7 Principles for Addressing Encampments" \(June 17, 2022\)](#).

Name of Jurisdiction: NEVADA COUNTY

1. Was the Jurisdiction awarded Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program funds (Yes/No)?

If so, indicate the round of funding (i.e., ERF-1, ERF-2-L, ERF-2-R, ERF-3-L, or ERF-3-R), the date the grant was awarded, and attach the approved proposal.

Round of funding: ERF-3-R_____

Date of grant award: April 18, 2024_____

Attachments:

ERF AWARD
ERF Proposal
ERF Supplemental

2. What is the Jurisdiction's role in the Coordinated Entry System (lead, support, etc.)? Max. 100 characters. If applicable, attach any supporting documents.

Nevada County is a board member of the CoC 531 as well as the Joint CoC Collaborative Applicant, the Homeless Resource Council of the Sierras (HRCS). HRCS represents both Placer Co. (CA-515) and Nevada Co. (CA 531). HRCS operates the Coordinated Entry System (CES) and provides HMIS Administration to both Counties. The County partially funds the system and ensures participation in the system as a condition of contracts with community providers who serve people experiencing homelessness. County Staff participate in meetings that work to monitor the system's performance and update outdated policies and procedures as needed.

Attachments:

HRCS Policy and Procedures
HRCS Contract

2-1-1 Contract

3. Does the Jurisdiction receive a direct allocation of federal funds from HUD (Yes/No)? **NO** If so, indicate the type of federal funds, the award amount, and how the federal funds are being utilized to serve the homeless population. Also, attach the jurisdiction's consolidated plan. Max. 100 characters.

Type of federal funds: _____

Award amount: _____

How the federal funds are being utilized:

Each Jurisdiction's response to homelessness is based on the unique needs of the population they serve. Based on these efforts, the [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' 7 Principles for Addressing Encampments](#) provides best practice guidance to support communities as they develop and implement a comprehensive response to encampments. Please provide a response on how the Jurisdiction meets each of the principles noted below. Attach and reference any supporting documentation along with the page numbers accordingly.

- **Principle 1: Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response to Encampments** (Describe how system partners work together. Attach communication and coordination plans. 350 characters max)

Nevada County utilizes multiple cross-agency collaborative meetings to identify and respond to encampments:

- 1) **The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT):** This meeting is a by-monthly, in person meeting that incorporates street outreach providers, Law Enforcements from 3 jurisdictions (Grass Valley, Nevada City, Sherriffs Office) and County Code enforcement. The team works together to identify encampment hot spots, coordinate engagement, and organize delivery of services and mitigation activities directly to encampments.
- 2) **Weekly outreach team case conferencing meetings:** Outreach teams and non-profit providers review encampment by name lists, case management activities and encampment engagement efforts. This team is comprised of case management staff who work together to identify individual client needs, organize delivery of core services, complete housing applications, and review housing and shelter placement plans for identified campers across jurisdictions.
- 3) **Ad hoc special population meetings:** specific meetings for veterans, families and chronically homeless sub populations (Veterans, Families, Chronic). The meetings are comprised of outreach teams and specialty providers who serve specific subpopulations of people who are experiencing homelessness. These teams are organized around special subpopulations who can access specific services reserved for these populations. Staff from multiple agencies come together to review a By Name list of people living unsheltered or who are in other systems (shelter, interim housing) and work to coordinate services aimed at housing placement and other care needs.

Attachment:

Nevada County Joint Strategic Plan, Pages 5-8, 17-18

- **Principle 2: Engage Encampment Residents to Develop Solutions** (Describe street outreach efforts to engage with encampment residents to find alternative shelter, housing, and service options before an existing encampment is closed. 350 characters max)

Street Outreach teams engage campers directly in camps weekly and work with the campers to identify barriers and build case management plans centered on shelter and housing. When a camp is identified and engagement begins, a key role of the street outreach team is to identify leadership and better understand the leadership structure within the camp. Relationships are developed with identified leaders who are enlisted as key informants and communicators of the role and functions of the outreach team. Plans are created that are individualized but also recognize connections between people in the camps. Additionally, the County has enlisted the assistance of the SPIRIT peer empowerment center to coordinate a group of homeless leaders who come together Bi-monthly to identify broader community needs and methods for

incorporating lived experience with services and systems. This group assists outreach teams in contacting encampments and in adjusting service delivery methods based on collective insight into how services have worked or not worked in their experience.

Nevada County works with campers to create individualized plans for alternative shelter placement with the goal of placement within 30 days of engagement. Referral paths that are acceptable to campers are identified and can include non-congregate shelter, congregate shelter, interim or transitional housing, residential treatment and PSH. Each participant's alternative shelter plan is coordinated at the MDT level and with the camper directly. The goal is to complete all needed assessment and referrals, collect all necessary documentation and coordinate placement within 30 days of engagement.

Attachments:

SPIRIT CONTRACT, Pages 11-12

Encampment Strategy Map

- **Principle 3: Conduct Comprehensive and Coordinated Outreach** (Describe multidisciplinary connection strategies and linkages to resources and permanent housing solutions. If applicable, describe how the jurisdiction uses the coordinated entry system to connect individuals to resources and permanent housing. 350 characters max)

When engaging encampments, the first step for Nevada County outreach teams is to verify that the individual campers are in Coordinated Entry. If not, they are provided with a CES entry and Vulnerability Assessment at that time. The forms are collected by outreach workers and uploaded to the CES system. If residents are in the CES, the Vulnerability Score and any other information that has changed is updated in the system. The team works to identify every member of the encampment and uses that information to create By Name List (BNL) specific to that camp. The list is organized by vulnerability, with the most vulnerable at the top of the list. This list is then used at the MDT meetings and is brought to camp leadership to validate that it represents all of the identified campers in that specific encampment area. Case managers then begin the Encampment Strategy Mapping process for each camper identifying barriers to housing, conducting assessments and reviewing mainstream benefit needs (CalFRESH, MediCAL, SSI etc.). After the outreach teams have conducted initial assessments, provided links to benefits the outreach team matches the participant to a housing path and refers the camper to the Landlord Liaison Team (LLT). The LLT then takes the supporting documentation (IDs, Birth Certificates etc) and creates housing plans for each participant and works to complete housing applications, remove barriers, and apply for long term subsidies. The outreach case manager remains connected to the camper and the assigned LLT case manager and initiates resource and support mapping to ensure that, once housed, the participant has the best possible support network to stay housed.

- **Principle 4: Address Basic Needs and Provide Storage** (Describe efforts to meet basic needs, health, safety, and access to storage for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. 350 characters max)

In May of 2025, Nevada County will open a day resources center located in the heart of the Brunswick Basin, an area of the county with the highest concentration of homelessness and encampment activities. The new center will provide for basic needs such as showers, laundry, mail and storage in addition to being a dedicated location for outreach teams and out stationed County and nonprofit providers. The day center will become a centralized

hub and access point for multiple services and will be open Monday through Saturday 8:30am to 5pm. Through a partnership with Public Health, County outreach teams and the day center have access to a variety of health and safety supplies including NarCAN. The day center also has an onsite MAT provider who can connect people who access the center to MAT services and intensive outpatient services.

Attachments:

Commons Resource Center docs – Architectural, Staff Report
County Camping policy doc

- Principle 5: Ensure Access to Shelter or Housing Options** (Include a list of shelter or housing options, such as transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency shelters, etc., within the jurisdiction and/or accessible within nearby communities. Also, indicate the shelter/housing name, address, target population and funding sources applied towards the development(s).)

Shelter/Housing Name	Type	Address	Target Pop	Source
Hospitality House	Shelter	1262 Sutton Way	General Homeless	ESG, HHAP, MHSA, private
Bridge Housing	Transitional	Scattered Site	Chronic, SMI-SUD	DHCS, BHBH
Orchard House	Permanent	13192 Brunswick Road	Chronic, SMI-SUD court involved	CSIG, MHSA
Home Anew	PSH	Scattered Site	Chronic SMI-SUD	HUD PSH, MHSA
Winters Haven	PSH	Scattered Site	Chronic SMI-SUD	HUD PSH, MHSA
Brunswick Commons	PSH	936 Old Tunnel Road	Chronic SMI-SUD	NPLH, PBV, MHSA
Recovery Residence	Transitional	Scattered Site	General Homeless, SUD	MHSA
Sierra Guest House	Permanent	131 Glenwood Avenue	General Homeless	BHCIP, CSS, HHAP, HDAP
Community Beyond Violence	Shelter	DV safe house, location protected	DV	Unknown
Booth Family Center	Shelter	12390 Rough and Ready Hwy	Families	CalWORKS, Private
Empire Mine Courtyards	Permanent	628 South Auburn street	General Homeless, Chronic	Homekey, MHSA, HHAP
Odyssey House	Transitional	950 Maidu Avenue	Chronic SMI-SUD	MediCAL, CDBG
AMI Interim Housing	Transitional	Scattered site	General Homeless	MHSA, HHAP
Grants Per Diem	Transitional	11990 Heritage Oaks, Auburn	Veterans	VA
Ranch House	PSH	16782 State Hwy 49	Chronic SMI-SUD	NPLH, HHAP, MHSA

- Principle 6: Develop Pathways to Permanent Housing and Supports** (Describe Housing First strategies emphasizing low barriers, a harm-reduction model, and services to support people obtaining permanent housing more efficiently. Identify efforts to align federal, state, and local funding/programs to provide clear pathways to permanent housing. 350 characters max)

All of Nevada Counties Shelter and Permanent Housing projects operate on the core principles of Housing First and low barrier access. Hospitality House operates a low barrier shelter and all bridge housing, interim and PSH housing comply with Housing First core principles. Recovery-based transitional housing do require sobriety. Nevada County, through the use of MDT teams that review eligibility and access for all programs pertaining to shelter and housing, seeking to

coordinate access with the goal of eliminating all barriers. Nevada County utilized ERF and BHBH R3 funding to stand up a dedicated Landlord Liaison Team (LLT). The LLT provides centralized staffing and services to Street Outreach teams working to recruit landlords, collect and organize primary documents needed to apply for housing, coordinate applications for long term rental subsidies, provide incentives to landlord to secure leases for people residing in shelter and transitional housing projects and provided flexible funding to cover costs associated with getting vital documents required to secure housing and subsidies (Birth Certificates, IDs). The LLT also has funding to store belongings and provide rental assistance for up to a year while those placed in the housing seek long term state and federal voucher subsidies. A primary goal of the LLT it to coordinate the application process for Housing Choice and VASH vouchers and provide services to landlords to mitigate risks associated with providing housing to people who have barriers such as evictions, criminal history, SUD and MI issues. The LLT also coordinates post housing supports particularly to landlords who can call on the LLT to assist in responding to tenancy issues, lease violations and/or mediation service required to resolve landlord-tenant issues.

Attachments:

BHBH contract
NCHDC Contract
DRAFT LLT

- **Principle 7: Create a Plan for What Will Happen to Encampment Sites After Closure** (Describe plans for former encampment spaces. Include efforts to emphasize safety, accessibility, and inclusivity that improve infrastructure. Example: Communities can include curb cuts to increase mobility access and enhanced lighting to encourage safety. 350 characters max)

Nevada County's ERF awarded proposal included funding for camp clean up activities. The camp mitigation and clean up activities and processes are under development at this time.