

Project Charter: Board Objective: Efforts to Address Homelessness

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BACKGROUND AND PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

In 2018 the Board of Supervisors prioritized efforts to address homelessness, and since that time the County and our partners have made significant strides in increasing resources and services for people experiencing homelessness. Nevada County released our first comprehensive plan to address homelessness in 2020. Subsequently the State required this of all Counties and Continuums of Care (CoCs), so our plan matured into the 2022 joint County/CoC Homeless Action Plan.

Services to address homelessness in Nevada County have become more integrated into core services, and the joint Homeless Action Plan serves as a mechanism to address community-wide gaps in services, coordinate the work of Community Based Organizations and other jurisdictions and more. However, there remain some priority focus areas of the Board of Supervisors that are outside the scope of the Homeless Action Plan and require a separate charter to address. These include extreme weather shelter, and funding to address clean-up of encampments where appropriate.

PROJECT SCOPE AND TIMELINE

This charter is not meant to be duplicative of the joint County/CoC Homeless Action Plan, but rather to advance work that is outside the scope of the plan, but which is a priority for the Board of Supervisors. The specific initiatives are as follows:

- **Provide Winter Shelter at three locations:**

- Nevada City – Already contracted and with an identified location
- North San Juan – Already contracted and with an identified location
- Truckee – Needs a location and operator. The County will lean on the Town of Truckee and the Tahoe/Truckee Homeless Advisory Committee to identify locations and solutions for Truckee.

Timeline:

- Nevada City and North San Juan are already in place.
- The Goal in Truckee is to have options for shelter in place by November 2025

- **Encampment Clean-up in the Brunswick Basin and on county properties:**

- Encampment Resolution Funds have been awarded that include amounts for encampment clean-up in the Brunswick Basin
- To amplify this grant, the Board will consider matching the amount with General Fund so that encampment clean-up can extend to county-owned property outside the Brunswick Basin.
- The grant funds will be expended in conformance with the Grant.

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- If the Board allocates funds to match the grant, HHSA and CDA will coordinate on approach, including contracting for abatement services and updating and utilizing the Homeless Encampment Action Protocol.

High Level Risks and Assumptions:

- Shelter:
 - Weather is unpredictable, with years where shelter is not needed as much, and years when need exceeds resources.
 - Truckee: Lack of appropriately zoned facilities and willing operating partners are not in county control

Communications Plan:

Work with team and PIO on communication and messaging to all stakeholders.

Summary Budget:

Charter Budget Homelessness					
Initiative/Project	Board Workshop \$ (Board Priority Assign. GF)	Costs			Revenue Note
		Other Funded Costs	Unfunde d Costs (e.g. grant or other future opportun ity?)	Total Cost	
Nevada City Shelter	50,000	15,000		65,000	Roll-over funds from light winters not included
North San Juan Shelter	40,000			40,000	Roll-over funds from light winters not included
Truckee Shelter	60,000	60,000		120,000	Roll-over funds from light winters not included
Encampment Clean-up	20,000	20,000		40,000	ERF \$20K plus \$20K GF
TOTAL	\$170,000	\$95,000	\$0	\$265,000	

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WORKGROUP MEMBERS – ROLES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Team Member Name	Department	Roles/Responsibility
Ryan Gruver	HHSA	<i>Executive Direction</i>
Phebe Bell	Behavioral Health	<i>Behavioral Health Director</i>
Brendan Philips	Behavioral Health	<i>ERF Project Manager</i>
Jazmin Breaux	HHSA Truckee	<i>Truckee Project Manager</i>
Rachel Peña	Social Services	<i>Sheltering Project Manager</i>
Trisha Tillotson	CDA	<i>Executive Direction</i>
David Garcia	Public Works	<i>Litter Abatement lead</i>
Ariel Lovett	HHSA	<i>Budget/Financial Manager</i>

HIGH LEVEL REQUIREMENTS:

Nevada City and North San Juan Shelter

- Continued funding

Truckee Shelter

- Continued funding
- Town of Truckee Support
- Appropriately zoned property with a facility that allows for safe provision of homeless shelter
- A provider that is adequately skilled and staffed to operate the program

Major Stakeholders:

- Town of Truckee and their PD – Needed to identify appropriate shelter locations, and in coordinating operations of the shelter, also a funding partner
- Nevada City and their PD – Instrumental in operation of the Nevada City warming shelter, also a funding partner
- Grass Valley and their PD – Instrumental in implementation of the ERF Grant
- Tahoe Forest Hospital – Funding Partner for Truckee shelter
- FREED Center for Independent Living – ERF Grant contracted provider
- Hospitality House – ERF Grant contracted provider
- Nevada County Public Works – partner in clean-up in public roadways
- Nevada County Facilities – Partner in provision shelter at the Nevada City Vets hall
- Sierra Roots – Nevada City Shelter Provider
- North San Juan Community Center – NSJ Shelter Provider

Approved by (Project Sponsor): _____ Date: _____