

## Fresno Madera Lived Experience Advisory Board

August 15, 2023 5-6:30PM

### Meeting Summary

- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. City of Fresno Presentation: Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) – Round 2

The City of Fresno was awarded \$17 million to use from June 14, 2023- June 13-2026 for ERF 2 within a certain encampment area within the City of Fresno. The LEAB asked how the encampment map was identified and Joe said the City had to identify encampment areas as part of the application and the criteria used included things like what parts of the city have recurring encampments, have higher health and safety issues for those in encampments, etc. The City also surveyed unhoused people in encampments to ask what services they would like as part of the ERF Round 2 application and that was included. Services will include Street Outreach and Navigation, Interim Shelter, Housing Stability Case Management, and Tiny Home permanent housing. The LEAB asked what Bridge Housing is and the City clarified it's similar to transitional housing where clients go to get document ready and ready generally for permanent housing.

The City presented their presentation about the shelters that would be funded if they are awarded ERF2:

<https://fresnomaderahomeless.org/s/Encampment-Resolution-Fund-Round-2-Presentation-2023-08-03.pdf>

If the City is awarded ERF Round 2 they will continue to fund the Village of Hope Emergency Shelter, which is currently funded with ERF 1 funding. The LEAB asked how providers are selected to partner with the City on this funding application. The City said they did a Request for Qualifications and Poverello House and others applied and Poverello house was selected. The LEAB requested that at least one LEAB member be on the Panel in the future. The City said there will be an ERF Round 3 NOFO soon and they want community feedback on encampment areas to service and feedback on how the program should be designed that they apply for. Once the NOFO is released the City will let the CoC know if they plan to apply for it and will ask the Community and LEAB to provide feedback in regards to the encampment areas and services. The LEAB expressed concern that \$17M is going to one provider in one area.

III. LEAB Website Bios

LEAB members were reminded to send their bios for posting on the FMCoC website.

IV. FMCoC Zoom Registration for LEAB Meetings

The LEAB was updated that the CoC is getting its own Zoom account that the LEAB can use to host their own meetings rather than rely on Homebase to be the meeting host.

V. Action Item: HUD CoC NOFO LEAB Letter of Support

The LEAB reviewed the HUD CoC NOFO application and the places where HUD is requesting the CoC include information regarding the inclusion of people with lived experience in the CoC. Maya let the LEAB know that the CoC needs a letter from them to apply for the annual renewable HUD CoC NOFO funding in the amount of \$12.5 million. The LEAB will review and approve the letter at the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

VI. Update: CoC Board Meeting with Mayor re: City Ordinance

Alex was not at the meeting so this item was skipped.

VII. Stipend Update

The LEAB was updated that because of the administrative fees associated with stipend of the payment (i.e. postage & certified mailing plus visa gift card fees), the CoC is only issuing payment once a month during this LEAB budget cycle until we can request more funds next year. For August, payments will be mailed on Friday, 8/25 of next week.

VIII. September 5<sup>th</sup> Agenda Items:

- City of Fresno Shower RFP Panel Report Out (Panelist)
- Fresno DSS Benefits Training (Lindsay Harris)
- RH Builders Shelter Policies Matrix (Katie Wilbur)