

Recommendation to Donate Travel Trailers

**Opportunity to Optimize Partnerships to Benefit the
Unhoused Population of Fresno County**

June 6, 2023

Our Purpose Today...



Provide clarification on how we got here



Celebrate and highlight successful collaborations and partnerships



Provide current status and usage of travel trailers



Propose next steps to ensure optimization of resource utilization, benefit and partnerships



Brief History

- **March 2020** – State (Cal OES) identified 28 trailers for the City of Fresno (City)
- **April 2020** – City, via email, redirected the trailers to the County of Fresno (County)
 - 3 Trailers redirected to County of Madera at the request of the County
 - Remaining 25 trailers were directed to County CBOs including the CBOs identified in today's recommendation
 - 1 trailer was stolen from a CBO site
- **May 2022** – County Board approved ARPA Homelessness Initiatives projects (\$6.5M) including the Emergency Housing Project (\$1M)
- **July 2022** – 21 trailers were moved to lot adjacent to Sands Motel (identified Emergency Housing Project location)
 - 3 trailers remained at CBO partnership locations and continue to be used there today

Brief History cont.

- **February 2023** – City informs County that project location will not be approved. County assesses needs at CBO locations that still have trailers with CBO reps
- **March 2023** – County moves 17 trailers to Fresno Fairgrounds for emergency shelter use for storm-related evacuated residents
 - 4 trailers moved to RH Community Builders locations to provide overflow shelter for the unhoused population
- **May 2023** – Board approves reallocation of ARPA funds to Poverello House Kitchen Expansion Project



Highlighting Successful Partnerships

City of Fresno Partnership:

- Successful collaboration to redirect the trailers to the County to optimize their use and benefit to the unhoused populations of Fresno County and Madera County

CBO Partnerships:

- SIX CBOs were quickly identified to partner on the utilization of the trailers
- Trailers were mobilized quickly thanks to existing great partnerships with the CBOs:
- Turning Point, Selma COM, RH Community Builders (Elevate Community Services), Poverello House, Fresno Mission, Fresno EOC

Current Usage Status of Trailers

- 7 are currently being utilized as emergency housing at CBO locations:
 - Fresno Mission, RH Community Builders (Elevate Community Services), Poverello House
- 17 are currently being utilized for emergency shelter for evacuated residents due to flood concerns





What Now?

WHAT?

- Approval of the recommended actions would authorize CAO to enter into donation agreements with 3 CBOs who are currently utilizing trailers for emergency housing


WHEN?

- After the trailers are no longer needed for flood-related emergency shelter (approximately August)

WHY?

- Donating the trailers would preserve the original intent of the ARPA Homelessness Initiatives projects which is to benefit to the unhoused population of Fresno County

WHO?

- Identified CBOs specifically provide supportive and housing services to the unhoused population in Fresno County
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Questions?