

EASTERN SIERRA
CONTINUUM OF CARE
INYO, MONO, ALPINE COUNTIES
CA-530

PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Definition of Continuum of Care (CoC).
- History of Eastern Sierra CoC.
- Description of Homelessness in Alpine, Inyo, and Mono Counties – Point-in-Time Count and HMIS Data.
- Current Resources -- Projects and Programs.
- CoC Planning and Gaps Analysis.
- Regional collaboration.

CONTINUUM OF CARE

- A Continuum of Care (CoC) is the group of stakeholders that carry out homeless service responsibilities for a defined geographic area. ES CoC is Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties.
- Composed of representatives of organizations including: nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons.
- Responsibilities of a CoC include operating the CoC, designating and operating an HMIS, planning for the CoC, and designing and implementing the process associated with applying for CoC Program funds.
- 400 CoCs in US and 44 in California.

EASTERN SIERRA CoC

- Needs assessment by IMACA identified unserved homeless population in community.
- CoC established in 2013 to address shelter and housing needs.
- Membership includes representatives from counties, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and advocates. Seeking person with lived experience to inform stakeholders.
- Funding received from federal and state competitive and non-competitive grants.
- IMACA is the CoC Administrative Entity and Collaborative Applicant.
- Quarterly & Special Meetings; Count and Coordinate Entry Subcommittees

CoC GUIDING PRINCIPALS

- Housing Focused.
- Housing First compliant.
- Informed by people with lived experience.
- Racial equity.
- Strategic use of funds.
- Unified regional response.

HOMELESSNESS IN THE EASTERN SIERRA

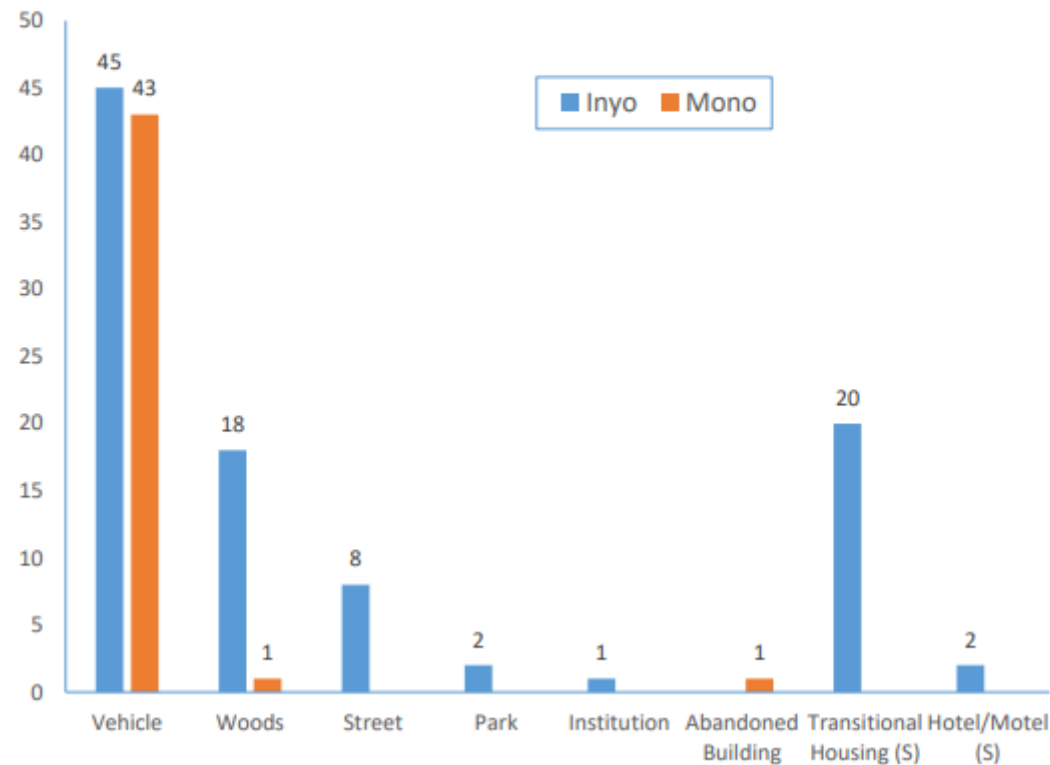
- 2018 Point-in-Time Count of people experiencing homelessness - 157
- 2019 Count – 214 (+36%)
- 2020 -184 (-14%)
- CoC currently planning 2021 Count.

2020 PIT Count Extrapolated Results			
Categories	Inyo	Mono	TOTAL
Total Homeless Count	123	61	184
Sheltered	22	0	22
Unsheltered	101	61	162
Number of Children	17	0	17
Chronically Homeless	26	5	31
First-time Homeless	39	11	50
Veterans	16	0	16
Persons with physical disability	39	8	47
Persons with psychiatric or emotional conditions	46	15	61
Persons fleeing Domestic Violence	19	4	23
Persons in families with Children	27	0	27
Persons sleeping in Vehicles	61	58	119

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2020 Point-in-Time Count of people experiencing homelessness.

Where are the homeless sleeping? (141 responses)



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Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)

SUMMARY OF ALL PROJECTS (OCT 1, 2019 TO SEP 30, 2020)

Total Number of Persons Served	310
Number of Adults	224
Number of Children (under 18)	86
Number of Leavers	273
Number of Stayers	37
Number of Veterans	11
Number of Chronically Homeless	15
Number of Youth (18-25)	19
Number of Parenting Youth with Children	5
Number of Households	190

EXIT DESTINATIONS

Permanent Housing	108	40%
Temporary Destinations (Hotel/Motel, Family, Friends)	112	41%
Institutional Destinations (Hospital, Jail, Psych/substance abuse facilities)	8	3%
Literal Homelessness (Street, Woods, Vehicle, Abandoned Building)	45	16%
Other	0	0%
TOTAL	273	100%

Resources -- CoC Programs and Projects

- Competitive Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program.
 - Street Outreach
 - Emergency Shelter
 - Rapid Rehousing
 - Homelessness Prevention
 - HMIS
- 2018 Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and Homeless Housing, Assistance & Prevention (HHAP) Programs 1 and 2.
- 2018 and 2019 California Emergency Solutions & Housing (CESH) Program.
- COVID-19 Emergency Homeless Funding.
- 2020 Noncompetitive Emergency Solutions Grants – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) 1 & 2.
- Fair and open process to solicit and fund project proposals from ES CoC service providers.
- Counties receive other direct funding allocations for projects and programs.

STRATEGIC PLAN – GAPS ANALYSIS

- Strategic Plan with goals and objectives adopted by CoC in 2019 and revised in 2020.
- Identified goals in Strategic Plan:
 - Increase participation and collaboration in CoC.
 - Crisis housing – no emergency shelters in Eastern Sierra.
 - Hotels/motels.
 - Trailers.
 - Temporary and permanent supportive housing.
 - Transitional housing.
 - Permanent housing.
 - Rent subsidies.
 - Landlord incentives.

REGIONAL COLLABORATION

- Coordinated entry for program participants.
 - All counties.
- HMIS – data collection.
 - All IMACA homeless projects.
- Programs and projects.
 - Birch Creek Condominium Transitional Housing Project in June Lake.
 - Project Roomkey in Inyo and Mono Counties – provide non-congregate shelter for people experiencing homelessness during pandemic.
 - Emergency parking lot on Main Street in Bishop.
- Funding.
 - Request for proposals.
- Rural CoC Peer-to-Peer and NorCal and SoCal CoC Collaboration

