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Hi Angie,

Please see my public comment for the ESCOG meeting below. I'll try and jump on the meeting as well, but no promises! THANK YOU!

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Good morning, members of the Eastern Sierra Council of Governments,

I would like to provide an update regarding the Emergency Rent Assistance Payment Program. Our program currently pays up to \$500 towards a maximum of four rent payments, for households living in Mono County that have experienced a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our program has truly been a success because of our partners and neighbors that have contributed financially. We have received contributions from the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, First 5 Mono, CA Coalition for Rural Housing, and private donations for more than \$600,000. Through our fundraising efforts, MLH has secured more than \$20,000 from individual donors to support this program.

| ALL SOURCES                                   |                |
|---|----------------|
| Town of Mammoth Lakes                         | 200,000        |
| Mono County                                   | 155,000        |
| First 5 Mono                                  | 10,000         |
| CA Coalition for Rural Housing – grant to MLH | 7,500          |
| Town of Mammoth Lakes                         | 100,000        |
| Donations                                     | 23,400         |
| Town of Mammoth Lakes                         | 31,625         |
| Town of Mammoth Lakes CARES/CDBG              | 68,375         |
| Mono County – Behavioral Health               | 12,213         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>603,113</b> |

Our clients are extremely grateful. Here's what some have said:

*"I wish I had appropriate words to express my gratitude to all the people in your organization that came together to help me during this crisis. I hope I can pass it on, pay it forward, and return the outreach and love to others one day. Thank you and warmest regards." "Muchas gracias por la asistencia para pagar renta durante la pandemia."*

To date, we have spent more than \$469,320 on nearly 1,000 rent payments assisting 1,120 local residents, including 124 children under the age of six. This number does not include the 153 landlords that have received checks on behalf of their tenants.

| COMMUNITY IMPACT                 |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Total Spent                      | \$469,320 |
| Total Households Assisted        | 396       |
| Households in Mammoth Lakes      | 359       |
| Households in Mono County        | 37        |
| Total Individuals Assisted       | 1,120     |
| Total Children Under 6 Years Old | 124       |
| Landlords Benefitted             | 153       |
| Total Number of Rent Subsidies   | 955       |

I wanted to share this with you as an example of how we have supported our local residents, landlords, and economy during this incredibly trying time by working together. Our vision continues to be that “communities in the Eastern Sierra thrive because everyone has access to safe, affordable, quality housing.”

In an effort to secure additional funding for this program, MLH has reached out to Oak Valley Community Bank, Albertson’s/Von’s Foundation, Union Bank, and local community philanthropy groups. I hope that your jurisdictions will consider participating in this critical program that helps to prevent homelessness and keeps our communities sustainable for residents to continue to live, work, and play.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [patricia@mammothlakeshousing.org](mailto:patricia@mammothlakeshousing.org).

Thank you,  
Patricia

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