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From: Christina Welch, Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness Chair

To: County Supervisors Kathleen Haff and David Goldemberg

Subject: Developing County Goals with TCCOH support

Supervisors Haff and Goldemberg,

County Staff are currently working on fleshing out the details and benchmarks for the County for the over-arching goals and objectives developed by the Board of Supervisors on February 9 – 11, 2022. The TCCOH has summarized its own tentative goals for the near future that may be helpful for Staff to consider. These goals and proposed actions are intended to help, support and expand Staff efforts in tackling the many facets of homelessness in our area.

Please consider sharing this information with relevant Staff.

TCCOH GOALS				
	TCCOH PROPOSED ACTION	COUNTY STAFF IMPACT	OPPORTUNITY TO EXPAND COUNTY CAPACITY	COMMENTS
Support Establishment of a Navigation Center <i>(Navigation Center: a physical structure in which those who are unsheltered are connected to services and housing assistance.)</i>				
	-Apply for grant funding to contract for a Feasibility Study	Moderate	TCCOH has worked to gather data for study from ATCAA's PIT count; a CDBG grant has been applied for.	-Funding is widely available for planning & development -Many cities offer built examples of this service -Centers are a proven asset in managing homelessness and assisting the unsheltered
	-Draft, advertise, award and administer a contract for a feasibility study	Significant	Minimal	
	Apply for funding for property acquisition for a Navigation Center	Significant	TCCOH can research funding opportunities	
	Draft, advertise, award and administer an acquisition of property, construction of a Navigation Center	Significant	Minimal	
Identify sites with potential to replace Camp Hope for outdoor sheltering <i>(Intent is to establish cost-effective, independently managed, sanctioned outdoor sites for temporary sheltering)</i>				

-TCCOH and County Staff develop criteria to screen County-owned or leased properties to assess for possible use as sanctioned outdoor shelter sites.	Minimal	TCCOH has taken the lead in proposing criteria	With the closure of Camp Hope, unsheltered people have dispersed throughout the County. This effort is intended to identify and establish a site for temporary, safe, clean living, with TCCOH working as much as possible to find and coordinate towards a functioning site.
-Provide list of County-owned or leased properties to be screened	Minimal		
-Engage Community Partners	Negligible	TCCOH to do outreach	
-TCCOH and County Staff determine top sites for consideration & present to the Board of Supervisors for further direction.	Moderate	TCCOH to do as much “leg work” as possible	
-If no County-owned or leased property exists, pursue options to fund the acquisition of appropriate sites thru RFP process.	Significant	County staff will have the lead. TCCOH will be available to do any support work as directed.	

Identify sites with potential to be used in a Safe Parking Program

Use the process of reviewing sites above, with additional criteria if site could be a Safe Parking Program site.	Minimal to moderate.	TCCOH to do as much assessment work as possible.	TCCOH to find outside agency, non-profit or faith-based organization to operate this program.
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Support application for Project Homekey grants as requested by lead County Agency

Support actions as requested by lead County Agency	Significant	We are at your service!! TCCOH may be able to significantly increase staff capacity, as requested.	-Funding is widely available
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Create a 5-year plan of action for Tuolumne County Commission on Homelessness (TCCOH)

Draft and confirm a vision of actions by TCCOH into the near future, with goals and benchmarks.	Negligible	TCCOH will create a blueprint for future work based on the County’s priorities and ability to support.	This plan needs to be well-coordinated with County priorities.
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Mitigate homelessness by collaboratively working with and supporting those entities addressing the need for more affordable housing.

<i>Outline a process</i> to assess opportunities for more affordable housing.	Minimal	TCCOH is researching a process to use to accomplish this task	These actions all involve only outlining a plan to
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<i>Outline a process</i> to review housing planning & permitting policies/procedures to see if changes may alleviate homelessness	Minimal	TCCOH is drafting a process of research by which to accomplish this task	research at this point. If accepted and initiated, the plans would likely involve County staff from minimal to significant, with clear processes and outcomes.
<i>Develop a plan</i> to create a list of “stake-holders” for communication & coordination efforts.	Negligible	TCCOH will draft a process by which to accomplish this task	
<i>Suggest a process</i> to focus on opportunities to expand emergency and transitional shelter beds	Minimal	TCCOH will propose a process that could accomplish this task	

The Commission members are available to respond to any questions and are grateful for any feedback.

With hope for the future,

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