

# Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF-4L) Project Proposal

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# Agenda

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# What is a CoC?

A regional authority established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

It is composed of network of service providers, government agencies, and community organizations.

The purpose of the CoC is to:

1. Promote a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;
2. Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit organization and State and local governments;
3. Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs; and
4. Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

# What is a Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity?

The Collaborative Applicant /Administrative Entity is designated by the CoC to act as it's legal entity.

Since 2018 Merced County Human Services Agency was designated by the County Board of Supervisors to assume the role and responsibilities of the Collaborative Applicant/Administrative Entity.

Our role is distinct and separate from our County Board of Supervisors.

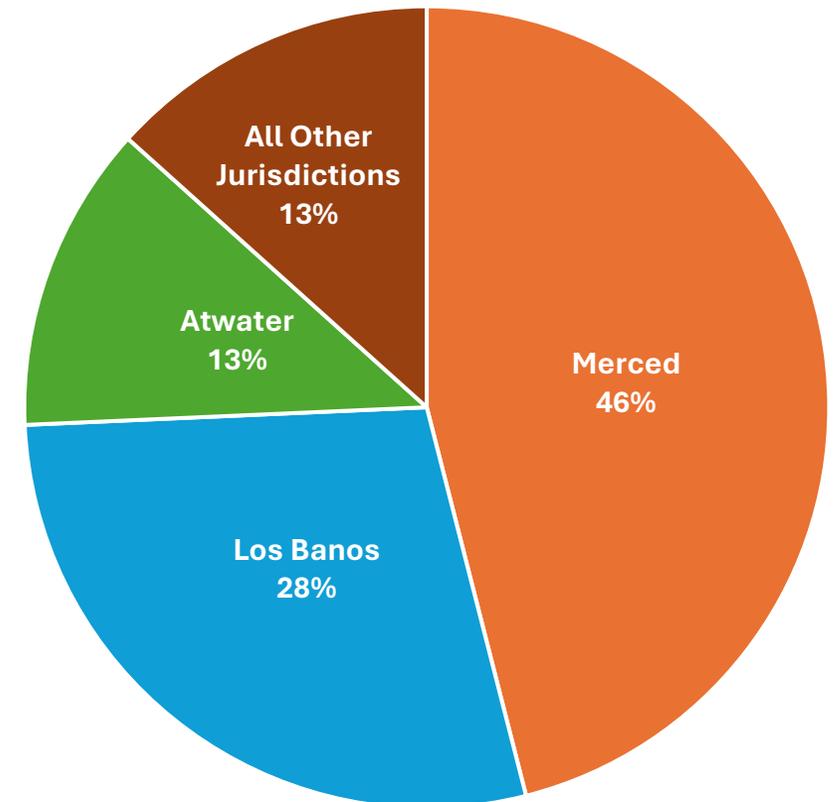
- Funding decisions are made by the CoC Board.
  - HSA as the CA/AE acts as administrative support.
  - Conducts planning activities like the Point-in-Time count.
  - Administers procurement and contract processes.

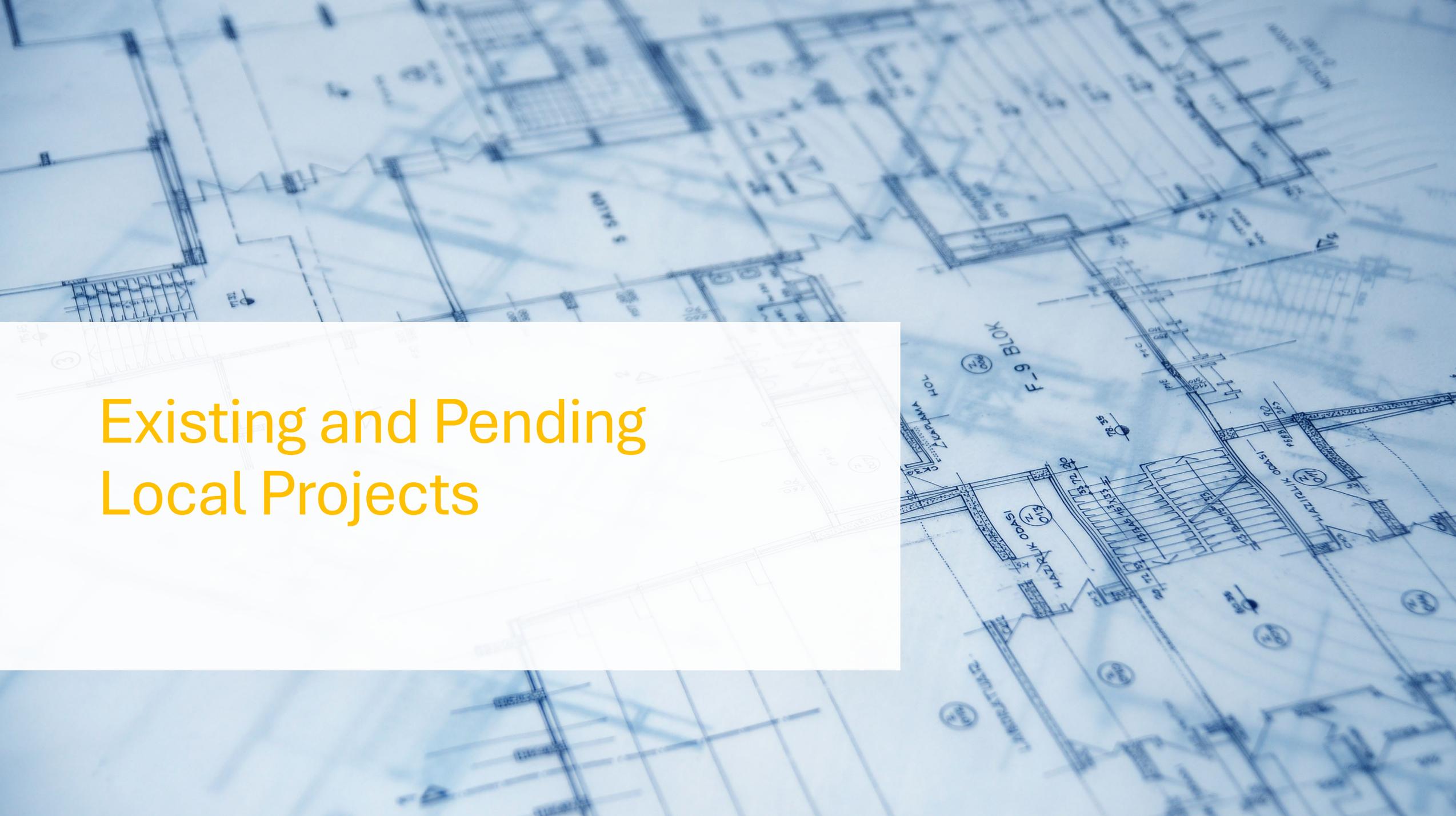


# 2024 Housing and Urban Development Point-in-Time Count Results

The 2024 PIT Count reported a total of 428 unsheltered individuals distributed as follows:

- #1 – City of Merced: 197
- #2 – City of Los Banos: 121
- #3 – City of Atwater: 53
- All Other Jurisdictions with Counts Greater than Zero (Quantity 8): 57



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# Existing and Pending Local Projects

# Merced CoC Homeless Response System

## City of Merced

Emergency Shelter Beds (163)

Permanent Housing Units (124)

Twelve Thirteen: 94

The Retreats: 30

*Pending Permanent Housing Beds (144)*

## City of Los Banos

Emergency Shelter Beds (30)

*Pending Permanent Housing  
beds (55)*

## Unincorporated County

Emergency Shelter Beds (18)

Village of Hope (52)

Permanent Housing Units: 20

Respite Care Beds: 32

*Pending beds (72)*

*-44 Permanent Housing*

*-32 Temporary*

# Why are we here?

1. The CoC is responsible for the entire geographic region of Merced County.
2. The CoC has projects in the City of Merced, City of Los Banos, County of Merced.
3. The City of Atwater has the next highest Point-in-Time Count and in alignment with the purpose of the CoC we actively sought out partnership opportunities here.
4. Opportunity to build meaningful partnership between the CoC and the City of Atwater serving individuals experiencing homelessness to achieve self-sufficiency.



# Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF)



# ERF Overview

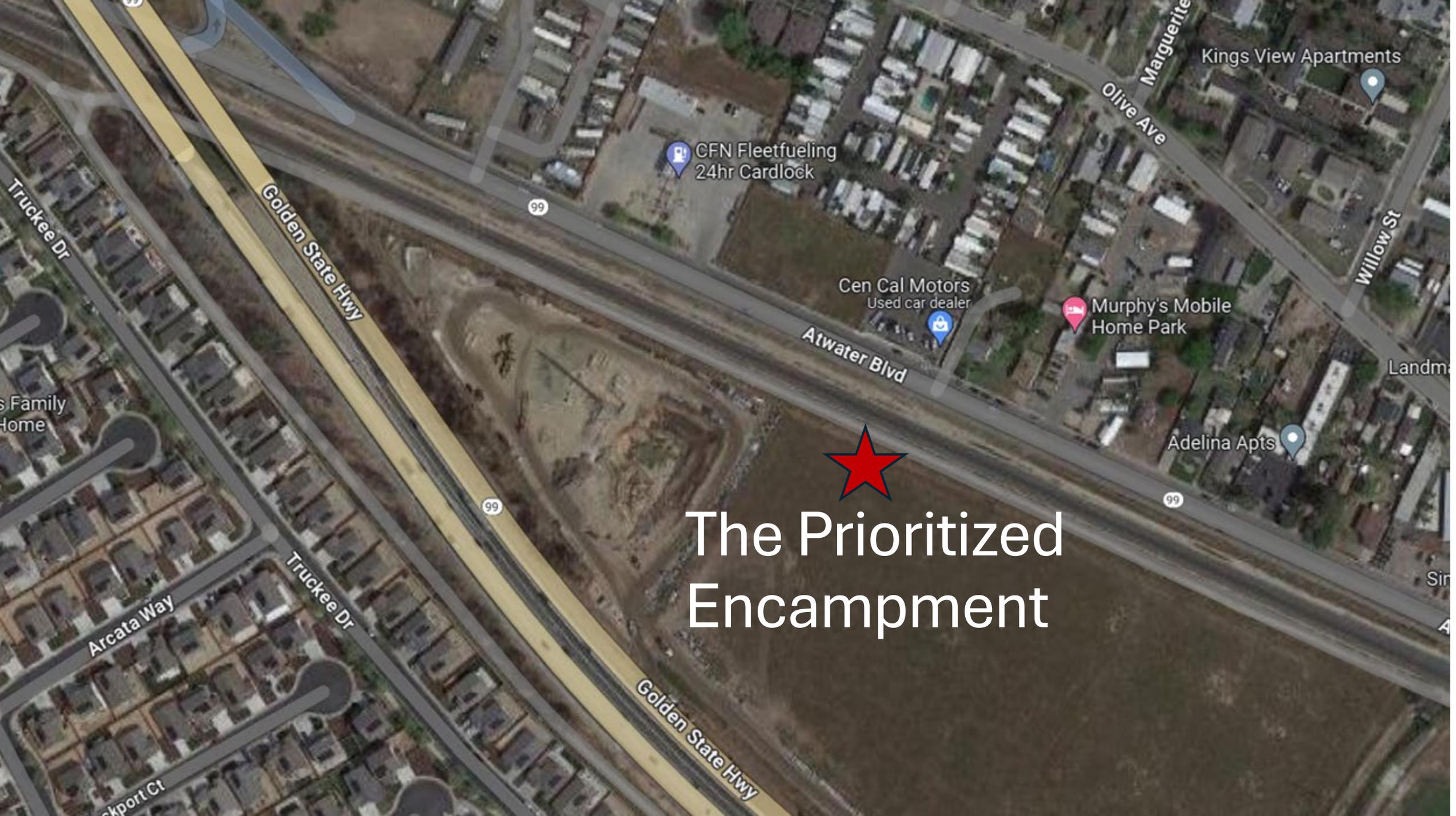
ERF is a four-year grant program with an expenditure deadline of 6/30/2027.

Its objective is to resolve the experience of unsheltered homelessness for people residing in encampments by transitioning them directly into permanent housing or into interim shelter with clear pathways to permanent housing.

\$298 million dollars was available through ERF Round 4 Lookback (ERF-4L).

The CoC was awarded \$3,267,633.60 to resolve homelessness for individuals residing within the prioritized encampment located in the City of Atwater.





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The Prioritized  
Encampment

# ERF Activities

## Proposed Award Budget

ACTIVITY	DESCRIPTION	UNIT	RATE	TIME	APPLICATION BUDGET
Interim Sheltering	Emergency Shelter	27 Units	\$600,000 Per Year	3 Years	\$1,800,000.00
Street Outreach	Engage with individuals in encampments	1 Project	\$70,000 Per Year	3 Years	\$ 210,000.00
Systems Support	Homeless Management Information System	1 Project	\$3,000 Per Year	3 Years	\$ 9,000.00
Rapid Rehousing	Deposit Assistance	27 People	\$3,000 Per Person	One-Time	\$ 81,000.00
Rapid Rehousing	Rent Payments	27 Rooms	\$13,908 Per Person	2 Years	\$751,032.00
Services Coordination	Case Management	Case Manager	\$85,000 Per Year	3 Years	\$253,219.92
Administrative Costs	5 Percent		5 Percent		\$163,381.68
Total					\$3,267,633.60



# Current Steps to Implementation



# Encampment Resolution Partnerships

Caltrans District 10 has committed to collaboration with Merced CoC

1. Provide at least two weeks-notice prior to encampment abatement.
2. Exception for critical circumstances exist.

We are asking the City of Atwater to:

1. Support efforts to locate residents in encampments.
2. Support identifying options and locations for securing housing.
3. Collaborate in sustaining the ERF Program.



# Future Opportunities Possible Sustainability

## **ERF is a limited time pilot program.**

Collaborate in sustaining the ERF Program.

Braiding operational funding sources for sustainment:

1. CalAIM
  - Enhanced Care Management/Community Supports
2. Permanent Local Housing Allocation
  - Formula Distribution
  - Competitive Allocation
3. Community Development Block Grant
4. Proposition One- Homekey+ Program





# Thank you/ Questions

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