

December 22, 2021

To whom it may concern,

Catholic Charities Diocese of Monterey is proud to support the City of Salinas Outreach and Response Team application for the Encampment Resolution Funding. The City of Salinas outreach team has been effectively responsive to the needs of the unhoused residents during the COVID pandemic through outreach, referral, and service coordination. This project represents a collaborative effort to address a multi-layer issue, providing a path from homelessness to stability with a client-centered approach and fostering human dignity.

Catholic Charities is a faith-based-non-profit agency that provides individuals of all backgrounds and beliefs the resources they need to meet their basic needs and strengthen their economic security. The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide service to people in need, advocate for social justice, and call other people of goodwill to do the same.

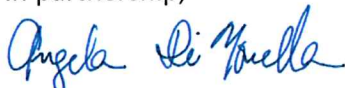
Annually, we serve over 30,000 people in the four central coast counties of Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito, and San Luis Obispo through the core services: Rental & Household Financial Assistance, MediCal and CalFresh application assistance, Nutrition Education, Tattoo Removal, Disaster Relief, and Immigration and Citizenship. We assist individuals and families with essential resources, educational training, and connections to community programs to meet their basic needs.

We are honored to support and partner with the City of Salinas to provide a path to stability and safe housing for the unsheltered residents living in the riverbanks identified in this application. This project includes best practices such as, housing first, trauma informed care and coordinated wraparound services.

Catholic Charities will collaborate with the City of Salinas and partner agencies to assist clients with Immigration and Citizenship services, as well as providing access to health care and food through programs such as MediCal and CalFresh enrollment. Our agency will assist clients in compiling, obtaining and completing documentation to apply to community programs and immigration remedies. Our staff will support clients with the complex network of immigration services and documentation, working closely with our Immigration Attorney and Department of Justice Immigration Case Specialist.

We believe that the collaborative nature of this project will successfully address a myriad of needs for the unsheltered residents and our community, providing a path to stable and safe housing. Therefore, we fully support this application.

In partnership,



Angela Di Novella, MSW
Executive Director

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December 21, 2021

RE: Encampment Resolution Funding Letter for the City of Salinas

To Whom This May Concern:

As the Continuum of Care lead agency, the Coalition of Homeless Services Providers (CHSP) is pleased to support the pursuit of the Encampment Resolution Funding by the local ESG Recipient, the City of Salinas (City).

The City and CHSP have partnered on many efforts to address the complex issues surrounding homelessness, and since the announcement of this demonstration program opportunity, we have coordinated a masterful collection of service providers and government agencies to resolve the encampment along the two creeks that meet within the target area. This encampment raises concerns for our community, particularly around the volume of trash and other bio-hazardous materials feeding into the Monterey Bay Marine Sanctuary and the hard to serve population residing at the encampment (approx. 50% are undocumented). Our collaborative has been actively seeking compassionate ways to serve those living in such conditions and we believe we have identified a model that demonstrates exactly that, which includes citizenship, housing and employment services.

Should you require any further discussion with the Continuum of Care regarding the feasibility of the proposed demonstration project, please feel free to contact me directly at rwilson@chsp.org. We thank the State of California for all of your support in addressing and ending homelessness in our precious community.

With gratitude,



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California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council
Encampment Resolution Funding Program
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Subject: The City of Salinas' Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Grant Proposal for the Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council (HCFC) Program Request for Applications

Dear Members of the HCFC ERF Grant Review Committee,

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) fully supports the demonstration project of the City of Salinas' ERF grant proposal and urges your approval of funding at the full amount requested in their submission to the HCFC Program RFA. Time is of the essence to have this local demonstration project to enhance collaboration and service strategies to help people experiencing homelessness.

We have directly supported the City of Salinas' work to date in developing this proposal and are committed to seeing it done, as encampments in the demonstration area and along waterways pose concerns related to public health, safety and environmental hazards. The MCWRA has been collaborating with the City of Salinas and other agencies to develop complementary programs in/on/along the Reclamation Ditch and its tributaries including Gabilan Creek. We have recently responded to countless demands from the public to address the impact of the encampments in the MCWRA's Zone 9 Reclamation Ditch area.

The MCWRA manages, protects and enhances the quantity and quality of water and provides flood control services for Monterey County, including the City of Salinas. The MCWRA is especially concerned that these demonstration projects continue on a large scale because of the growing density of homelessness in/on/along waterways and the increasing likelihood of flooding and suffering that could be caused as a result. This concern is heightened with the understanding that the required capacity of flood control systems over time would be less efficient if not properly flowing due to encampment related impacts.

The MCWRA has funds in place and has successfully conducted work in and near the demonstration project area since 1967. Both the MCWRA and the City of Salinas have the trust and confidence of adjacent landowners. We have worked diligently with all agencies with authority to develop and implement a demonstration project that will improve the services to people experiencing homelessness while reducing impacts to the community at large.

This work needs to be carried forward on a substantial scale. We need the investment of the California Homeless Coordinating and Financing Council to continue this work on the scale necessary to complete it in the most timely and cost-effective manner for the benefit of targeted individuals, waterway lands and operations, and our local community.

Please fund this proposal, and do not hesitate to contact me about any questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Krafft', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Elizabeth Krafft
Deputy General Manager