

Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) 2019-2023

302(c)(4) Plan

Eligible Applicant Type	Entitlement
Local Government Recipient of PLHA Formula Allocation:	Kern County
Approximate PLHA Formula Allocation Amount	\$2,160,344
Approximate PLHA Formula Five-Year Allocation Amount	\$12,962,064

§302(c)(4)(A) Describe the manner in which allocated funds will be used for eligible activities.

The County of Kern is constructing a low barrier navigation center set to open beginning of May 2020. The site consists of two modular buildings (Sprung) that accommodate 150 individuals to sleep overnight in one building. The second modular provides Admin space including office space, exam room, break room, staff restrooms, warming kitchen, laundry room, and dining space. Services provided include pet services, storage space, restrooms, showers, Behavioral health, and medical care, connection to Human Services, Job training, and Housing Navigation. Construction began in November 2019 following the declaration of a shelter crisis as an emergency project on existing County property made ready for construction in less than 30 days. Similar to other jurisdictions with their local Community Action Partnership agency (SLO and Merced), the Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) was chosen and approved as the operator of Kern County's first low barrier navigation center. CAPK operates a kitchen for the local head start program, serves at the Coordinated Entry lead agency for Kern County, and has the capacity for this project.

§302(c)(4)(B) Provide a description of the way the Local government will prioritize investments that increase the supply of housing for households with incomes at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).

The low barrier navigation center will be occupied by homeless individuals through walk-ins, homeless outreach referrals, and law enforcement referrals. Kern County's Housing Element for 2015-2023 states that Extremely low-income households, 0%-30% AMI, is typically comprised of persons with special housing needs including those experiencing homelessness. The focus will be on extremely low-income households to help those at or below 30% AMI achieve stability and transition into the ultimate goal of permanent housing.

§302(c)(4)(C) Provide a description of how the Plan is consistent with the programs set forth in the Local Government's Housing Element.

Kern County's Housing Element and 2019 APR includes the County's low barrier navigation center as progress on Goal 5- Program 5.1.2 which assists in distributing information on emergency shelter options. Program 5.1.6 includes utilizing the Continuum of Care to identify homeless needs and direct funds toward projects that address those needs. The Continuum of Care indicated the barriers that exist in housing the majority of the unsheltered population and the lack of beds that exist. Kern County intends to use 100% of the funds for the construction

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and operation of the first low barrier navigation center in the County which will assist the unsheltered homeless population and transition this population into permanent housing.

§302(c)(4)(E)(i) Provide a description of how allocated funds will be used for the proposed Activity.

100% of the allocated PLHA funds will be used to construct and operate the low barrier navigation center that holds a capacity of 150 individuals overnight and provides daily drop in services. This project is a collaboration with local service providers and County departments to provide the necessary and impactful wraparound services.

Proposed PLHA Activity for 2019-2023 302(c)(4)(E)(i-iv)					
Funding Allocation Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Type of Activity for Persons Experiencing or At Risk of Homelessness	Navigation Centers	Navigation Centers	Navigation Centers	Navigation Centers	Navigation Centers
§302(c)(4)(E)(i) Percentage of Funds Allocated for the Proposed Activity	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
§302(c)(4)(E)(ii) Area Median Income Level Served	30%	30%	30%	30%	30%
§302(c)(4)(E)(ii) Unmet share of the RHNA at AMI Level	1018	1018	1019	1019	1019
§302(c)(4)(E)(ii) Projected Number of Households Served	100	150	100	100	100
§302(c)(4)(E)(iv) Period of Affordability for the Proposed Activity (55 years required for rental housing projects)	10	10	10	10	10

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§302(c)(4)(E)(iii) A description of major steps/actions and a proposed schedule for the implementation and completion of the Activity.

September 10, 2019- Board of Supervisor's approval of county-owned property for development of a low barrier navigation center and CEQA exemption.

October 29, 2019 - Declaration of Shelter Crisis/Established Emergency Project/Approved proposed Operational and Funding Framework for Construction and Operation.

November 2019-April 2020 Construction and meeting with local homeless service providers weekly for operational structure.

December 17, 2019- selection of Community Action Partnership of Kern as Sole Source Provider to serve as operator of the navigation center.

January 14, 2020 - Completion of operation agreement with CAPK approved by Board of Supervisors.

January-March 2020 Refinement of on-site service providers scope of work.

November 2019-March 2020 Final Development of Operation Policies and Procedures.
January-April 2020 - recruitment and selection of navigation center staff.

Late April 2020- Completion of Construction & Operator Move-in.

May 2020- Begin Operation abiding by COVID-19 policies.

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

In the matter of:

Resolution No. _____

**AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION FOR
PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING
ALLOCATION PLAN FOR THE LOW-BARRIER
NAVIGATION CENTER**

I, KATHLEEN KRAUSE, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, certify that the following resolution, on motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern at an official meeting on the ____ day of _____, 20__, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Kern, State of California

Deputy Clerk

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

- a) In January 2019, the point in time count of homeless individuals indicated a one-hundred eighteen percent increase in unsheltered adults in Kern County, to a total of 643; and
- b) On July 31, 2019, Assembly Bill 101 took effect, providing that the construction of a low barrier navigation center would be a use by right in

certain areas, requiring no special land use entitlements or additional environmental review; and

- c) On August 20, 2019, Supervisor Maggard referred to staff the establishment of low barrier housing and day-use facilities to address homelessness in downtown Bakersfield; and
- d) On September 10, 2019, the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved the low barrier navigation center project at the 2731 “O” Street location, subject to an operational and budgeting plan; and
- e) On September 26, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed 13 laws aimed at addressing the statewide homelessness crisis resulting from the growing number of people living on the streets; and
- f) On October 29, 2019, the Kern County Board of Supervisors declared a shelter crisis in Kern County pursuant to Government Code Sections 8698, et seq., proclaiming the existence of a situation in which a significant number of persons are without the ability shelter, resulting in a threat to their health and safety; and
- g) On October 29, 2019, the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved the resolution establishing an emergency project to expedite the repairs and replacements necessary for construction of a low barrier navigation center and approved of operational and funding framework; and
- h) On December 17, 2019, the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved the selection of Community Action Partnership of Kern as a sole source provider to operate Kern County’s Low Barrier Navigation Center; and
- i) On January 14, 2020, the Kern County Board of Supervisors approved the agreement with Community Action Partnership of Kern to operate Kern County’s Low Barrier Navigation Center.

Section 2. IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, hereby:

- a) A written Plan containing a description of the manner in which allocated funds will be used for eligible Activities, in accordance to Section 302(c)(4) of the Permanent Local Housing Allocation Guidelines, has been prepared by the County Administrative Office and filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors; and

- b) Prior to the adoption and approval of the Plan, a properly noticed hearing has been held, all objections or protests heard, considered and ruled upon; and
- c) At the conclusion of the hearing and concurrently with this Resolution, the Plan was approved and adopted by this Board; and
- d) The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall transmit copies of this to the following:

County Administrative Office
County Counsel