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Prohousing Designation: Encampment Template

[Subchapter 6.6 Prohousing Designation Program](#) requires applicants to confirm that its treatment of encampments on public property complies with and will continue to comply with the constitutional rights of persons experiencing homelessness. Please complete this form to demonstrate how the applicant has enacted best practices in their jurisdiction related to the treatment of unhoused individuals camping on public property, consistent with the [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness' "7 Principles for Addressing Encampments" \(June 17, 2022\)](#).

Name of Jurisdiction: City of Woodland

1. Was the Jurisdiction awarded Encampment Resolution Funding (ERF) Program funds (Yes/No)?

2. What is the Jurisdiction's role in the Coordinated Entry System (lead, support, etc.)? Max. 100 characters. If applicable, attach any supporting documents.

Woodland plays a supporting and coordinating role in collaboration with the County of Yolo, primarily as a point of contact and outreach to help vulnerable neighbors find the proper resource or direct them to the County-led Coordinated Entry System. The City's Homeless Outreach Street Team members (HOST), Homelessness Coordinator position, and Community Enhancement Specialist all regularly make direct contact with unhoused individuals and provide services such as contact information for various resources and occasionally transportation to the proper site.

3. Does the Jurisdiction receive a direct allocation of federal funds from HUD (Yes/No)? If so, indicate the type of federal funds, the award amount, and how the federal funds are being utilized to serve the homeless population. Also, attach the jurisdiction's consolidated plan. Max. 100 characters.

Type of federal funds: CDBG

Award amount: \$475,086

How the federal funds are being utilized:

The City of Woodland is an entitlement grantee with a current fiscal year allocation of \$475,086; a portion supports the E. Beamer Neighborhood Campus (1901 E. Beamer) which includes a 100-bed emergency shelter, 61-unit permanent supportive housing project, and roughly 45-bed residential substance use treatment center.

Each Jurisdiction’s response to homelessness is based on the unique needs of the population they serve. Based on these efforts, the [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness’ 7 Principles for Addressing Encampments](#) provides best practice guidance to support communities as they develop and implement a comprehensive response to encampments. Please provide a response on how the Jurisdiction meets each of the principles noted below. Attach and reference any supporting documentation along with the page numbers accordingly.

- Principle 1: Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response to Encampments (Describe how system partners work together. Attach communication and coordination plans. 350 characters max)

Woodland’s collaborative framework involves City departments (Community Services, Community Development, Public Works, Police, & Fire), non-profits, law enforcement, and health services to holistically address needs. This multi-sector response ensures comprehensive solutions. See County Plan in Appendix 5 supporting documentation to learn more (page 12).

- Principle 2: Engage Encampment Residents to Develop Solutions (Describe street outreach efforts to engage with encampment residents to find alternative shelter, housing, and service options before an existing encampment is closed. 350 characters max)

The City’s dedicated Homeless Outreach Street Team (HOST) and Community Enhancement Specialist involve encampment residents in discussions before any encampment “closure.” HOST is a dedicated team of police officers and staff specially trained to interact with unhoused individuals and connect them to services; these staff members serve five days a week. The Community Enhancement Specialist is also specially trained and performs a five-day rotation through different locations and projects, often interacting with unhoused individuals. This engagement helps identify thoughtful interventions that are practical and sustainable. See HOST webpage and Community Enhancement press release in Appendix 5 supporting documentation for more information.

- Principle 3: Conduct Comprehensive and Coordinated Outreach (Describe multidisciplinary connection strategies and linkages to resources and permanent housing solutions. If applicable, describe how the jurisdiction uses the coordinated entry system to connect individuals to resources and permanent housing. 350 characters max)

Social workers, healthcare providers, and outreach specialists regularly visit encampments to offer services directly and build trust. Our Homeless Coordinator holds regular office hours at the East Beamer Neighborhood campus, which includes an emergency shelter, permanent supportive housing, and a residential substance use facility.

- Principle 4: Address Basic Needs and Provide Storage (Describe efforts to meet basic needs, health, safety, and access to storage for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. 350 characters max)

The City provides essential services such as access to clean water, sanitation facilities, and safe storage options for personal belongings. Prior to impounding personal belongings, staff posts notice to vacate any site at least 48 hours prior to initiating removal with 1) description of the personal property; 2) location of the personal property; 3) date and time of notice, and 4) notification that the personal property is in violation of section 9.48.060 of the Woodland Municipal Code (linked in Appendix 5 supporting documentation) and will be impounded by the City if the property is not removed within the compliance period of the notice. After the notice period has expired, the personal property shall be deemed abandoned and may be impounded. Prior to impounding, the City will provide notice with the following information: 1) a general description of the stored personal property; 2) location of the stored personal property; 3) date and time the notice was placed; and 4) a statement that the stored personal property has been impounded by the City and the process to re-claim. Personal property will be stored by the City for 90 days. These measures help maintain dignity and reduce the reluctance of individuals to move to shelters due to fear of losing their possessions.

- Principle 5: Ensure Access to Shelter or Housing Options (Include a list of shelter or housing options, such as transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, emergency shelters, etc., within the jurisdiction and/or accessible within nearby communities. Also, indicate the shelter/housing name, address, target population and funding sources applied towards the development(s).)

Shelter/Housing Name	Type of Housing	Address	Target Population	Funding Source
East Beamer Campus - Shelter	Emergency Shelter	1901 E. Beamer	All unhoused	Homekey; County of Yolo; City of Woodland; Corporate and private philanthropy
East Beamer Campus – “Tiny Homes”	Permanent Supportive Housing	1901 E. Beamer	Most placements are made through the Yolo County Coordinated Entry System	Homekey; County of Yolo; City of Woodland; Corporate and private philanthropy
East Beamer Campus – “Walter’s House”	Residential substance use disorder treatment facility	1901 E. Beamer (beginning December 2024)	Substance-involved vulnerable individuals	County of Yolo; City of Woodland; Corporate and private philanthropy; state formula funding
My Sister’s House	Shelter and services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking	Not shared publicly.	Asian and Pacific Islander survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking	State and County grants; philanthropy
Empower Yolo	Emergency shelter for adults and children escaping domestic violence, sexual abuse, or human trafficking	Not shared publicly.	Adults and children escaping domestic violence, sexual abuse, or human trafficking	State, County; philanthropy

- Principle 6: Develop Pathways to Permanent Housing and Supports (Describe Housing First strategies emphasizing low barriers, a harm-reduction model, and services to support people obtaining permanent housing more efficiently. Identify efforts to align federal, state, and local funding/programs to provide clear pathways to permanent housing. 350 characters max)

The City, which formally adopted a “Housing First” model in 2017, focuses on creating clear pathways to permanent housing, supplemented with supportive services such as job training, substance abuse treatment, and mental health care, including acting as an active partner and funder of the multifaceted East Beamer facility mentioned above. In addition, the City-funded staff positions mentioned above help direct folks to the proper resources and County Coordinated Entry System, which is the key assessment for unhoused folks to obtain housing at facilities such as the permanent supportive units at E. Beamer.

- Principle 7: Create a Plan for What Will Happen to Encampment Sites After Closure (Describe plans for former encampment spaces. Include efforts to emphasize safety, accessibility, and inclusivity that improve infrastructure. Example: Communities can include curb cuts to increase mobility access and enhanced lighting to encourage safety. 350 characters max)

The City helps encampment residents find safer and healthier living situations while investing in infrastructure (public lighting, landscaping, etc.) to enhance public spaces, led by our dedicated Community Enhancement Specialist. This staff position is specifically trained in landscape maintenance, general infrastructure, and the disposal and handling of hazardous materials. Part of the mission of this full-time position, which is not specific to homelessness but also extends to clean up, parks, community relations, and more, is to make unsafe locations less appealing for habitation and to direct unhoused folks away from more sensitive neighborhood locations. Staff also works with affected business owners and residents to develop plans to deter unsafe encampments. These strategies prevent the recurrence of encampments, promotes better use of urban space, and ultimately encourages unhoused folks to benefit from available services and housing opportunities.