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Modesto Receives \$5.7 million to Address Critical Encampment Concerns

Modesto, CA, February 27, 2025 - The City of Modesto has been awarded \$5.7 million in funding to help resolve critical encampment concerns and help individuals experiencing homelessness transition to interim shelter with clear pathways to permanent housing. The award comes from California's Encampment Resolution Funding Round 3 (ERF-3-R) grant.

"This is a significant opportunity for the City to strengthen our efforts in addressing homelessness in our community," said Community and Economic Development Director, Jessica Hill.

In addition to the great work already being done by the City's Camp2Home, this funding will help enhance the safety and wellness of individuals in encampments through community partnerships and initiatives providing essential services supporting individuals experiencing homelessness.

The grant will provide homeless outreach through the Community Health and Assistance Team (CHAT) and shelter assistance in partnership with the Salvation Army. Interim housing will be funded in collaboration with the Modesto Gospel Mission for the ongoing operational costs for bridge housing and support services located at 1530 Owens Drive in Modesto.

The City will also utilize this funding to provide housing subsidies. This will help reduce the financial burden for individuals in encampments as they transition into permanent housing. This grant award will significantly impact the Modesto community, addressing homelessness and working on sustainable solutions to encampments.

"I am excited to see people get the opportunity to move out of homeless encampments and into permanent housing," said Mayor Sue Zwahlen. "Housing is essential and having a place to call home helps people live healthier and more fulfilling lives."

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