Appendix 5: Homeless Encampment Template

Principle 1: Establish a Cross-Agency, Multi-Sector Response to Encampments Describe how system partners (name partners) work together to prioritize health and safety both for residents and unsheltered individuals.

Ventura County uses a coordinated, cross-agency approach to encampment response that prioritizes the health and safety of both surrounding communities and individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness. This approach depends on collaboration among County departments, community partners, and service providers to ensure that outreach, engagement, and service connection occur before any enforcement or encampment resolution activities take place.

The County's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) brings together staff from several departments and partner agencies to coordinate outreach and engagement with individuals living in encampments. Core MDT partners include the Ventura County Behavioral Health Department, Ventura County Health Care Agency, Human Services Agency (HSA), Ventura County Public Health, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Homeless Liaison Unit (VCSO HLU), and the Public Works Agency and Watershed Protection District (PWA-WPD). Additional partners participate as needed, such as nonprofit service providers, shelter operators, and other local jurisdictions. Together, these partners combine expertise in health care, behavioral health, housing navigation, public safety, homeless services, and environmental protection to address immediate individual needs and broader community health and safety concerns.

MDT partners conduct regular, coordinated outreach visits to encampments, where teams provide direct services and connect individuals to available resources. Outreach teams typically include medical professionals, behavioral health clinicians, substance use specialists, case managers, and shelter representatives. These coordinated efforts help build relationships with encampment residents, assess needs, and make direct connections to shelter, housing programs, and supportive services available throughout the County.

Many outreach activities are facilitated through the Backpack Medicine Program (BPM), operated by the Ventura County Health Care Agency- Ambulatory Care Division. The program meets individuals experiencing homelessness where they are, providing medical care, assessing health needs, and connecting people to appropriate services. Individuals may receive basic medical care, referrals to Health Care for the Homeless Clinic or one of 18 Federally Qualified Health Care Centers, and assistance accessing behavioral health services, benefits, or housing resources. This field-based model reduces barriers to care and reaches individuals who may not seek services on their own.

When an encampment is scheduled for resolution or cleanup, County partners continue prioritizing engagement and service connection. Staff from the Public Works Agency/Watershed Protection District and Sheriff's Homeless Liaison Unit typically post 72-hour notices before encampment actions, giving individuals advance warning and information about available assistance. Depending on location, 24-hour notice may be issued and less notice may be

provided in emergency circumstances to address urgent public health or safety needs. The Notice to Vacate includes information about shelter options, personal property storage, and contact information for the Human Services Agency Homeless Services team and 211, ensuring individuals know how to access help.

Throughout the process, outreach teams maintain engagement efforts to encourage voluntary relocation to shelter or connection to services. These efforts help reduce the need for enforcement and emphasize supportive, health-focused responses.

This collaborative approach is guided by several policies and documents included in the supporting materials, including the Continuum of Care (CoC) Encampment Response Policy, Ventura County Ordinances 4605 (Watershed Protection), 4653 (Agricultural Lands) and Watershed Protection District Ordinance WP 3, Backpack Medicine QuickGuide and Notice to Vacate. Most encampments in unincorporated Ventura County occur near agricultural lands or watershed protection areas. These documents outline a coordinated response that prioritizes outreach, service connection, clear notice procedures, and interagency collaboration to maintain a cross-agency multi-sector approach to encampment response.

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 using the housing first approach before an existing encampment is closed.

Ventura County prioritizes proactive, relationship-based outreach to engage encampment residents and connect them with shelter, housing, and supportive services before any encampment closure takes place. Outreach efforts follow a Housing First, person-centered approach focused on building trust, reducing barriers to care, and supporting voluntary transitions to safer and more stable housing.

A core element of this work is the Backpack Medicine Program (BPM), founded in 2018 through the Ventura County Medical Center Family Medicine Residency Program and expanded significantly during the COVID-19 pandemic. Operated by the Ventura County Health Care Agency, BPM coordinates outreach activities countywide, including organizing outreach locations and maintaining a shared outreach calendar to ensure consistent coverage of encampments across the region.

Backpack Medicine is a key part of the County's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), which includes staff from the Ventura County Health Care Agency, including Behavioral Health, and Public Health, the Human Services Agency – Homeless Services, the Sheriff's Homeless Liaison Unit, the Public Works Agency, the Watershed Protection District, and community service providers. Outreach teams typically include eight to ten MDT members and conduct regular encampment visits to build relationships, assess needs, and connect residents with services.

During these visits, team members provide a wide range of services and referrals, including medical care, behavioral health support, substance use services, case management, homeless

services, and housing navigation. The close connection between Backpack Medicine and County health systems helps ensure that individuals can access community clinics, Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic, and the County-operated Ventura County Medical Center for follow-up care. Depending on need, individuals may receive immediate field-based treatment, clinic referrals, or connections to hospital-level services.

Ventura County has 244 emergency shelter beds through cost-sharing agreements with the County of Ventura and four local city jurisdictions. Shelter vacancies may be filled directly through MDT partners as well as the Coordinated Entry System for those experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Ventura County also operates 144 beds under the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing program which provides temporary housing and stabilization for individuals experiencing homelessness who have behavioral health needs. Outreach teams actively connect eligible individuals to these beds, as well as to other shelter and interim housing options countywide.

To ensure consistent engagement, outreach teams document all service offers and interactions using an encampment survey and outreach tracking application. This system supports continuity of care and tracks all shelter offerings. Maintaining this documentation helps ensure individuals receive ongoing support toward shelter, housing navigation, and other services.

MDT partners also collaborate at weekly One Stop Centers located in Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, and Santa Paula. These centers provide a single location where individuals experiencing homelessness can access multiple services, including medical care, behavioral health counseling, case management, grooming and hygiene services, and assistance navigating housing and benefits programs. Outreach teams encourage encampment residents to visit these centers as a next step toward ongoing service engagement.

Individuals engaged through outreach or One Stop Centers can access shelter and housing resources through the Ventura County Coordinated Entry System (CES) and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), both overseen by the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC). Shelters countywide provide daily bed availability updates to the CoC, enabling outreach teams to offer real-time information about open shelter placements.

If an encampment is scheduled for closure, outreach teams increase engagement prior to any action. Individuals receive Notices to Vacate that include information on how to contact the Human Services Agency – Homeless Services team and 211, along with details on available shelter options and personal property storage. During this period, outreach teams continue assisting with shelter placement, housing navigation, and service connections.

Through this coordinated, service-oriented approach, Ventura County emphasizes voluntary engagement and housing pathways rather than enforcement. These strategies have contributed to measurable progress: the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count shows Ventura County experienced a 22 percent reduction in unsheltered homelessness between 2023 and 2025, reflecting the impact of expanded outreach, coordinated services, and increased access to shelter and housing.

Supporting documentation including the Backpack Medicine Quick Guide, One Stop Center flyers, and a comprehensive list of local resources illustrate the County's commitment to engaging encampment residents with practical, housing-focused solutions.

Principle 3: Conduct Comprehensive and Coordinated Outreach
Describe multidisciplinary connection strategies and linkages to resources and permanent housing solutions that are customized to individual needs. If applicable, describe how the jurisdiction uses the coordinated entry system to connect individuals to resources and permanent housing.

Ventura County conducts comprehensive, coordinated outreach through a multidisciplinary, cross-agency approach designed to reduce duplication, maximize resources, and ensure that individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness receive tailored connections to services and housing. Outreach is organized through the County's Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT), which includes staff from the Ventura County Health Care Agency, Behavioral Health, Public Health, Human Services Agency – Homeless Services, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Homeless Liaison Unit, and the Public Works Agency/Watershed Protection District, along with nonprofit partners and shelter providers. Nonprofit partners include those serving specific subpopulations, such as runaway and homeless youth, veterans' mobile outreach, and domestic violence providers that provide immediate shelter. Together, these teams engage individuals in encampments and connect them to services based on their specific needs.

MDT outreach teams link individuals and families to a comprehensive array of services, including medical care, behavioral health treatment, substance use services, case management, housing navigation, public benefits enrollment, legal assistance, and transportation support. This coordinated model enables multiple service providers to engage individuals simultaneously, improving efficiency and reducing the burden on individuals to navigate complex systems on their own. Outreach teams use a person-centered approach to develop individualized pathways that may include short-term stabilization through shelter or bridge housing and longer-term connections to permanent housing. Training for outreach staff is conducted by the CoC to increase consistency and a housing focused approach.

A central feature of Ventura County's coordinated outreach system is the integration of One Stop Centers and the Coordinated Entry System (CES). Outreach teams regularly direct individuals to One Stop Centers in Ventura, Oxnard, Camarillo, and Santa Paula, where they can access medical care, behavioral health services, case management, and housing navigation in a single location. One Stop Centers also provide opportunities for individuals to complete CES assessments, which allow them to be matched with appropriate housing interventions. Through CES, individuals are prioritized for rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, bridge housing, or other housing programs based on their needs and vulnerability.

The Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) oversees CES and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), both administered by the Human Services Agency. By linking outreach activities with HMIS and CES, the County ensures that individuals engaged in the field are fully integrated into the broader homeless response system and can be matched with available housing opportunities.

To improve coordination and minimize duplicative outreach, Ventura County uses GIS-based mapping tools to track encampment locations, outreach visits, and service engagement. Outreach teams use a customized Survey123 mobile application to document encampment locations and

outreach activities in real time. The application allows staff to record non-personally identifying information, document service offers and engagement, track shelter and housing referrals, and note when Notices to Vacate are issued. Individual logins ensure accountability and consistent data entry across agencies.

Data collected through Survey123 feeds into a centralized GIS dashboard that provides real-time visibility into outreach activities throughout the County. Authorized users can filter data by location, outreach date, agency participation, and type of engagement. This tool helps coordinators ensure that encampments are visited regularly, that services are offered consistently, and that multiple teams are not responding to the same location unnecessarily. It also highlights geographic gaps, enabling more strategic deployment of outreach resources. The Survey 123 collects HMIS IDs and therefore outreach staff with HMIS access can identify client location when needed. The connection to HMIS ID also allows placements that occur not during outreach to be captured.

Mapping tools also help identify encampments in watershed protection areas or agricultural lands where specific ordinances apply. Outreach teams can then schedule engagement in advance of required notices, providing more time to offer services and connect individuals to shelter or housing before an encampment resolution occurs. Mapping tools also help staff identify nearby clinics, One Stop Centers, and other service resources to facilitate immediate referrals.

Ventura County's coordinated outreach model ensures that individuals with complex needs receive targeted support. Outreach teams identify individuals who may require behavioral health treatment, medical care, disability services, or other specialized supports and connect them to appropriate interventions, including behavioral health bridge housing, supportive housing, or health care services.

Supporting documentation includes Street Outreach training, maps and screenshots from the GIS encampment survey system and the Survey123 mobile application, illustrating how the County tracks encampment locations and coordinates outreach across agencies. These tools help Ventura County maintain a data-informed outreach strategy that maximizes resources, reduces duplication, and strengthens pathways from unsheltered homelessness to permanent housing.

Principle 4: Address Basic Needs and Provide Storage
Describe efforts to meet basic needs, health, safety, and access to storage (timeframes) for people experiencing unsheltered homelessness while creating clear pathways to permanent housing.

Ventura County's multidisciplinary outreach teams focus on meeting the immediate basic needs of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness while building trust and creating pathways to shelter, services, and permanent housing. During routine outreach to encampments, teams distribute essential items such as water, hygiene kits, and basic supplies, and connect individuals to critical health and social services. Outreach staff often include medical and behavioral health professionals who can link individuals directly to care. When appropriate, individuals may receive field-based treatment, with follow-up appointments scheduled at one of 18 Federally Qualified

Health Care Centers, the Healthcare for the Homeless Clinic or referrals provided to nearby One Stop Centers for continued services.

The County partners with multiple service providers to operate One Stop Centers throughout the region. These centers offer access to medical care, behavioral health services, food, clothing, benefits assistance, and other supports in a single location. Outreach teams actively connect encampment residents to these centers to address immediate needs while initiating engagement in services that support long-term housing stability. These connections foster ongoing relationships with service providers and increase the likelihood that individuals will transition into shelter, housing navigation, and other supportive programs.

Ventura County also ensures individuals have access to personal property storage when encampments are noticed for closure or cleanup. Outreach staff provide individuals with an opportunity to collect important belongings in advance whenever possible. Any property requiring removal is documented through a detailed inventory process, and a receipt listing all collected items is left at the site so individuals know how to retrieve their belongings. All collected property is securely transported and stored at Sheriff's Headquarters station.

Stored belongings are held for a minimum of 60 days, allowing individuals sufficient time to reclaim their items while they pursue shelter, housing, or other services. During this period, outreach teams make reasonable efforts to reconnect with the owner if their location is known, including contacting them by phone or during subsequent outreach visits. These steps help ensure individuals can recover their belongings and reduce the loss of items essential to their safety, identity, or well-being.

Additionally, many emergency shelters and temporary housing programs in Ventura County offer personal storage for individuals who move indoors, allowing them to safely store their belongings during the transition from unsheltered homelessness to a more stable environment.

Together, these practices ensure that immediate health and safety needs are addressed, personal property is protected, and respectful engagement is maintained while reinforcing clear pathways to shelter, services, and ultimately permanent housing. The supporting documentation of the County's efforts to address basic needs and to provide storage includes the Ventura County Encampment Resolution Standard Operating Procedures, the Notice to Vacate and Notice of Collected Property.

Principle 5: Ensure Access to Shelter or Housing Options
Describe how low-barrier resources to housing and supportive services are communicated to encampment residents. Include how strategies involve alternative measures to criminalization, focusing on service engagement and harm reduction.

Ventura County ordinances prioritize proactive outreach to encampment residents to ensure individuals are informed of available shelter, housing, and supportive services before any enforcement or noticing occurs. Outreach teams consistently communicate low-barrier pathways

to care and emphasize voluntary engagement and harm reduction as alternatives to criminalization.

To expand access to low-barrier shelter options, the County partners with cities to fund emergency shelter operations across the region. Through cost-sharing agreements with Ventura, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks, and Santa Paula, the County funds 50 percent of operating costs for four local emergency shelters. Each city contracts with experienced shelter operators and requires performance outcomes that emphasize service engagement, stabilization, and progress toward permanent housing. Operators track and report outcomes such as housing placements, service connections, and levels of client engagement. These low-barrier emergency shelters also accommodate companion pets to ensure that unsheltered individuals with pets are provided with stability together.

These performance requirements reinforce a housing-focused approach. Shelter participants work with staff to develop individualized housing plans, complete Coordinated Entry System (CES) assessments, and engage in case management and housing navigation designed to facilitate rapid transition to permanent housing. All County-funded programs must use person-centered, trauma-informed practices and limit punitive or exclusionary policies that could create barriers to access. Engagement, harm reduction, and trust-building are core principles across all shelter programs.

The four local emergency shelters mentioned above contribute to a regional inventory of 1,104 beds that includes emergency shelters, bridge housing, recuperative care and other temporary housing programs operated by nonprofit and community partners. The MDT outreach teams including outreach workers, behavioral health clinicians, and service providers regularly engage encampment residents to communicate these low-barrier shelter options and supportive services. Outreach teams assess needs in the field and work to connect individuals directly to available beds and services within this regional system.

To support timely placement, the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) monitors shelter availability daily and shares real-time updates with outreach teams and service providers. This coordination ensures that outreach teams engaging with encampment residents have up-to-date information and can offer immediate placement options whenever possible. Maintaining real-time communication strengthens the County's ability to prioritize voluntary service engagement over enforcement.

Supporting documentation includes the interim shelter and housing inventory, interim funding sources, a letter from the Ventura County Continuum of Care detailing daily shelter capacity monitoring, and a guide to a supportive housing plan. Together, these materials demonstrate the County's commitment to expanding low-barrier access to shelter and housing while emphasizing service engagement and alternatives to criminalization.

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.

Ventura County and the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) implement a Housing First approach that ensures low-barrier access to housing, uses a harm-reduction model, and provides supportive services to help people move into permanent housing as efficiently as possible. Individuals are not required to meet preconditions such as sobriety or treatment participation; instead, voluntary services are offered to support long-term stability.

The Ventura County Homelessness Plan outlines the County's system-wide strategy for helping people progress from unsheltered homelessness and interim housing into permanent housing. A central element of this strategy is the 1:4:10 investment framework, which guides resource allocation across the homeless response system. Under this model, for every 1 unit of interim housing, the system aims to create 4 permanent housing placements through Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Rehousing and deliver prevention/diversion services to 10 households. This ensures balanced investments that address immediate shelter needs while prioritizing permanent housing and prevention to reduce long-term homelessness.

Using this framework, Ventura County and its partners have significantly expanded permanent housing options. More than 300 permanent housing units have been added in the past three years, with another 283 units currently in development dedicated to people experiencing homelessness. These include Permanent Supportive Housing for people with disabilities as well as other programs that provide rental assistance and housing stabilization services.

To support these housing pathways, the County aligns federal, state, and local funding sources including Continuum of Care Program grants, Emergency Solutions Grants, state homelessness funding programs, and local resources. Programs supported with state funds must adhere to Housing First principles, ensuring low-barrier services focused on permanent housing outcomes. Compliance and performance are monitored through funder requirements and CoC performance metrics.

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is a key component of creating clear and equitable pathways to permanent housing. Outreach teams, service providers, and One Stop Centers assist individuals with CES assessments and enrollment in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Once enrolled, individuals are prioritized based on vulnerability and housing needs and placed on a communitywide housing referral list. Housing providers use this prioritized list to identify eligible individuals and match them to available housing opportunities.

For individuals living in encampments, this coordinated system provides a structured pathway from outreach to permanent housing. Outreach teams engage individuals onsite, provide basic needs, connect them to CES enrollment, and help them complete documentation and connect to needed housing, shelter and services. Individuals may access interim or bridge housing while preparing for permanent housing placement through CES.

Together, Ventura County's encampment policies, the 1:4:10 investment framework, coordinated funding alignment, and the Continuum of Care's CES create an integrated system that moves individuals from encampments and unsheltered homelessness into permanent, stable housing as efficiently as possible. The Ventura County Homelessness Plan, which details this framework and the 1:4:10 model, is included in the supporting documentation as well as a Permanent Housing Inventory and Affordable Housing Inventory.

1:4:10 Ratio Framework

A ratio framework refers to a specific ratio to inform investments in homelessness based on the extent of need.

To develop the 1:4:10 Ratio Framework for Ventura County, a predictive analysis was utilized to identify the number of units needed for Interim Housing, Permanent Housing (PSH + RRH), and Affordable Housing. Additionally, the projected number of households in need of Prevention and Diversion Services was analyzed. This predictive analysis was modeled through 2028, identifying the number of units necessary to achieve functional zero.

Unit Needs	Ratio Framework	
Number of Interim Housing Units: **1,014**	1 Interim Housing Unit	Moving individuals from unsheltered dwellings into temporary shelter.
Number of Permanent Housing Units: 3,436 (PSH) + 200 (RRH) = **3,636**	4 Permanent Housing Units	Providing housing solutions, such as RRH, PSH, etc. for those currently experiencing homelessness to move them out of the system.
Number of Households in Need of Prevention and Diversion Services: **10,500**	10 Households Served Through Prevention and Diversion Services	Preventing households from experiencing homelessness in the first place with targeted funding and interventions from upstream services, such as hospital or medical systems, school districts, carceral systems, CES Access Points, etc.

Historically, Ventura County has underinvested in permanent housing and prevention and diversion solutions. For Ventura County, a ratio of 1:4:10 was calculated to not only increase exits from homelessness, but to also reduce entries into homelessness, balancing the inflows and outflows. This ratio provides guidance for how investments in the system should be prioritized to achieve functional zero.

For every 1 unit of interim housing, 4 permanent housing destinations are needed to move people out of the homelessness system, and 10 households should be served through prevention and diversion funding to reduce the number of new people experiencing homelessness and entering the system, ensuring residents are able to live and stay in Ventura County long-term.

Predictive Methodology

A predictive methodology was utilized to develop the Ratio Framework described in the plan. This predictive methodology accounts for the following items.

- Number of Person Experiencing Homelessness
- Projected New Persons Experiencing Homelessness in a Given Year/ Projected Needs for Homelessness Prevention & Diversion
- Projected Need for Interim Housing (IH)
- Projected Needs for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- Projected Needs for Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Projected Needs for Affordable Housing

This predictive methodology was modeled after the methodology drafted by the Washington State Department of Commerce.[1] Due to the availability of data and the desire for replicability, certain steps were altered slightly. As with all predictive models, this model is subject to a degree of error and confounding factors, such as natural disaster and economic recessions, that may impact overall reliability of projections. Additionally, rapid investments that improve system performance measures have the potential to drastically reduce figures.

Figures utilize data provided by the County of Ventura, including HMIS data, SPMs, and HIC. Figures in the table are rounded for clarity, but the calculations for the final values utilize more accurate decimal values. For example, in the table the "Bed Coverage Adjustment Factor to HMIS Count" states 1.46, but in the actual calculations, 1.45878920 was utilized.

1 Washington State Department of Commerce. (2022). Projection Methodology. https://deptofcommerce.app.box.com/s/jwubfq1633jeq5rec8jx4i-78j7hjscp1

Principle 7: Create a Plan for What Will Happen to Encampment Sites After Closure Describe plans for former encampment spaces (long-term solutions to prevent encampments from reoccurring). Include efforts to emphasize safety, accessibility, and inclusivity that improve infrastructure.

Ventura County incorporates long-term strategies to prevent the recurrence of encampments after site closures, with a focus on improving safety, accessibility, and environmental protection while continuing to connect individuals to housing and services. These strategies are guided by the Ventura County Homelessness Plan, which outlines action areas and system-wide goals to reduce unsheltered homelessness through coordinated outreach, housing development, and cross-agency collaboration.

Oversight and coordination occur through the County's Task Force on Homelessness, which brings together County departments, law enforcement agencies, and cities to review encampment trends, coordinate response strategies, and adjust planning efforts as conditions change. The Task Force supports data sharing, coordinated outreach and resolution activities, and ongoing planning to ensure responses remain focused on housing connections while reducing the likelihood of re-encampment in previously cleared areas.

Ventura County's encampment locations differ from those in many jurisdictions: most occur in riverbeds, flood channels, and watershed areas rather than along public streets. These sites fall under the jurisdiction of the County of Ventura and Watershed Protection District and are governed by County Ordinance 4605 and Watershed Protection District Ordinance WP.3, which regulates camping and storage of property within flood control facilities, waterways, and critical infrastructure. The County also encounters vehicle-based homelessness along agricultural lands, governed by Ordinance 4653. Because these areas present environmental, flood safety, and agricultural access concerns, encampment prevention strategies are tailored to these conditions.

Following encampment resolution in watershed areas, the County implements environmental and safety strategies to discourage re-encampment and maintain accessibility for the public and maintenance crews. These strategies may include installing signage, managing vegetation and brush to improve visibility, and removing debris or barriers that create concealed areas where encampments could reestablish. Enhancing visibility improves safety for the public, maintenance staff, and emergency responders.

The County also coordinates ongoing monitoring and patrols through the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Homeless Liaison Unit, Public Works Agency and Watershed Protection District. Staff regularly revisit resolved areas to monitor conditions, maintain infrastructure, and ensure compliance with applicable ordinances. If encampments reappear, outreach teams are redeployed to engage individuals and offer services, shelter options, and housing connections before enforcement actions occur. Re-noticing procedures are implemented when required to ensure awareness of available assistance and property storage options.

These strategies align with the Ventura County Continuum of Care (CoC) Encampment Response Policy, which prioritizes outreach, service engagement, and housing connections over enforcement. Jurisdictions participate in a Regional Memorandum of Understanding that includes a commitment to housing, shelter and services and key actions to address homelessness.

Through the Coordinated Entry System (CES), outreach teams can link individuals to shelter, bridge housing, behavioral health services, and permanent housing programs helping ensure long-term solutions to homelessness rather than displacement.

Ventura County continues to invest in these coordinated approaches by supporting outreach teams, service providers, and infrastructure improvements through County resources and external funding. Funding for outreach, enforcement coordination, and Public Works activities helps maintain regular engagement in watershed areas and agricultural corridors while ensuring service providers remain actively involved in supporting individuals' transitions into housing.

By combining environmental improvements, consistent monitoring, coordinated outreach, and housing-focused interventions, Ventura County works to maintain safe and accessible public spaces while moving individuals from unsheltered homelessness toward stable, permanent housing as seen in the attached supporting documentation: Regional Memorandum of Understanding, Ventura County Homelessness Plan, the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Encampment Resolution Standard Operating Procedures, Continuum of Care (CoC) Encampment Response Policy, Ventura County Ordinances 4605 (Watershed Protection) and 4653 (Agricultural Lands) and Watershed Protection District Ordinance WP.3, are included for reference.