# IHF NORTHERN NEVADA **CONTINUUM OF CARE**

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## **CoC** Overview

A Continuum of Care (CoC) is a regional planning body that coordinates housing and services for homeless families and individuals. CoCs were created by HUD to streamline the funding and annual application process for housing and supportive services, and encourage coordination of housing service providers on a local level. \$2.2 million was allocated during the 2020-2021 funding cycle.

CoCs are responsible for:

- Completing the annual application to HUD for funding (NOFA)
- Conducting the annual Point in Time Count
- Maintaining system wide data in HMIS
- Gathering a governing board, and subcommittees
- Ensuring the region is in compliance with HUD regulations
- Maintaining a Coordinated Entry System



## **Mission Statement**

## The goal of the Northern Nevada CoC is to ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring.

Next Steps:

- Adopting the goals outlined within the OrgCode report
- Adapting to emergencies, such as COVID-19
- Integrating with the Built for Zero initiative
- Planning to communicate, the work happening within the CoC to end homelessness, with the local community



## **Strategic Plan**

**CoC Leadership** 

<u>Goal 1</u>: To define relationships and establish the Northern Nevada CoC Leadership Council (NNCLC) as a leader amongst key local stakeholders such as jurisdictional leadership, the Community Homelessness Advisory Board, the Continuum of Care and the Regional Alliance to end Homelessness (RAH). <u>Goal 2</u>: Ensure the CoC is the lead in place to respond to individuals experiencing homelessness in an emergency, and is connected to the regional emergency operations structure.

**Coordinated Entry** Goal: Expand and strengthen our coordinated entry system



## **Strategic Plan**

#### **Connection to permanent solutions**

Goal: Strengthen coordination of service delivery

#### Enhancing positive housing outcomes

Goal: Ensure responsive housing options are available for those who need it

#### Enhancing service delivery excellence

<u>Goal 1</u>: Ensuring data integrity, utilization and accountability

Goal 2: Providing adequate training on evidence-based practices of care



## **Point In Time Count**

The Point In Time Count (PIT) is an annual count on a single night of the sheltered, and unsheltered homeless population in the region. All CoCs around the country are required to conduct PIT Counts. The comprehensive count will be reported to HUD by the April 30, 2021 deadline, which will include the Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, and Housing Inventory Counts.

The PIT consists of:

- Unsheltered Count
- Sheltered Count
- Housing Inventory Count



## PIT 2021 - February 4, 2021

Adjustments made due to COVID-19 and weather

- Smaller groups were assigned
- Each group was paired with law enforcement
- Mapped areas were designated in advance
- Utilized the Counting US app
- All volunteers wore PPE, and handed out PPE
- Headcount only no surveys conducted this year
- Date changed from January 28th, 2021 due to the snow storm

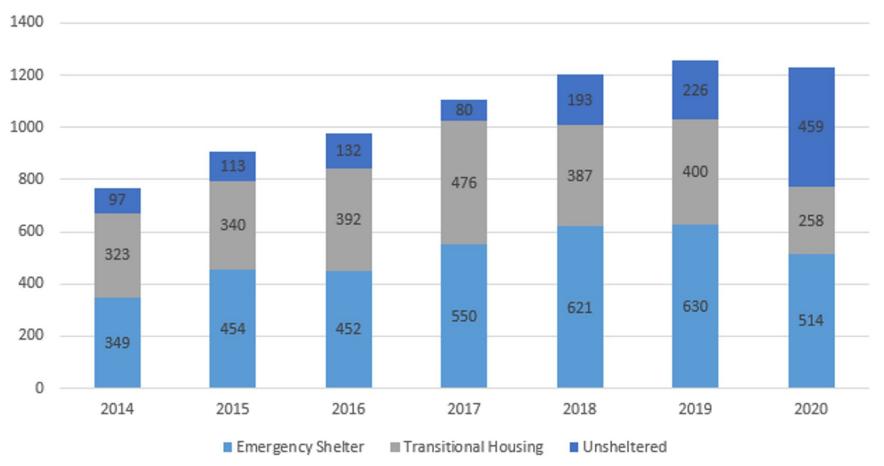


## **Unsheltered Count**

The Unsheltered Count is the only time during the year when our population who is unsheltered is comprehensively counted face to face by volunteers and law enforcement using the Counting US App.

- Over 772 people were counted by volunteers during the unsheltered count
- 33 volunteers participated along with 22 law enforcement officers representing each jurisdiction
- 34 different mapped areas were canvassed the mapped areas include known encampments, suspected encampments, and areas along the Truckee River
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#### Point in Time Data Year by Year





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