



**AGENDA**  
CITY OF SEASIDE  
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING  
440 HARCOURT AVE (COUNCIL CHAMBER)  
Wednesday, February 4, 2026  
5:30 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION**

Benjamin Strickland	Chair
Leslie Muga	Vice Chair
Lynda Cunningham	Commissioner
Joseph Ruffin III	Commissioner
Kathy Hughes	Commissioner
Chance Freeman	Commissioner

**3. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

*If there are any items that arose after the 72-hour posting deadline, this is the point in the meeting where a vote may be taken to add the item to the agenda. (A 2/3-majority vote is required).*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on matters within the jurisdiction of the City of Seaside, but not on this agenda, may do so during the Public Comment period for up to three (3) minutes. Comments on specific agenda items are heard under that item. For the public record, please state your name.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 7, 2026, REGULAR MEETING**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approve minutes as presented in the agenda packet.

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. FY 2026–2028 CDBG FUNDING REQUESTS AND AGENCY PRESENTATIONS**

**RECOMMENDATION:** The purpose of this item is to allow the Homeless Commission to receive presentations from applicants seeking FY 2026–2028 CDBG funding and to familiarize Commissioners with proposed services and capital improvement projects prior to application scoring and evaluation.

**B. REVIEW PROPOSALS FROM ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING DONATION FUNDS FROM HOMELESS COMMISSION FY 2025-2026 FOOD**

**INSECURITY PROGRAMS RFP BUDGET AND VOTE ON ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$15,000 TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO FEED LOW-INCOME AND UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN SEASIDE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Commissioners will review and vote on all proposals submitted from organizations related to allocation of the Food Insecurity donation funds totaling \$15,000 available to support their efforts to feed low-income and unhoused individuals and families in Seaside experiencing challenges accessing this basic need.

**7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

**8. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

This is a time specifically set aside for the Staff Liaison to provide updates on non-agendized requests from the Commission, and to provide brief information on topics under the purview of the Commission.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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5:30 PM

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**FINAL MINUTES**  
CITY OF SEASIDE  
HOMELESS COMMISSION

REGULAR MEETING  
Council Chamber  
Wednesday, January 7, 2026  
5:30 PM

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Strickland called the 5:30PM meeting to order at 5:35PM.

**2. ROLL CALL - HOMELESS COMMISSION**

PRESENT: Strickland, Muga, Cunningham, Hughes, Freeman  
ABSENT: Ruffin

**3. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

None

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A. APPROVE MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 3, 2025, REGULAR MEETING**

*On motion by Commissioner Freeman and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to approve the minutes for the December 3, 2025, Regular Meeting.*

*RESULT: 5-0-0-1*

*AYES: Strickland, Muga, Cunningham, Hughes, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Ruffin*

***ACTION: Approved***

**6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. PRESENT AND DISTRIBUTE SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION CHALLENGE COINS**

The commission recognized members absent from the December meeting by distributing challenge coins. For those still unable to attend the commission provided a plan for delivery to ensure all awardees receive their coins promptly.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**B. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: NOMINATE AND VOTE FOR CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The commission discussed expressions of interest for the positions of chair and vice chair. Chair Strickland reaffirmed his interest in continuing as Chair. However, he noted that should any other member wish to serve, he would gladly step down.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

*On motion by Commissioner Cunningham and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to nominate Chair Strickland to continue serving as Chair.*

*RESULT: 5-0-0-1*

*AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Ruffin*

***ACTION: Passed***

*On motion by Commissioner Strickland and second by Commissioner Hughes and carried by the following roll call vote, the Homeless Commission moved to nominate Vice Chair Mugan to continue serving as Vice Chair.*

*RESULT: 5-0-0-1*

*AYES: Strickland, Mugan, Cunningham, Hughes, Freeman*

*NOES: None*

*ABSTAIN: None*

*ABSENT: Ruffin*

***ACTION: Passed***

**C. EXPLORE ADVOCACY PLAN FOR CITY OF SEASIDE HOMELESS COMMISSION TO HELP ADDRESS NEEDS FOR SUPPORT REGARDING HOMELESSNESS AND RELATED CHALLENGES ON COMMUNITY HEALTH, WELLNESS, AND SAFETY**

The commission discussed the need for clearer guidance from the City regarding its specific roles and expectations. The Commission expressed a desire to build stronger relationships with outside agencies to identify service gaps and

determine how the Commission can best provide support. The commission agreed to develop a formal list of questions for the City Manager to be addressed at a future meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**7. REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioners provided reports.

**Commissioner Freeman:** Last year, the City of Seaside passed a new ordinance prohibiting aggressive solicitation. The Law focuses on safety by banning solicitation in street medians, near traffic, and after dark it was designed to address community concerns regarding public safety while balancing the constitutional rights of individuals.

**Commissioner Strickland:** Update on his friend who was lost in Cambodia. After being mugged and having all belongings stolen, the individual had been living in the streets. Was able to raise \$8,000 to assist in his recovery. The funds covered essential mental health support and travel expenses to bring him back home. Read a letter sent to the City Manager on January 5, 2026.

**8. REPORTS FROM STAFF**

Staff provided report.

**Derrick:** There has been challenges regarding the repost for the RFP on social media due to the staff member who was responsible is no longer working with the city.

Commissioner Ruffin was unable to attend the meeting but extended "Happy New Year" to the commission, he is currently planning an event for August, while plans are still being finalized, the event is expected to include food, community resource, and a potential fashion show. More details to be presented to the commission as the plans progresses.

CPY expressed their sincerer gratitude to the commission for the allocated funds. It was announced that the commission was selected to serve in the CDAC to help make decision for the CDBG which will be hold Feb. 4 during regular meeting.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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**Denise Mejia, Commission Clerk**

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**Ben Strickland, Commission Chair**



**CITY OF SEASIDE  
STAFF REPORT**

**Item No.: 6.A.**

**TO:** Homeless Committee

**BY:** Haroon Noori, Administrative Analyst II

**DATE:** February 4, 2026

**SUBJECT: FY 2026–2028 CDBG FUNDING REQUESTS AND AGENCY PRESENTATIONS**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

The purpose of this item is to allow the Homeless Commission to receive presentations from applicants seeking FY 2026–2028 CDBG funding and to familiarize Commissioners with proposed services and capital improvement projects prior to application scoring and evaluation.

**BACKGROUND**

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program is authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Seaside receives CDBG funds annually on a formula basis from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Historically, the City has used CDBG funds to support eligible public service programs and public facilities and infrastructure improvements that principally benefit low- and moderate-income Seaside residents.

**REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS BY THE HOMELESS COMMISSION**

Historically, the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) has been responsible for reviewing and evaluating Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications and making funding recommendations to the City Council. Due to current vacancies on CDAC that prevent the committee from fulfilling this role, the City has temporarily assigned CDAC's application review and evaluation responsibilities to the Homeless Commission for the FY 2026–2028 CDBG funding cycle.

As a result, this is the first time the Homeless Commission has been asked to participate in the CDBG application evaluation process. The Commission is being requested to openly and impartially review CDBG Public Service and Public Facilities and Infrastructure applications, receive agency presentations, and evaluate each application using the adopted scoring criteria. Following the agency presentations, the Homeless Commission will hold a subsequent public hearing in February 2026 to review evaluation results and provide funding recommendations to the City Council.

**FY 2026–2028 NOFA**

The CDBG program operates under a two-year funding request cycle. This funding cycle represents the City's second and third operating years of the 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan. On November 10, 2025, the City issued a [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\) and Request for Applications \(RFA\)](#) to solicit applications for fiscal years 2026–2027 and 2027-2028. The NOFA was also published in the Monterey County Weekly on November 11, 2025. A mandatory pre-proposal workshop was also conducted on December 10, 2025, to assist applicants with program regulations and project eligibility questions.

**CDBG APPLICATIONS**

In response to the NOFA, the City received nine public service and four public facility and infrastructure improvement applications. Applications were submitted through the City’s online grant portal - [www.citydataservices.net](http://www.citydataservices.net). A summary of the applications received is provided in Attachment A.

Based on initial screening of the applications by City staff, all proposed projects are eligible for CDBG funding. City staff intend to complete application evaluation forms prior to the next Homeless Commission meeting.

**AGENCY PRESENTATIONS**

Agency presentations are intended to familiarize Homeless Commission members with the scope, objectives, and anticipated outcomes of each proposed service or project. Presentations also provide Commissioners and City staff an opportunity to ask clarifying questions in advance of scoring and evaluation.

**RECOMMENDED ORDER OF PRESENTATIONS**

Public Service Applications:

- 1. Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula
- 2. Legal Services for Seniors
- 3. International School of Monterey
- 4. CASA of Monterey County
- 5. Gathering for Women
- 6. Greater Victory Temple
- 7. Girls Inc. of the Central Coast

- 8. ECHO Housing
- 9. The Village Project, Inc.

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Applications:

- 10. Boys & Girls Clubs of Monterey County – Seaside Clubhouse Improvements
- 11. Community Human Services – Genesis House and Elm House Facility Improvements
- 12. Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula – Seaside Community Kitchen Improvements
- 13. City of Seaside Public Works Department – ADA Curb Ramp Improvements

**NEXT STEPS**

Following agency presentations, Homeless Commission members will independently score applications using the adopted evaluation criteria. Staff will compile scores and return with funding recommendations at a subsequent meeting.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact on Homeless Commission's receipt of agency presentations.

**ATTACHMENTS**

None

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**CITY OF SEASIDE  
STAFF REPORT**

**Item No.: 6.B.**

**TO:** Homeless Committee

**BY:** Derrick Elder, Family & Community Support Practitioner

**DATE:** February 4, 2026

**SUBJECT: REVIEW PROPOSALS FROM ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING DONATION FUNDS FROM HOMELESS COMMISSION FY 2025-2026 FOOD INSECURITY PROGRAMS RFP BUDGET AND VOTE ON ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$15,000 TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO FEED LOW-INCOME AND UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN SEASIDE**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Commissioners will review and vote on all proposals submitted from organizations related to allocation of the Food Insecurity donation funds totaling \$15,000 available to support their efforts to feed low-income and unhoused individuals and families in Seaside experiencing challenges accessing this basic need.

**BACKGROUND**

The Homeless Commission has been granted \$15,000 in its annual budget to allocate to food insecurity programs operating in the City of Seaside to support efforts to feed low-income and unhoused individuals and families.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

The amount available in the Homeless Commission's fiscal; year 2024/2025 budget to support agencies/organizations operating food insecurity programs totals \$15,000.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Derrick HC RFP\_Dec. 2025
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2. FinalLetter\_92-1266730\_SOLIDNATION\_05152025\_00
  3. Solid\_Nation\_Board\_List\_Shinnie\_Update
  4. Solid\_Nation\_Food\_Pop\_Up\_Proposal\_Clean
  5. Seaside Homeless Comm Request 2026
  6. MPUSD - Food Insecurity Proposal City of Seaside 2026
  7. GFW - Seaside Food Insecurity Program Funding Request 2026
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Reviewed for Submission to the City Council by:



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Greg McDanel, City Manager



## RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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986 Hilby Avenue  
Seaside, CA 93955  
www.ci.seaside.ca.us

Telephone 831-899-6851  
Fax 831-718-8604

Date: November 5, 2025

### **FOOD INSECURITY PROGRAM DONATION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**START DATE:** December 1, 2025

**CLOSE DATE:** January 28, 2026

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be received at Oldemeyer Center (986 Hilby Avenue), by January 28, 2026 by 5:00pm.

**SUMMARY:** The goal of the Homeless Commission is to be of service to its residents and community, to encourage and reinforce safety, access to resources and supports so all members live and thrive in peace and positivity to engage their desired vision for their lives. Food insecurity programs have been integral to supporting the Seaside homeless population in meeting a basic need through the provision of affordable, nutritious, and higher-quality foods.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The City of Seaside's Homeless Commission is seeking proposals from non-profit agencies and/or charitable organizations operating food insecurity programs in Seaside to submit requests and implementation proposals. The acquired funds will support efforts to feed homeless individuals and families in Seaside.

Nonprofit agencies and/or charitable organizations who have experience operating food insecurity programs in Seaside with a similar budget and scope are encouraged to apply. The selected agencies and/or charitable organizations proposals considered will be explored and discussed in a Homeless Commission meeting for final decision and approval to receive donation funds.

**BUDGET:** The Homeless commission has donation funds of up to \$15,000 available to non-profit agencies and/or charitable organizations operating food insecurity programs that feed homeless individuals and families in Seaside. Please include the total cost of food and support items in your proposal. The amount of funding allocated will be at the discretion of the Homeless Commission.

**EVALUATION CRITERIA:** The selection of local Seaside non-profit agencies and/or charitable organizations will be based upon:

- Description of services (who is being served, when/how often are services available, how do those in need get informed about services, location and access to services).
- Value and benefit of program to homeless population and City of Seaside.
- Proof of non-profit status Food Insecurity Program qualifications. (The agency and/or charitable organization seeking donation funds must serve homeless individuals and families within the Seaside Community. Agencies and/or charitable organizations must also hold a 501c3 nonprofit status. Documentation of status is required when submitting requests).
- Accountability (The agency and/or charitable organization granted donation funds to engage food insecurity program activities must document services and plan to report back to the Homeless Commission within 90 days of receiving funding).
- Preference will be given to non-profit agencies and/or charitable organizations who are based within the City of Seaside.

**SELECTION PROCESS:** All submitted proposals will be reviewed by City Staff to ensure completion of application. The top complete applications, based on a review by the Seaside Homeless Commission will be forwarded as a recommendation to the City Council for final selection.

**TIMELINE:**

December 1, 2025:	RFP Opens
January 28, 2026:	RFP Closes
February 4, 2026:	Commission Review & Decision

**Submission Guidelines:** Multiple requests may be submitted and must include:

- A description of food insecurity program activities and narrative. The narrative should convey the benefit to homeless individuals and families, the City of Seaside, and past or current efforts of doing this of work, etc.
- Contact Information
- Examples of other relevant works and/or reviews of similar work
- Financial Request (Food Cost, Supplies, Staffing, Etc.)

Please submit proposals by January 28, 2026 by 5:00pm to:

Food Insecurity Program Donation Funds RFP  
 City of Seaside  
 986 Hilby Avenue Seaside, CA 93955  
 c/o Derrick Elder, Family and Community Support Program Practitioner  
 Or email: [delder@ci.seaside.ca.us](mailto:delder@ci.seaside.ca.us)

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service  
Tax Exempt and Government Entities  
P.O. Box 2508  
Cincinnati, OH 45201

SOLID NATION  
C/O MAHDI  
1801 CATALINA ST 6  
SAND CITY, CA 93955

Date:  
08/28/2025  
Employer ID number:  
92-1266730  
Person to contact:  
Name: M. Goosby  
ID number: 5628800  
Telephone: (877) 829-5500  
Accounting period ending:  
December 31  
Public charity status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
Yes  
Effective date of exemption:  
January 23, 2025  
Contribution deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum applies:  
No  
DLN:  
26053539004325

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

# Solid Nation Co.

## Board of Directors – 2026

**President:** Mahdi Washington  
**Treasurer:** Shawniece Johnson  
**Secretary:** LaShan Mills

Address: 1801 Catalina St. #6, Sand City / Seaside, CA 93955

Email: [solidnationco@gmail.com](mailto:solidnationco@gmail.com)



## Solid Nation Food Pop-Up Outreach Program

### *Food Insecurity Program Donation Funds Proposal*

**Organization:** Solid Nation Co.

**Program:** Food Pop-Up Outreach Program (Monthly)

**Location:** Seaside, California

**Funding Request:** \$10,000

**Primary Contact:** Mahdi Washington

**Email:** solidnationco@gmail.com

**Address:** 1801 Catalina St. #6, Sand City / Seaside Area

### Program Description & Narrative

Solid Nation operates a community-based **Food Pop-Up Outreach Program** that provides meals, snacks, water, and essential food items to **homeless individuals, unsheltered residents, housing-insecure families, and individuals at risk of homelessness in Seaside.**

The program operates on a **monthly basis** and brings food directly to locations where people in need are present, removing barriers related to transportation, storage, and access. Pop-ups are hosted at accessible Seaside locations and partner community spaces, creating a positive and supportive environment focused on dignity, connection, and care.

The program aligns with the mission of the Seaside Homeless Commission by helping residents meet a basic need while supporting well-being, stability, and community safety.

### Who We Serve

The Food Pop-Up Program serves:

- Unsheltered homeless adults
- Families living in vehicles or temporary housing
- Individuals at risk of homelessness
- Low-income residents experiencing crisis
- Seniors, veterans, and youth facing food insecurity

Community members learn about our pop-ups through outreach, partner referrals, social platforms, and in-person engagement.

## Program Schedule & Implementation

Solid Nation hosts **monthly food pop-up events** in Seaside. Each pop-up includes meal distribution, water and snacks, supportive outreach, and access to resource information. We anticipate serving **35–75 individuals per event**, depending on location and seasonal conditions.

Events rotate through accessible community areas to maximize reach and ensure visibility and safety.

## Community Value & Benefit

The program supports individuals and the City of Seaside by:

- Reducing hunger among homeless and housing-insecure residents
- Providing immediate food relief and wellness support
- Creating opportunities for positive engagement and connection
- Supporting stability during periods of crisis
- Encouraging access to additional community resources

## Accountability & Reporting

If awarded funding, Solid Nation will track program activities and report outcomes to the Seaside Homeless Commission, including:

- Dates and locations of each pop-up
- Number of participants served
- Estimated number of homeless households reached
- Summary of food support provided

Solid Nation will submit a **90-day progress report** as required.

## Financial Request & Budget

Food & Groceries	Prepared food, snacks, fruit, water	\$5,000
Packaging & Supplies	Plates, utensils, gloves, containers	\$1,500
Transportation & Operations	Fuel, storage, coolers, logistics	\$1,200
Outreach & Program Materials	Signage, resource materials	\$800
Volunteer & Coordination Support	Event coordination logistics	\$1,500
Total Requested		\$10,000

Thank you for your consideration.

# Stepping Stone Outreach Inc.

*The Outreach Ministry of Christian Memorial Church*

956 Hilby Avenue  
Seaside, California 93955  
831 863-6575  
SSOSeaside@gmail.com

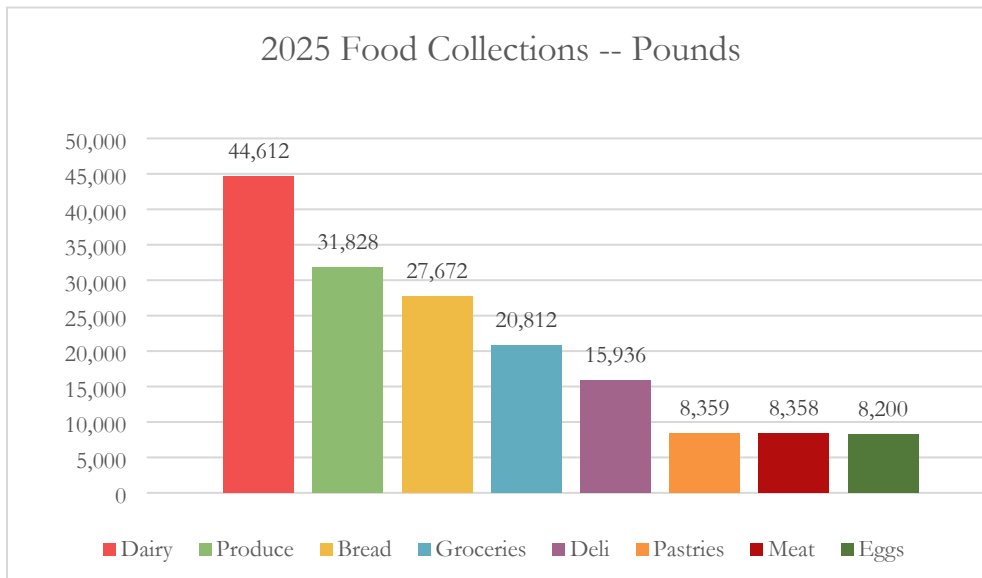
28 January, 2026

Derrick Elder  
Family and Community Support Program Practitioner  
email: delder@ci.seaside.ca.us

Dear Mr. Elder,

Stepping Stone Outreach (SSO) is the community ministry of Christian Memorial Tabernacle Church. Stepping Stone has been serving the needs of the Seaside community since 1990 (36 years) first from their church on Sonoma Avenue, then for twenty years at their church on Fort Ord, and for six years at 1340 Fremont Boulevard, and for the past eight months at 956 Hilby Avenue.

Stepping Stone is both a food reclamation aggregator and a food service provider for food insecure families and individuals. As a collection partner with the Food Bank of Monterey County, we currently service the food donations of three Safeway stores; Del Rey Oaks, Mid-Valley Carmel, and Crossroads Carmel plus some additional collections from other retail grocers in the area. In 2025 we collected 165,777 pounds of food. The following chart reflects the food we collected.



**Dr. Samuel E. Gaskins Senior**  
**President & Founder**

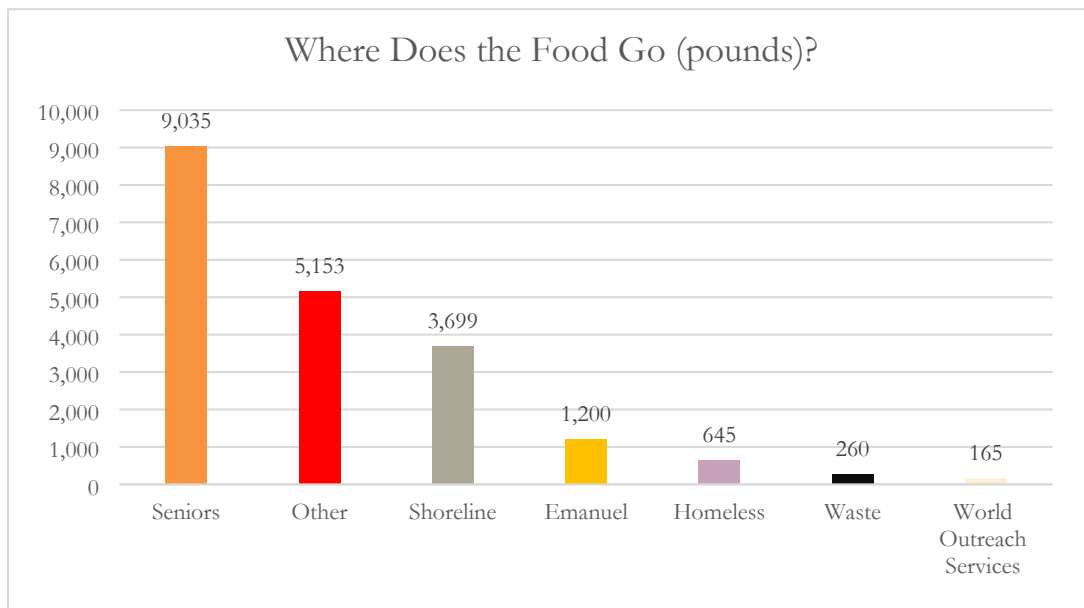
**FEIN 81-2918310**  
**CA CN C3912917**

Working with our collection partners we are able to value the food as follows:

	Cost / lb.	Pounds	Value
Dairy	\$4.00	444,612	\$178,448.00
Produce	\$0.50	31,828	\$15,914.00
Bread	\$3.00	27,672	\$83,016.00
Groceries	\$0.50	20,812	\$10,406.00
Deli	\$3.50	15,936	\$55,776.00
Pastries	\$2.00	8,359	\$16,718.00
Meat	\$5.00	8,358	\$41,790.00
Eggs	\$4.00	8,200	\$32,800.00
		165,770	\$434,868.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

Our collection operation runs every day including weekends. The food is brought to our pantry on Hilby, sorted and weighed, (a requirement of California SB 1383) where it is available for either transport to our distribution partners or for pickup by our walk-in clients. We offer walk in service Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, fifteen hours per week.

We do not capture identity or demographic information from clients as it could jeopardize our agency relationship with the food bank and possibly discourage undocumented persons from obtaining food. Nevertheless, we studied our December 2025 collections and report on the following chart:



As you may recall from our grant application last year there has been a massive shift in food allocation. When we last came to you our partners were receiving over seventy percent of our food while now partnership distribution is under twenty-five percent with the balance going directly to our clients. Emanuel Church, a Seaside congregation has a weekend pantry that we supply. World Outreach Services (Gwen Nash’s charity) does a weekly breakfast program that we contribute food to. Shoreline Church’s Pantry operates Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and serves approximately 2,130 households annually. They report seventy to eighty percent of these households are in Seaside. Additionally, Shoreline distributes to the student pantry at CSUMB, a number of senior residential centers, Casa Noche Buena, and as a major factor in our waste reduction strategy, the Monterey Zoo in Salinas.

Again, looking at our December numbers, we had arrivals at the pantry as follow:

Seniors	556
Other Walk-ins	283
Unhoused	187
Total	1,026

During the survey period we found that:

- 23% of our clients visited 16 days during the month (no one had perfect attendance)
- 29 % visited 10 to 15 times
- 31 % visited 4 to 9 times and
- 17 % visited less than 4 times

- ✓ The typical **senior bag** weighed just over 16 pounds consisting of milk, eggs, bread, fresh fruit and vegetables, cheese, yogurt, meat, fruit juice or water, salad, sandwiches, and more cookies and pastry than is good for them.
- ✓ The bag for **other walk-ins** weighed in just over 18 pounds and consisted with the same items.
- ✓ Our **unhoused visitors** generally wanted only three and a half pounds of food, made up of a couple deli sandwiches, a beverage, occasional fruit or cheese, and an inordinate amount of pastry.

Based on these figures we estimate we are serving between 275 to 300 people / families / neighbors directly on a regular basis, some of whom claim we are their exclusive source of food, and an additional 40 to 60 on an occasional basis. Almost all of our clients claim they are feeding a spouse, family, grandchildren, disabled neighbor, etc. making it very difficult to access our overall impact but we are confident it is greater than the actual number of arrivals. Eighty- eight percent of our clients claim Seaside residency, other municipalities represented include Monterey, Carmel, Salinas, Marina, and a woman who comes by about once a month from Gilroy because we have better food than the other pantries. Our non-residents claim a Seaside relationship either through employment or family.

In addition to our food work, we have a wonderful volunteer closely connected to residents in Carmel and Pebble Beach who collects slightly used clothing for us and maintains our free clothes rack. She collected in 2025, over 600 garments (shirts, pants, skirts, dresses, socks, warm jackets), shoes, and bedding. Additionally, she insures all clothing is inspected, laundered when need and on clothes hanger ready to on distribution rack.

In November, the Homeless Commission provided a thousand-dollar, holiday grant which we have used to purchase fast food gift cards, \$15.00 exclusively for unhoused clients. To date we have expended \$705.00 of that grant (47 gift cards) and dependent on climate (rain and really cold weather), anticipate exhausting those funds by mid-February.

I'd like you to consider our week at Stepping Stone Pantry, where 100% of our labor is volunteer.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Weekly Time / Hours</b>
Food Collection	12
Sorting / weighing	14
Shelving / refrigerating	8
Client interactions	20
Cleaning	5.5
Partner deliveries	6
Administration	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>70.5</b>

Now the important part, we are asking the Homeless Commission for **\$10,000**. to fund our work through 2026. We are aware that this is two-thirds of your grant money but is our sincere hope the foregoing description of our work and the community we are serving will lead to fund Stepping Stone to the full amount.

Our anticipated expenses are as follows:

	Request	2025 Actual
Vehicle Expense	\$6,000.00	\$5,752.65
Occupancy Expense	2,900.00	2,494.18
Supplemental Food	600.00	
Contingency	500.00	
Total	\$10,000.00	\$8,246.83

Our van is old and we're actively seeking to replace it at some point. In 2025 we needed to replace all four tires, the battery, water pump, and flywheel in addition preventative maintenance. This year in addition to

fuel, registration, insurance and PM's we anticipate a need for brake replacement, transmission work and suspension (hauling around 175,000 pounds of food a year on the substandard county roads takes a toll).

Our 2025 occupancy expense, gas, electric, water, trash, internet, insurance, repairs, etc. reflects the nine months of our Hilby occupancy, we hope to be able go a full year for just a bit more.

From time to time, we become aware of extraordinary food deals that we'd like to take advantage of. For example, we recently passed up an opportunity to purchase 100 dozen eggs at \$2.00 a dozen. The food supplement funds will be helpful to smooth out shortages in donations.

Looking ahead we see growth opportunities for outreach that might include:

- Supplying additional neighborhood pantries at churches and nonprofits. We believe that small pantries where the operator is serving about 50 individuals and can really get to know their clients and the clients needs, and with some minimal education
- Grow the base of food providers as compliance responses to SB 1383 improve. This may take some political support moving to educate the food vendors as to the implications of the food recovery law. To date the municipalities are unenthusiastic to check the food providers trash for potential recovery and there is no current economic incentive to differentiate between spoiled and useable food. We're anticipating creating a coalition of pantry operators in 2026 to address this issue and also finding better ways to support each other to optimize all the food that is recovered.

In summary Stepping Stone in return for your \$10,000. grant will provide \$450,000. of food to the community. At a client level this equates to a cost per visitor of less than \$35. per year resulting in an annual food value of \$1,500. per person / family. I'm sure you'll agree this is an incredible deal well worth the cost.

Hopefully I've covered all your grant request criteria. Please feel free to contact me with any questions and drop by our facility to see what we're doing.

Thank you,

John Holt  
Managing Director, Stepping Stone Outreach, Seaside



# Food Insecurity Program Donation Grant Proposal

*Submitted by Monterey Peninsula Unified School District – Family Resource Center serving families with Housing and Food Insecurity*

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## **1. Description of services provided by our program to Seaside families and students**

Our Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Family Resource Center serves students and families in the district who are experiencing homelessness or housing/food instability, in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act. This includes children and youth living in shelters, motels, vehicles, doubled-up situations, or other temporary and unstable housing and families with various levels of food insecurities throughout the City of Seaside. Currently, we have 856 students (along with their parents/caregivers) who currently qualify for The McKinney-Vento Act and would certainly benefit from the grant that the City of Seaside Homeless Commission Grant is providing.

Note: The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act) (42 United States Code § 11431-11435) is federal legislation that ensures the educational rights and protections of children and youth experiencing homelessness. It requires all local educational agencies (LEAs) to ensure that homeless students have access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschools, as provided to other children and youth. The McKinney-Vento Act defines LEAs as public school districts, direct-funded and locally funded charter schools, and county offices of education. The McKinney-Vento Act also authorizes the funding for the federal Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program.

### **Who are we serving in the city of Seaside?:**

- 856 Pre-K–12 students are identified under the McKinney-Vento Act and 4,124 reside in the City of Seaside
- Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth
- Families newly experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing stable housing and families with food insecurities.

### **Services currently provided:**

- Emergency groceries available on demand
- Delivery options or school-site pickup for families without transportation
- Connection to CalFresh enrollment, community food banks, and local meal programs
- Individualized case management to address ongoing food insecurity
- Transportation to and from school for families that have an identified barrier

**Project Description:**

We are seeking funds to provide grocery gift cards in the amount of \$ 10,000 or equivalent funding to provide emergency food assistance to approximately 4,124 students who reside in the City of Seaside. Each gift card provided would be in the amount of \$50.00. Gift cards allow families and students to purchase the fresh foods and staples they need while preserving dignity and choice. Your support would have a meaningful and immediate impact on our students by helping ensure they have access to essential nutrition. Our team will manage distribution, track impact, and provide follow-up reporting as needed. If gift cards are not allowed under your funding guidelines, we would use the awarded funds to purchase non-perishable food items such as rice, pasta, canned goods, cereal, and other staple items that can be distributed directly to students and families.

**Budget:** \$10,000

Example: \$50.00 Gift card / \$10,000 = 200 families receiving the support.

**Availability:**

- Food pantry open Monday - Friday, typically 5 times per week
- Emergency food assistance is available during all school hours
- Weekend or holiday meal bags provided before extended school breaks

**How Families Are Informed:**

- Direct contact through our McKinney-Vento liaison and school social workers
- School newsletter and district website postings
- Multilingual flyers sent home, via ParentSquare (school district messaging system) and posted at school sites
- Referrals from school staff, counselors, and community partners
- Outreach events and resource fairs within the City of Seaside

**Location & Access:**

- Services are located at 1295 La Salle Avenue Seaside, CA 93955
- Accessible by public transit and within walking distance for many families
- No documentation, appointment, or income verification required—consistent with McKinney-Vento rights to immediate support

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## 2. Value and Benefit to the Homeless Population and the City of Seaside

Our food security program addresses one of the most urgent needs facing homeless students and families: consistent and reliable access to healthy food. By reducing food insecurity, the program:

- Improves student attendance, focus, and academic success, supporting the district's mission to educate all children equitably.
- Stabilizes families, reducing crises that often lead to emergency shelter entry or school mobility.
- Builds community resilience, connecting families to local resources, nutrition education, and supportive services.
- Supports the City of Seaside's goals to strengthen safety-net services and reduce the negative impacts of homelessness on children and youth.

Through our commitment to "Include, Innovate, Inspire," this program ensures that Seaside's most vulnerable families feel valued, connected, and empowered to move toward long-term stability.

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## 3. Proof of Nonprofit Status / Program Qualifications

The Homeless Family Resource Center operates under the umbrella of Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, a public school district and a recognized governmental entity under section 170(c)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a government agency serving the public good, the district meets eligibility standards equivalent to 501(c)(3) nonprofit status for the purpose of receiving charitable funds.

Additionally, our program directly serves homeless children, youth, and families residing within the **City of Seaside**, aligning fully with the Homeless Commission's funding priorities for food insecurity initiatives.

#### **4. Accountability**

If awarded funding, the Homeless Family Resource Center will:

- Track the number of families served, number of gift card distributions, value of food provided
- Maintain transparent documentation of expenditures, including receipts and inventory logs
- Collect brief feedback from families to evaluate program impact
- Submit a written report to the Seaside Homeless Commission summarizing:
  - Services delivered
  - Number of individuals/families supported
  - Use of funds
  - Outcomes, challenges, and next steps

The district's existing reporting systems and McKinney-Vento compliance procedures ensure accurate, timely, and accountable stewardship of grant funds.

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#### **5. Preference for Agencies Based in the City of Seaside**

The Family Resource Center is located within the City of Seaside and serves Seaside families daily through our district's schools. Our strong presence in the city, long-standing partnership with local community organizations, and direct service to Seaside residents make us an ideal and fully aligned recipient for this funding.

In closing, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for the opportunity to collaborate and provide additional support for our Seaside students and community via a potential partnership through the Food Insecurity Grant. We (like you) know the needs in our community are vast, yet the residents of Seaside are a strong, amazing and passionate group. We appreciate your time and consideration of our proposal. We look forward to hearing back from you and for collaborating with you in the future.

#### **Supporting Documents:**

- Proof of 501C3 Non-Profit Status
- MPUSD Gift Card Agreement



***Monterey Peninsula Unified School District***

Ryan Altemeyer  
Associate Superintendent, Business Services

P.O. Box 1031  
700 Pacific Street  
Monterey, CA 93942-1031

(831) 645-1269  
raltemeyer@mpusd.k12.ca.us

July 7, 2025

RE: Tax Exempt Status of MPUSD  
Taxpayer Identification Number: 77-0320712

To Whom it May Concern:

Thank you for your interest in supporting our schools. We often receive inquiries about our nonprofit status. Please accept this letter as certification that the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District qualifies as a not-for-profit organization. We are a state educational institution, which is considered a political subdivision of the State of California. Because of this, we are considered a nonprofit state entity rather than a private 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization. Donations and private grants made to our schools are tax-deductible under these statutes.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (831) 645-1269.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ryan Altemeyer", is written over a faint, larger version of the signature.

Ryan Altemeyer  
Associate Superintendent, Business Services



**Monterey Peninsula Unified School District**  
Student Support Services  
Homeless and Foster Student Services  
700 Pacific St.  
Monterey, CA 93940

## Gift Card Agreement

Based on the information you provided, it has been determined that your family is eligible to receive assistance in the form of a \$50 gift card. These cards were made possible by a donation grant from the City of Seaside's Homeless Commission and their commitment to support the residents of Seaside. These cards are to assist purchase of healthy food items necessary for your student(s) to enjoy a higher quality of life. These cards may be used to purchase essential food items. If you have any questions about these guidelines, please contact the Homeless Family Liaison.

The gift cards may *not* be used to purchase the following items:

- 1) Alcohol
- 2) Tobacco Products
- 3) Candy, Sweets
- 4) Lottery Tickets

**Student Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID (If you know it): \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Gift Card Information (Store and Gift Card Number):**

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**Parent/Caregiver/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth Information and Consent:**

I understand that this help is to provide assistance so that my child/ren may attend school and have the food necessary to be ready to learn and enjoy school activities. Please note that you will not be eligible to receive additional gift cards in the future if they are not utilized appropriately. Gift cards will not be replaced if lost or stolen. No prohibited items are to be purchased. Please provide a receipt after purchasing your food items to the MPUSD Family Resource Center.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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*Providing homeless women with supportive resources and a caring community*

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The mission of  
Gathering for Women Monterey  
is to provide supportive resources in  
a caring environment for the  
homeless women of the Monterey  
Peninsula.

We do this with H.E.A.R.T.



January 28, 2026

Food Insecurity Program Donation Funds RFP  
City of Seaside  
986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside, CA 93955

Dear Mr. Elder,

Please find attached Gathering for Women – Monterey’s application for funds from the City of Seaside Homeless Commission. We thank you for this opportunity and for your time and attention to our application.

Sincerely,

Staci M Alziebler-Perkins  
Executive Director

Attached:

- Program Description
- Board and Staff Contact List
- Example Brochures and Resource Guides
- Program/Project Budget
- Appendix A: State and Federal Tax Exempt Letter



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## **Program Description:**

In January 2021, Gathering for Women – Monterey (GFW) partnered with Community Human Services to open Casa de Noche Buena, the first 'housing first' 90 day shelter on the Monterey Peninsula. The program leverages CHS's 50+ years of experience in shelter management and our ten years of experience providing food and wrap around services to homeless women. The Casa de Noche Buena Shelter (CDNB) located at 1736 Noche Buena St. in Seaside is a low barrier emergency shelter for single women and families with children. Case Managers work with guests to set and achieve their personal goals for housing, income, employment, education, and other areas that support a successful exit from homelessness. Amenities include meals, full baths, laundry, mail service, computer and internet access. Guests are assigned a room for the duration of their stay and may leave their belongings in their room. This project benefits homeless single women and families with children by providing them a safe, consistent shelter with access to case management and supportive resources to help them find permanent housing. The surrounding community benefits because the need for existing city services has decreased with this underserved population now off the street and in shelter finding the assistance and resources necessary to improve their quality of life.

The shelter opened in January of 2021 and has served over 200 guests including children so far. Guests can stay for 90 to 180 days while searching for permanent housing. In 2025, GFW provided 8,610 meals to the women and families with children at CDNB. This is a nine percent increase in services compared to 2024, and is directly attributed to the number of families with children that are staying in the shelter each night. We are seeing an increase in young families with children experiencing homelessness due to the rising cost of living and the ongoing affordability crisis. According to the 2024 Monterey County Point-in-Time Homeless Census & Survey, there are 2,436 homeless individuals in Monterey County of which 32% were identified as female. Under the current economic climate with thousands unemployed or underemployed, many are on the edge of homelessness. Already we have seen an increase in numbers on the waiting list - as one is housed, another is onboarded. Casa de Noche Buena (CDNB) provides a roof over homeless women's head while they find their way out of homelessness, and a warm meal three times a day.

GFW provides all of the meals for Casa de Noche Buena, and our Food Services Coordinator and Food Services Assistant are the heart of our organization. Together, they have served over 24,000 meals in 2025 to homeless and housing-insecure women and families from our main kitchen in Monterey. This kitchen serves guests from the whole county, but approximately 30% of our guests are from Seaside and Sand City already. When combined with the meals for CDNB, our main kitchen has seen a 28% increase in food distribution in 2025 compared to 2024. We have countered this as best we can through partnerships with the Food Bank for Monterey County, Smart & Final, Cornucopia Community Market, San Carlos Cathedral, and others to redistribute their unused food to our kitchen as well as Victory Mission Church, the Veteran's Transition Center, and CSUMB's Center for Basic Needs.



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GFW's financial records are maintained by our Finance Consultant, Vida Jalali. Vida Jalali is a CPA and holds a Bachelor's in Business Administration from the University of San Francisco. Gathering for Women has established written policies and procedures for managing its finances. Our financial records are tracked in Quickbooks. Financial reports are reviewed monthly by our Finance Committee and subsequently the Board of Directors. In addition, our financial reports are audited by an independent CPA firm each year. Our client records are kept in Caseworthy, a widely recognized case management software platform. Our Case Managers also enter data in to HMIS and CARS as required. Potential guests are first vetted through a thorough phone screening process to determine eligibility and then they are added to the waiting list. Once a spot is available, the next woman or family on the list comes for an intake which includes a self-sufficiency matrix. All information is kept on file and is available for reporting purposes as requested.

## **Staff Contact List:**

<b>Staff Member Name</b>	<b>Staff Member Title</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Staci Alziebler-Perkins	Executive Director	<a href="mailto:ed@gatheringforwomen.org">ed@gatheringforwomen.org</a>	831-241-6154 ext. 11
Kelli Catey	Managing Director	<a href="mailto:kelli@gatheringforwomen.org">kelli@gatheringforwomen.org</a>	831-241-6154 ext. 10



## COVID-19 UPDATE

GFW is taking all safety measures to ensure the safety of our guests, volunteers, interns, and staff. Masks are required by all visiting GFW, temperatures are taken upon arrival, and all must wash hands before signing in for the day.



## NEW TO GFW? HERE'S WHAT YOU WILL NEED\* FOR AN INTAKE

- **Proof of ID**
  - Entire Household
- **Proof of Income**
  - Last 30 Days
- **Proof of Residency**
  - Examples: Driver's License, Passport to Services, Official mail addressed to you
- **Passport to Services (if applicable)**
  - Provided by Social Services

\*If you do not have any of these documents, we can help you obtain them.

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Intakes are available  
**Monday/ Wednesday/ Thursday**  
on a First-Come, First-Served basis

The list opens at **8 AM**  
Meetings start at **9:30 AM**



Gathering for Women  
Monterey

**147 El Dorado St.  
Monterey, CA 93940**

**Monday-Thursday  
8am- 3pm**

**Friday  
8am-12pm**

Providing homeless women with supportive resources and a caring community since April 2014.





## Our Vision

Our vision is for the unhoused and housing insecure women on the Monterey Peninsula to live a healthier more secure life that includes a pathway out of homelessness or housing insecurity.

## Our Mission

Our mission is to provide homeless women on the Monterey Peninsula supportive resources and a caring community.

## Visit our Website for

- ✓ SPECIAL EVENTS
- ✓ VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
- ✓ DONATION INFORMATION

## ✓ FOOD SERVICES

### Hot Breakfast:

Monday - Friday 8am - 9:30am

### Hot Lunch:

Monday - Thursday 12pm - 1:30pm

### Take-Away Lunch:

Monday - Friday All Day

## ✓ CLOTHES CLOSET

Monday - Thursday 9:30am - 12pm  
(As available)

## ✓ SHOWERS

Monday - Thursday 8:30am - 2pm

Friday 8:30am - 11am

## ✓ NEXT STEP CASE MANAGEMENT

Mondays, Wednesdays, 9:30am - 1pm  
and Thursdays

### Required Documents:

- Identification
- Income verification
- Proof of Residency

Gathering for Women is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization

## Day Center Services

GFW is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization committed to the health and wellbeing of homeless and housing-insecure women on the Peninsula. GFW provides comprehensive services to promote our guests' health and safety and to support their path out of homelessness into a sustainable and healthy way of life. We do this through our Day Center which offers hot, nutritious on-site weekend and take-away meals, needed clothing, showers, comprehensive case management support, limited emergency assistance, job interview skills, access to free basic mental health care, and referrals for other necessary services through other community service providers.

GATHERING FOR WOMEN

## Thanks our Partners:





## CAMBIOS POR COVID-19

GFW está tomando todas las medidas para garantizar la seguridad de nuestras invitadas, voluntarias, pasantes, y personal. El distanciamiento social está vigente, y todos los visitantes a GFW se requieren a poner las máscaras, se toman las temperaturas al llegar, y todas deben lavarse las manos antes de registrarse para el día.



### NUEVA A GFW? ESTO ES LO QUE NECESITA\* PARA COMPLETAR UNA ADMISIÓN

- **Prueba de ID**
  - Toda de la casa
- **Prueba de Ingresos**
  - Últimos 30 días
- **Prueba de residencia**
  - Ejemplos: Licencia de conducir, Pasaporte a Servicios, Correo oficial a su nombre
- **Pasaporte a Servicios (si es aplicable)**
  - Proporcionada por los Servicios Sociales

\*Si no tiene estos documentos, podemos ayudarle a obtenerlos.

Asmisiones estan disponibles:

**Lunes / Miércoles/ Jueves**

por orden de llegada

La lista abre a las **8 AM**

Las reuniones comienzan a las

**9:30 AM**



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Brindando recursos de apoyo a mujeres sin hogares desde Abril de 2014.





## Visión

Nuestra visión es que las mujeres sin hogar y hambrientas tengan un lugar en la península de Monterey donde pueden acceder a alimentos, ropa, una comunidad solidaria, y conexiones con recursos y servicios.

## Misión

Brindar recursos de apoyo en un entorno solidario a las mujeres sin hogar de la Península de Monterey.

## Visite Nuestro Sitio Web para:

- ✓ EVENTOS ESPECIALES
- ✓ OPORTUNIDADES PARA VOLUNTARIOS
- ✓ INFORMACIÓN DE DONACIÓN

## ✓ COMIDAS

### Desayuno Caliente:

Lunes - Viernes 8am - 9:30am

### Almuerzo Caliente:

Lunes - Jueves 12pm - 1:30pm

### Comida para Llevar:

Lunes - Viernes Todo el Día

## ✓ ARMARIO DE ROPA

Lunes - Jueves 9:30am - 12pm  
(como disponible)

## ✓ DUCHAS

Lunes - Jueves 8:30am - 2pm

Viernes 8:30am - 11am

## ✓ NEXT STEP GESTIÓN DE CASOS

Lunes, Miércoles, y Jueves 9:30am - 1pm

### Documentos Requeridos:

- Identificación
- Prueba de Ingresos
- Prueba de Residencia


## Servicios de Centro Diario


GFW es una organización 501(c)3 sin fines de lucro comprometida con la salud y el bienestar de las mujeres sin hogar y con vivienda insegura en la península. GFW brinda servicios integrales para promover la salud y seguridad de nuestras invitadas, y para apoyar su camino desde la falta de vivienda hacia una forma de vida sostenible y saludable. Hacemos esto a través de nuestro Centro Diario que ofrece comidas calientes y nutritivas en el lugar y comidas para llevar para los fines de semana; ropa necesaria; duchas; apoyo integral de gestión de casos; asistencia de emergencia limitada; habilidades para entrevistas de trabajo; acceso a atención básica de salud mental y física gratuita; y referencias para otros servicios necesarios a través de otros proveedores de servicios comunitarios.

## GATHERING FOR WOMEN

# Contacta con Nosotras

 147 El Dorado Street Monterey, CA 93940

 [info@gatheringforwomen.org](mailto:info@gatheringforwomen.org)

 (831) 241-6154

- **SHARE CENTER**  
845 E Laurel Dr.  
Salinas, CA 93905  
831-382-6582
- **YWCA**  
Domestic violence shelter for women and children.  
Salinas 831-372-6300
- **Frederiksen House**  
Seaside, 831-899-1071

#### DAY AND SERVICE CENTERS

- **Dorothy's Drop-in Center**  
30 Soledad Street, Salinas  
831-394-8374  
Provides meals, showers and laundry.
- **Good Sam Center**  
800 Scott Street,  
Seaside, 831-899-4988  
Showers, laundry, lockers, mail, phones, I.D.
- **Gathering for Women.**  
[www.gatheringforwomen.org](http://www.gatheringforwomen.org)
- **MCDSS Social Services**  
1281 Broadway Avenue, Seaside  
1-899-8001 (office/new applicants) or  
1-877-410-8823 (current applicants)  
Mon – Fri, 8:00am – 5:00pm  
CalWORKS, CalFresh, Medi-Cal  
Apply for free phone and I.D.  
[www.c4yourself.com](http://www.c4yourself.com)
- **St. Vincent de Paul**  
1269 Fremont Street, Seaside  
831-899-2211  
Mon – Sat, 10:00am – 5:00pm  
Clothing, sleeping bags and tents.

For additional information about local resources call 211 or check online at [www.211.org](http://www.211.org)

#### MEDICAL

- **Police, Fire, Ambulance** call 911
- **Emergency Room CHOMP:**  
831-624-5311
- **Dr. Mohandas Free Clinic**  
1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday only, 1:00pm – 5:00pm  
100 Wilson Road #110, Monterey, Ryan Ranch
- **Clínica de Salud Mobile Clinic:**  
At GFW 9 am – 1 PM  
2nd Tuesday every month
- **Rota Care**  
For those with no insurance coverage  
Wednesday, 5:00pm – 9:00pm  
(line begins at 2:30pm)  
1156 Fremont Street, Seaside 831-333-6495
- **Planned Parenthood**  
625 Hilby Avenue, Seaside, 831-394-1691
- **Seaside Family Health**  
(Medi-Cal, Medicare)  
1150 Fremont Street, Seaside 831-899-8100
- **Domestic Violence Crisis Line** 831-757-1001
- **Rape Crisis Line**  
Mo Peninsula 831-373-4357 (HELP)  
Salinas/So County 831-424-4357
- **Teen Crisis Line** 831-241-0914
- **Access Support Network (HIV/AIDS)**  
1-805-781-3600
- **Behavioral Health** (mental health services)  
299 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Marina 831-647-7652

# RESOURCE GUIDE FOR WOMEN

List of meals, food pantries, day and service centers, shelters and medical contact information for the Monterey Peninsula area.



#### DAY CENTER

147 El Dorado Street  
Monterey, CA 93940  
831-241-6154

Monday- Thursday 8:00am – 3:00pm  
Friday 8:00am – 12:00pm

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## FREE MEALS

- **Del Monte Beach**  
Sunday, 8:00 am – 9:30 am
- **El Estero Park**  
Saturday, 9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Near skate park, BBQ, picnic area.  
Also provides clothes, tents, sleeping bags, bikes, bike locks, pet food and haircuts.
- **Good Samaritan Center**  
Mon-Fri, 8:30 am breakfast, 10:30 am lunch  
800 Scott Street, Sand City  
**Food Truck:** Monday - Thursday, 11:00 am  
Parked in lot across from Naval Postgraduate School.
- **Loaves and Fishes**  
*(Operated by San Carlos Cathedral)*  
Sunday, 12:00 pm  
El Estero Park  
BBQ Picnic Area

## AFFORDABLE MEALS

### Meals on Wheels

- Monday – Friday, Check in 11:30 am, lunch at 12:00 pm.
- Seniors 60+: suggested amount \$3.00, or any amount accepted.
- Non-Seniors \$7.50.

1. **Monterey Senior Center**  
Lighthouse at Dickman Avenue  
24 hour reservation required  
Tel: 831-646-3878
2. **Oldemeyer Center**  
986 Hilby Avenue, Seaside  
24 hour reservation required  
Tel: 834-899-6270
3. **Sally Griffin Active Living Center**  
700 Jewell Avenue, Pacific Grove  
Holiday lunches: \$4.00-\$8.00

## FOOD PANTRIES

*(May Require I.D.)*

- **Shoreline Community Church**  
Tuesday and Thursday, 12:30 pm-2:30 pm  
2500 Garden Road, Monterey
- **St. Angela Merici Church**  
*(PG and New Monterey Residents Only)*  
Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 pm-2:30 pm
- **St. Francis Xavier Church**  
*(Seaside Residents Only)*  
Tuesday and Thursday, 1:30 pm-3:00 pm  
1475 La Salle, Seaside
- **St. Jude's Catholic Church**  
*(Marina Residents Only)*  
1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Wed, 10:00 am-11:00 am  
303 Hillcrest, Marina
- **St. Mary's by-the-Sea**  
Monday, Wed, Friday, 1:00 pm-2:45 pm  
146 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Pacific Grove
- **San Carlos Cathedral**  
Sunday, 1:00 pm-3:00 pm  
674 San Cortes Street, Monterey
- **Thomas Carmen Food Pantry**  
Tuesday, 5:00 pm-7:00 pm  
Saturday, 9:00 am-11:00 am  
425 Carmel Avenue, Marina

## SHELTERS

- **CARS** (Coordinated Assessment Referral System), Program *(not a shelter)*  
Get on the list for low-income housing programs in Monterey County.  
831-883-3080
- **Community Homeless Solutions**
  1. **Emergency Woman's Shelter for Women and Children:**  
Hamilton House 831-394-8372  
Natividad Shelter 831-422-2201

## (Community Homeless Solutions continued)

2. **Chinatown Navigation Center**  
16-bed Navigation center that provides meals and 24/7 shelter for adults residing in Chinatown. Salinas, 831-214-0964
  3. **Central Coast Respite Center**  
By hospital referral only  
Seaside, 831-747-2900
- **Casa de Noche Buena**  
1292 Olympia Ave  
Seaside, CA 93955  
831-867-8200
  - **Dorothy's Place – Women Alive**  
*(For women only)*  
Also provides meals, showers and laundry.  
831 Soledad Street, Salinas  
831-424-1102
  - **I-Help for Women**  
Pick up at 4:30 pm. Call for further assistance.  
831-393-5154
  - **Interim**  
Supportive housing for people with mental illness. 831-883-3030
  - **One Starfish**  
Safe Parking. 831-275-5167
  - **Orphan Production – Safe Parking Program**  
Safe Parking. 831-204-0230
  - **Safe Place**  
For 18 – 21 years old  
590 Pearl Street, Monterey  
831-373-4421

**PROGRAM / PROJECT BUDGET**

Organization Name: **Gathering for Women**  
 Program Name: **Meeting the Need: Casa de Noche Buena**  
 Program Dates: **March 1, 2026 - February 28, 2027 (Project is ongoing)**

<b>Income</b>	<b>Homeless Coalition - City of Seaside</b>	<b>Committed Funds</b>	<b>Other Proposals</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>Homeless Coalition - City of Seaside</b>	\$7,500			\$7,500
CDBG - City of Seaside		\$12,000		\$12,000
Other Grants			\$4,200	\$4,200
Individual & Corporate Donations			\$167,576	\$167,576
	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$171,776</b>	<b>\$191,276</b>

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Homeless Coalition - City of Seaside</b>	<b>Committed Funds</b>	<b>Other Proposals</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Case Manager/Housing Navigator		\$12,000	\$43,272	\$55,272
Program Facilitator			\$10,884	\$10,884
Food Services Assistant			\$10,649	\$10,649
Food Services Manager			\$15,660	\$15,660
Volunteer Coordinator			\$17,729	\$17,729
Managing Director			\$0	\$0
Executive Director			\$0	\$0
Case Management Interns			\$0	\$0
Taxes and Benefits			\$21,693	\$21,693
Total Staff Cost	\$0	\$12,000	\$119,887	\$131,887
Food Service	\$7,500	\$0	\$34,500	\$42,000
10% Indirect	\$0	\$0	\$17,389	\$17,389
	<b>\$7,500</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$171,776</b>	<b>\$191,276</b>

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE  
P. O. BOX 2508  
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

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12/14/15

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

cc: FILE  
ORIG: CARD

Date: **DEC 08 2015**

GATHERING FOR WOMEN-MONTEREY  
C/O CAROL GREENWALD  
PO BOX 601  
MONTEREY, CA 93942

Employer Identification Number:  
47-4275163  
DLN:  
17053240332005  
Contact Person:  
NANCY L HEAGNEY ID# 31306  
Contact Telephone Number:  
(877) 829-5500  
Accounting Period Ending:  
December 31  
Public Charity Status:  
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)  
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:  
Yes  
Effective Date of Exemption:  
May 28, 2015  
Contribution Deductibility:  
Yes  
Addendum Applies:  
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

This supersedes our letter dated November 10, 2015, which we issued with an incorrect name. We updated our records to show your correct name as listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

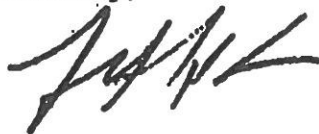
For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities,

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which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey I. Cooper". The signature is stylized with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeffrey I. Cooper  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

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State of California  
**Franchise Tax Board**

PO Box 1286  
 Rancho Cordova CA 95741-1286

GATHERING FOR WOMEN - MONTEREY  
 187 EL DORADO ST  
 MONTEREY CA 93940-3126

Date: 04.05.17  
 Case: 31750630409293716  
 Case Unit: 31750630409293720  
 In reply refer to: 760:TLR:F120

<b>Regarding:</b>	<b>Tax-Exempt Status</b>
Organization's Name:	GATHERING FOR WOMEN - MONTEREY
CCN:	3791017
Purpose:	Charitable
R&TC Section:	23701d
Form of Organization:	Incorporated
Accounting Period Ending:	12/31
Tax-Exempt Status Effective:	05/28/2015

**Exempt Acknowledgement Letter**

We have received your federal determination letter that shows tax exemption under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3).

Under California law, Revenue and Taxation Code (R&TC) Section 23701 provides that an organization is exempt from taxes imposed under Part 11 upon submission of the federal determination letter approving the organization's tax-exempt status.

Generally, the effective date of an organization's California tax-exempt status is the same date as the federal tax-exempt status.

To retain tax-exempt status, the organization must be organized and operating for nonprofit purposes within the provisions of the above R&TC section. An inactive organization is not entitled to tax-exempt status.

In order for us to determine any effect on the tax-exempt status, the organization must immediately report to us any change in:

- Operation
- Character
- Purpose
- Name
- Address

For filing requirements, refer to FTB Pub.1068, *Exempt Organizations - Filing Requirements and Filing Fees*. Go to [ftb.ca.gov](http://ftb.ca.gov) and search for **1068**.

This exemption is for state franchise or income tax purposes only. For information regarding sales tax exemption, contact the State Board of Equalization at 800.400.7115 or go to their website at [boe.ca.gov](http://boe.ca.gov).

Tamara L. Renfrow  
Telephone: 916.845.4171  
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cc: Carol Greenwald