



Attachment 1

County of Imperial TRAVEL TRAILER REQUEST

The County of Imperial is submitting the subsequent formal request for travel trailers intended for containment and isolation of the homeless or at risk of homeless population in Imperial County. Imperial County is the ninth largest county in California encompassing 4,284 square miles, with a population of 180,000. There are seven cities and thirteen unincorporated areas in Imperial County. The 2019 Point in Time Count indicated there were 1,413 homeless individuals, of those 1225 were unsheltered, and 490 were deemed chronically homeless. There are two (2) hospitals in Imperial County, both centralized and not within close proximity to our underlying areas.

As it pertains to this request, the County of Imperial is working in collaboration with Imperial County Continuum of Care-613 (CoC), local Office of Emergency Services (OES), and Cities. The County is exploring different methods of containment, mitigation and prevention among our homeless community. Imperial County is leveraging current resources available for mitigation to include housing homeless population requiring isolation in hotels/motels, working with local shelters to assess capacity, homeless service providers and community agencies.

The County intends to utilize the trailers to house homeless individuals and or families that require isolation. The trailers are an imperative part of the efforts Imperial County is taking to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 among individuals experiencing homelessness. In addition, the trailers support the isolation those individuals who test positive (not requiring hospitalization), residing in shelters. Sheltering the symptomatic COVID-19 positives will reduce a potential outbreak at a shelter.

Concerning the location where the trailers will be maintained, there are different locations where the trailers would be located (**Attachment A**). The trailers will be utilized in geographic areas where isolation and containment is necessary and where the trailers operate efficiently, with the proper infrastructure to lower the maintenance cost and provide enhanced services to the homeless population impacted by COVID-19. The trailers will remain available until the pandemic has subsided.



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1. Locations where trailers will be set up. Are all services (water, sewer, electrical) already provided or will new services need to be initiated?

We have identified several locations throughout Imperial County where the trailers will be set-up. The locations include, but are not limited to: Imperial Valley Housing Authority, City of Brawley, Nosotros Park, City of Calexico, City of Calipatria, City of Westmorland, Weist Lake, North Imperial County, Ocotillo Park, Imperial County. Some of the locations are equipped with sewer and power hookups, while others have no sewer and power hookups. The Imperial County Continuum of Care-613 has appropriated \$150,000 of the COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness Funding to assist with the maintenance services for all the travel trailers this includes, but is not limited to septic services, water, maintenance, and security). In addition, the County of Imperial is identifying other locations with the proper infrastructure to decrease the maintenance cost and to provide better services to the homeless population impacted by COVID-19.

2. How quickly can trailers be deployed, or how quickly is the County able to accept the trailers?

The trailers can be deployed immediately. The County has established an emergency homeless hotline to provide temporary shelter and services to the homeless population impacted by COVID-19. Since the inception of the hotline, the County of Imperial, in collaboration with other County Departments, EOC and homeless service providers, 100 homeless individuals have been housed in hotels. The aforementioned has been costly and the accessibility to the travel trailers will afford the County the ability to utilize funding strategically to provide additional services to the homeless population.

3. What population they intend to serve?

- (A) Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 that do not require hospitalization, but need isolation or quarantine (including those being released from hospitals);
- (B) Individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19 (as documented by a state or local public health official, or medical health professional) that do not require hospitalization, but need isolation or quarantine; and



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(C) Individuals who are asymptomatic, but are at “high-risk,” such as people over 65 or who have certain underlying health conditions (respiratory, compromised immunities, chronic disease), and who require Emergency Non-Congregate Shelter as a social distancing measure.

4. **How is the County connecting this effort to the broader local County around identifying isolation and social distancing locations for at-risk populations?**

The travel trailers will assist us with isolation and containment, and will further allow us to implement the universal social distancing practices of the homeless population.

5. **What is the plan for staffing and connecting individuals with medical and other services?**

The County of Imperial is the Administrative Entity (AE) for the Imperial County Continuum of Care-613 (CoC). The AE has several contracts with agencies that provide a variety of services to the homeless population. Additionally, the County Imperial has direct oversight of the following Departments: Social Services, Behavioral Health, Veteran’s Office, Public Administrator, and Community and Economic Development. The County will work in collaboration with the Cities, to provide wraparound services to the homeless clients housed in the travel trailers.

Furthermore, some of the aforementioned agencies provide services to the homeless population using Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) and California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH) program funding. Likewise, services will be provided with the recent COVID-19 Emergency Homelessness funding.

Attachment A

Travel Trailer Delivery – Point of Contacts

April 16, 2020

City/County	Number of Trailers Requested	Location for Delivery	Contact Person
City of Calexico	10	Public Works Yard, 545 Pierce Ave. Calexico, CA 92231	Lily Falomir Public Works Manager (760) 768-2160
City of Calipatria	2	480 E. Bonita Place Calipatria, CA 92233	Natasha Saucedo (760) 348-4141
City of Brawley	3	Robert Noriega MHP 950 N. Imperial Ave. Brawley, CA 92227	Kirk Mann (812) 484-9992
City of Westmorland	2	201 W. 1 st Street Westmorland, CA, 92281	Ramiro Barajas (760) 790-7422
County of Imperial	11	Weist Lake County Park, 5351 Dietrich Road, Brawley, CA 92227	Eddie Cedeno (760) 427-8436
County of Imperial	9	Ocotillo Community Park, West Imperial Hwy Ocotillo, CA 92259	Eddie Cedeno (760) 427-8436
Total	37		