

# RECURSO DE FUERZA

## FACT SHEET



### About Recurso de Fuerza (RdF)

Recurso de Fuerza is part of a larger strategy to address homelessness in the Pajaro Valley.

### What to Expect

- ✓ 24-hour staff and security
- ✓ Good Neighbor Policy – includes neighborhood meetings and communications
- ✓ The site will have a perimeter wall, for safety, security, privacy, and aesthetics
- ✓ Complete amenities – showers, laundry, meals, mail, and beds
- ✓ Each unit is for one individual, with a secure locking door
- ✓ Wraparound services – case management for medical, physical, and employment needs along with housing navigation
- ✓ Low barriers to entry
- ✓ Enclosed pet area

### Not Permitted

- ✗ Loitering outside of the village
- ✗ Disrespect to neighbors or neighborhood
- ✗ Unapproved guests
- ✗ Drop-in services (restrooms/showers, laundry, or mail) for non-program guests
- ✗ Violence or weapons
- ✗ Drugs or drug use on site



### Pajaro River Levee & Encampment

- The Pajaro River levee requires repairs to enhance flood safety and climate resiliency.
- Levee has become an encampment space for unhoused residents in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties.
- The Partner Counties entered into an agreement to collaborate on addressing the needs of levee occupants.



### Funding

- In partnership with the County of Santa Cruz, the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency and Westview Presbyterian Church, the County of Monterey was awarded \$8 million to address the encampment in advance of the levee expansion and strengthening project.



### Low-Barrier Navigation Centers

- Low-Barrier Navigation Centers are service enriched shelters designed to permanently resolve homelessness. They differ from drop-in centers, transitional housing programs, or traditional emergency shelters.
- In April 2024, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors approved the Three-Year Strategic Framework, which includes developing three Low-Barrier Navigation Centers. Recurso de Fuerza (RdF) aligns with this Framework.
- RdF will be constructed on property owned by Westview Presbyterian Church, which is appropriately zoned for a Low-Barrier Navigation Center.
- Modular units for RdF are provided by the County of Monterey but will transfer to the County of Santa Cruz in 2026.



### Partners

- The partners involved in RdF are the County of Monterey, County of Santa Cruz, Westview Presbyterian Church, Dignity Moves, and Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County, Inc.