

## **Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care**

### **Describe the collaborative process used to determine the use of HEAP funds:**

The Butte Countywide Homeless Continuum of Care (BCoC) has held six public meetings in September of this year, which included a special meeting with our County Departments, Police, Judicial and City/Town Administrators. At these meetings, the BCoC asked for specific input on processes, solutions and outcomes to reduce the homeless population countywide. The community was invited to discuss options that they felt were most important. Based on the input, the BCoC has established local priorities that are in line with the federal strategic plan to end homelessness as well as the state goals and priorities.

The BCoC Coordinator held meetings in October 2018 to discuss specific options that agencies/entities were planning to apply for. At these meetings, and subsequent meetings, the community worked together to see how they could partner with each other, and use the existing resources to help the HEAP funding stretch even further.

Throughout the process, the BCoC engaged with the local jurisdictions to discuss the shelter crisis and were available to answer any questions that the local jurisdictions may have had about the declaration or about how the funding will be spent.

The BCoC council includes representatives from the city jurisdictions and the county and county staff, all of whom provide insight into options they feel is best for the community and help with the agency collaboration.

The BCoC understands that it is critical for the community to have a voice in the process and regularly sends email updates to all entities and/or persons who have expressed interest. The BCoC also shares information on their website and through Facebook. Press releases of the information are submitted to the local newspapers.

Once all applications from the entities are submitted, the BCoC plans to form a committee to review each application and make recommendations of who will receive the funding based on the local priorities and the state requirements.