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Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance Launches Fund Aimed at Reducing Homelessness

The Kings/Tulare Homeless Alliance (the Alliance), with the support of community partners including Adventist Health, Kings County Human Services Agency, Tulare County, Tulare County Health & Human Services, and the Whitney Foundation, has put together a fund for landlords in Kings and Tulare Counties who rent homes or apartments to people experiencing homelessness.

The purpose of the Landlord Mitigation Fund is to incentivize landlords to relax screening criteria for people experiencing homelessness who may have barriers that prevent them from securing housing on their own. Participating landlords will have the ability to draw from the fund in the event of property damages or other potential costs.

One of the largest barriers facing housing providers in Kings and Tulare Counties is finding landlords willing to rent to people who are currently experiencing homelessness. The supply of affordable housing is too low for the increasing demand. "The Alliance is hoping that the Landlord Mitigation Fund will bridge this gap by recruiting new landlords to rent to these individuals, therefore decreasing the number of people living on the streets or in emergency shelters in the bi-county region," said Machael Smith, Executive Director of the Alliance.

The Alliance is hosting two Landlord Mitigation Fund Open Houses to give landlords and community members the opportunity to learn about the benefits of renting to program participants. At the open houses guests will enjoy light refreshments while learning about the Landlord Mitigation Fund and other benefits of working with participating housing providers including intensive case management for clients and guaranteed rent.

RSVP's to the Landlord Mitigation Fund Open Houses are not required but are encouraged. To RSVP, or with any questions, please contact the Alliance's Community Engagement Coordinator, Laura Fisher, at lfisher@kthomelessalliance.org or (559)738-8733.

Tulare County Landlord Mitigation Fund Open House	Kings County Landlord Mitigation Fund Open House
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Thursday, November 8, 2018
3:00pm – 5:00pm	3:00pm – 5:00pm
1900 N Dinuba Blvd., Suite B Visalia	404 Kings County Dr., Suite 101 Hanford