

EASTERN SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSING 2023

Annual Report



ORIGINAL LOGO



EASTERN SIERRA
COMMUNITY HOUSING

LOGO REDESIGN

20TH Anniversary Rebranding

Mammoth Lakes Housing gets a new name and a new look

Our Board of Directors adopted a comprehensive regional approach to consolidate resources and foster collaboration amongst our local partners. They recognize the difficulties our organization faces when attempting to build meaningful relationships with our regional entities when our name and identity had historically only represented one jurisdiction.

With the focused mission to support community housing in the eastern Sierra through strong partnerships, and our

entrepreneurial spirit, we completed our 20th anniversary rebranding to depict our commitment to the tri-county service area of Alpine, Inyo, and Mono counties. These efforts continue our work of breaking down silos that previously inhibited collaborative initiatives to meet community needs.

Partnerships are one integral pillar of our work and we are excited to bring in new agencies, strengthen relationships, and combine our limited resources for mutual success!

KIRK STAPP, Founder and former President, received an award for over 20 years of service at Eastern Sierra Community Housing. Thank you, Kirk, for your dedication and service to the organization and the Eastern Sierra.



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EASTERN SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSING ACQUIRES

Innsbruck Lodge

FOR PERMANENT HOUSING

Through our partnership with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, we were awarded more than \$4M in Project Homekey funds through the State Department of Housing & Community Development, for the acquisition and conversion of the Innsbruck Lodge into permanent affordable housing.

This multi-million-dollar award is one of only four awards made in rural California, and the only one serving Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties. Substantial financial contributions from both Mono

County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes also supported this effort.

This year our Board of Directors authorized the construction contract to convert the lodge into sixteen apartments. The first five homes will be available in spring of 2024, with the remaining coming online before the end of the year.

The Lodge was built in 1964 by two Austrian families and was later owned and operated by the Albrecht family for nearly 50 years. “We have met many great people over the decades. The time has come to let

the Lodge move on to the next phase of its life. We welcome Mammoth Lakes Housing [Eastern Sierra Community Housing] with Patricia Robertson at the helm. We know we are leaving the Lodge in great hands and look forward to the future of the Innsbruck Lodge,” expressed the former owner, Mr. Reinhard Albrecht.

We are excited to preserve this important piece of Mammoth Lakes’ history while continuing to meet the housing needs of our friends and neighbors.



ACCESS APARTMENTS: This fall Eastern Sierra Community Housing filled the final funding gap for Access Apartments, our 13-unit infill development project, with the support of Mono County and Town of Mammoth Lakes. Access Apartments and Innsbruck Lodge received more than \$10 million in State/Federal grant funding and sparked an unprecedented fundraising campaign that raised approximately \$200K in private funds from partners including Alterra Mountain Company Community Foundation, Anthem Blue Cross, US Bank, and many others. Look for construction updates later this year!

Continuum of Care

Additional Funding for Housing Programs in the Eastern Sierra



**EASTERN SIERRA
CONTINUUM OF CARE**

Did you know that we have a regional Continuum of Care (CoC)? A Continuum of Care is a federally designated system created to assist those experiencing homelessness and connect them with services including transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability.

Our Continuum of Care serves the tri-county region of Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties. Having a local CoC is important because it allows the community to access additional funding for housing programs and homelessness prevention through the State and Federal systems. The CoC is also responsible for the Annual Point In Time (PIT) Count; the one night in January when individuals and families experiencing homelessness are counted nationwide.

The Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care is currently administered by Inyo County with board representatives from Mono and Alpine counties. Other stakeholders and active participants include the Salvation Army, churches, Wild Iris, and others! Our staff have been actively supporting the coalition by assisting in the creation of policies and procedures, acting as a resource for clients, and providing other local housing expertise. If you need connection to housing or homelessness resources, you can contact our staff to navigate the process with you.



Olya Egorov

Olya Egorov joined us in April 2023. She is eager to expand housing resources in our rural service area while building community resilience. Prior to working at Eastern Sierra Community Housing, Olya was a Water Policy Fellow where she coordinated a technical assistance program that supported lead service line replacement in four cities, focused on the city's most vulnerable populations. Olya is a graduate from the University of California, Davis with a major in Political Science – Public Service with minors in both Environmental Policy, Analysis, and Planning and Russian.

Housing Navigators

This year we doubled our staff capacity with the addition of two full-time Housing Navigators. The Housing Navigators are our front-line employees and are available to answer questions about housing opportunities, mainstream benefits eligibility, and provide linkages to community resources. These positions are made possible through partnerships with Mono and Alpine counties. They provide a high level of customer service to our residents facing housing challenges, homelessness, landlord disputes, and more. If you are looking for housing resources, please stop by our office and meet our new team members.



Isaura Ocampo

Isaura Ocampo joined our team in January 2023. Isaura grew up in Mammoth Lakes where she has seen firsthand the need for housing for workforce and families in our community. She is bilingual in Spanish and English. She is passionate about her new role in housing and helping others because of the way her family was helped. She is a Bio-Chem Major with a focus on Premed at the University of Dominguez Hills in Southern California, where she also minors in cultural and ethnic studies in an effort to cultivate a better environment for her local community.

Dear Friend,

We had a whirlwind of a year in 2023! We spent much of the year growing our internal systems to support new programs, partnerships, fundraising efforts, and our project pipeline.

We have doubled our staff capacity and significantly increased our program offerings with housing navigation services, emergency relief, homeownership programs, and two construction projects. This is possible through our partnerships with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, Alpine County, and the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care. We also raised nearly \$200,000 in private funds through generous contributions from Alterra Mountain Company Community Foundation, Anthem, Century Housing, US Bank, and many full- and part-time community members. We cannot continue to do this work without this tremendous support.

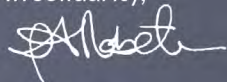
In our office, we are reminded daily how the lack of stable, safe, affordable housing impacts the lives of our neighbors. We take this responsibility seriously, which is one reason why we volunteered immediately to support those that were displaced during the severe winter storms and the State of Emergency in 2022/23. We deployed \$80,000 and coordinated temporary housing placements for more than 30 households. As we tap into new resources, we hope to provide ongoing interventions and housing stabilization programs to support those in crisis.

Over the past twelve months our Board of Directors has executed a variety of contracts for architectural and construction services which will create twenty-nine new apartments in Mammoth Lakes. With every day that passes, every penny donated, and every hurdle we overcome we make progress towards delivering these units in 2024 and 2025 to households earning up to 120% of the Area Median Income.

Looking forward, we are excited to explore new development opportunities and partnerships in unincorporated Mono County and the City of Bishop. We are also working closely with our partners in Alpine County. As a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, we are dedicated to committing excess revenue towards new homes in the pursuit of our mission to support housing for a viable economy and sustainable community.

I hope you will subscribe to our e-newsletter, attend a Board meeting, participate in a community workshop, or stop by the office for a cup of coffee and learn more about our programs, ways to get involved and contribute. We are here for you and look forward to seeing you soon.

In solidarity,



Patricia Robertson, Executive Director
Eastern Sierra Community Housing

Homeownership

Our homeownership programs continue to assist locals in purchasing homes, staying in their communities, and growing their wealth. This year, we made that a reality for six households utilizing various combinations of down payment assistance, below market rate value programs, and real estate services. We are actively working with the Town of Mammoth Lakes to grow our community land trust / below market rate value portfolio to more than fifty homes for local ownership. We have staff certified in homeownership counseling through NeighborWorks America Certification in the next 1-2 years. Look for our upcoming community workshops to learn more about the home buying process, program offerings, credit repair, and new development opportunities.

FISCAL YEAR 2022/23 Financial Statement

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| Revenue | \$861,966 |
| Expenses | \$738,976 |
| ASSETS | |
| CalHome Program Reuse Fund | \$58,320 |
| Net Fixed Assets | \$7,353,305 |
| Liabilities | |
| Project, Maintenance, & Admin Reserves | \$1,966,893 |
| Total Net Assets | \$2,245,835 |

Board of Directors

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