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Input to Parcel Plan – Childcare Needs in Mammoth Lakes

To: Town of Mammoth Lakes Planners

From: Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc.

RE: Planning for the Parcel – Childcare Needs

Beyond the critical need for affordable housing, development of the Mammoth Parcel may be an opportunity to address another critical community need – expanding and maintaining affordable Childcare for infants, toddlers and school age children by creating a childcare facility as part of the Parcel Site.

In Mammoth, IMACA operates the Mono County Childcare Resource and Referral program which provides information on all childcare providers, assists families unable to pay the full cost of Childcare through the assisted payment program and provides center-based services through operation of the Head Start/State Preschool located at the High School. These programs provide or support ongoing childcare services to 60 families in the Mammoth area annually who need financial assistance. Other Providers such as Mammoth Mountain and the Lutheran Preschool provide 68 slots and there are many private providers.

IMACA is a partner with other agencies including Mono County First Five, the Mono County Childcare Planning Council, the Mono County Office of Education and Mammoth Mountain who have worked to expand the availability of quality childcare in the County.

According to a study published in the 2019 Mono County First Five Strategic Plan - 47% of parents have difficulty finding affordable childcare and there is an availability shortage of up to 231 slots in the Mammoth area. According to the 2017 Mono County Childcare Needs assessment based on a survey of 173 respondents in Mono County conducted by IMACA in 2017, 43% of parents had difficulties with cost, availability and quality of Childcare with many spending 1/3 of their income on childcare for a single child.

The need for childcare facilities will face an additional hurdle when IMACA will need to find a new location for the Mammoth Lakes Head Start Center in the 2022 School Year due to renovation plans at Mammoth Unified High School, the current site of the Center.

With the availability of land in the parcel and the intent to provide affordable housing for the Mammoth workforce, we believe that designing childcare facilities into the fabric of the Parcel could enhance the Mammoth Community as a whole. Centers could be multi-use, providing space for community gatherings on weekends and evenings. It may be possible to create co-operative management structures wherein parent/residents could be involved in the governance and operation of the centers. There could also be public/private partnerships in the management and operation of facilities and grant funding for the construction of facilities. Funding for these purposes has increased both at the State and Federal level in 2019.

Obviously, research and funding is needed to develop specific proposals for inclusion of a Childcare facility in the Parcel Development. If the Town is interested, we can assist with identifying planning and development resources to pursue this goal.

Thank you very much for your consideration.



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Mono County Childcare Needs 2019

	Preschool Age				Infant and Toddler Age			Birth to 5 total	
	1. Total slots needed	2. Existing slots	3. Number of slots needed to fill the need	4. Number of needed slots eligible for State Preschool <70% of state median income	5. Total slots needed	6. Existing slots	7. Number of slots needed to fill the need	8. Slots needed to fill the need	9. Number of needed slots CDBG eligible <80% of county median income
Mammoth Area	204	99	105	74	204	78	126	231	185
Lee Vining/June Lake	22	13	9	6	22	6	16	25	20
Benton, Hamil, & Chalfant	6	10	0	0	6	0	6	6	5
Bridgeport	10	15	0	0	10	0	10	10	8
Coleville/ Walker	38	30	8	6	38	11	27	35	28
County Total	280	167	122	85	280	95	185	307	246

1. Determined by the 5 Year Kinder and transitional Kindergarten average 2014-2018 multiplied by 2, to account for all 3 & 4 year olds. Assuming the need for age specific care for all 3 & 4 year olds.

2. Based on the number of preschool slots in licensed and licence exempt sites.

3. The difference between the existing slots and the number needed for all 3 & 4 year olds to have a preschool slot.

4. The number of slots needed to fill the need multiplied by 70%, the state median income threshold to qualify for State Preschool >\$63,083 for a family of 4

5. Determined by the 5 Year Kinder and transitional Kindergarten average 2014-2018 multiplied by 2.5 and divided by 80%, to account for all 6 month-1 year olds and 1 and 2 year olds with a parent in the workforce (80%, as per the California Childcare Portfolio). Assuming the need for care is for children 6 months and older with all parents in the workforce.

6. Based on the number of infant and toddler slots in licensed and licence exempt sites.

7. The difference between the existing slots and the number needed for 80% of 6 moth to 2 year olds to have a childcare slot.

8. Combination of the remaining needed preschool and infant and toddler slots, same assumptions as for numbers 1 & 5.

9. The number of slots needed to full the need multiplied by 80%, the County median income threshold to qualify for CDBG >\$62,000 for a family of 4