

Year One - Navigation Center Pilot Overview & Funding Need

Project Overview

Identified as a top priority in the [*2025 Tahoe Truckee Regional Homeless Action Plan*](#), this pilot builds on a decade of work by North Tahoe Truckee Homeless Services (NTTHS), AMI Housing, and regional partners. The Navigation Center will serve up to **25 individuals at a time** and provide **16 year-round beds**, case management, healthcare connections, housing navigation, and employment support, **24/7, 365 days a year**. Operations will be managed by **Volunteers of America**, a nationally recognized nonprofit with deep experience in supportive housing and navigation programs.

Why This Is Important:

- Provides immediate, **year-round safety** for people experiencing homelessness.
- **Fills a critical gap** in Truckee-North Tahoe where winter shelter options have historically been weather-dependent (15 degrees or less / blizzard conditions) and in consistent support services.
- Offers a coordinated, low-barrier service hub for both people staying in the shelter and those who are not, offering **16 year-round beds**, and **access to case management, healthcare, housing navigation, and employment support**.
- **Reduces public impacts** by decreasing unsheltered homelessness and easing strain on emergency services.
- **It has broad community support!**

Who It Will Serve

Individuals experiencing homelessness in the Truckee-North Tahoe region.

Location & Operations

Located at 12315 Deerfield Drive, in Truckee (behind Taco Bell), the site is close to transit, food, healthcare, and essential services and will provide services for the entire Truckee-North Tahoe region.

Operations will be managed by [Volunteers of America \(VOA\)](#), an experienced provider running more than 40 programs across Northern California and Nevada. Comparable VOA-run sites show strong outcomes—**up to 50% of participants move into stable housing**, and **emergency-room use drops significantly**.

Estimated Timeline

Target Opening: January 2026

Urgency: Funding must be secured quickly to launch the Navigation Center this winter, when unsheltered residents face life-threatening conditions

Funding Overview & Need

The first-year cost to operate the Navigation Center Pilot is currently estimated at \$1.385 million, including operating expenses, facility lease, tenant improvements, furniture, and other start-up costs.

Year-One Navigation Center Revenue Summary

Partner	Contribution (One-Year)	Status
Town of Truckee	\$360,000	Committed on Oct 28
Tahoe Forest Hospital District	\$360,000	Committed on Oct 28
Nevada County	\$360,000	Allocated
Placer County	\$75,000	In-process
Total Committed	\$1,155,000	
Remaining Funding Needed through Community Giving	\$230,000	\$50K confirmed \$80K in-process
Total Year-One Budget	\$1,385,000	

About the Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition:

The Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition (TTHAC) brings together local government, nonprofits, healthcare providers, faith and business organizations, the library, a community foundation, and residents to expand solutions for homelessness and housing insecurity in the Truckee-Tahoe region. Guided by the belief that homelessness is a community-wide issue requiring a coordinated response, TTHAC formed to create and implement the [2025 Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Plan](#). Visit <https://tthomelesscoalition.org> to learn more.

About the Fellowship of Compassion:

Fellowship of Compassion is a **Non-Profit Registered Church** founded in **October 2024** in Truckee, California. Our mission is rooted in compassion and guided by faith in action. We believe that love is best expressed through service—especially to those who are often unseen or unheard.

Our **President, Cindy Basso**, also serves as **Co-Chair of the Tahoe Truckee Homeless Action Coalition (TTHAC)**, helping to strengthen community partnerships and advocate for our unhoused neighbors. Our **Secretary, Cathie Foley**, has been leading services for people experiencing homelessness through the **Emergency Warming Center** and **North Tahoe Truckee Homeless Services** since 2015. Together with our congregation, we are building a spiritual home grounded in empathy, inclusion, and service.

At Fellowship of Compassion, we aim to provide **resources, support, and hope** to those in need. We believe every person deserves the opportunity to **heal, belong, and experience the transformative power of love in action**.

As a registered **501(c)(3) Non-Profit**, we lead **community fundraising efforts** to support programs that feed, shelter, and uplift our unhoused neighbors.

Donations are **tax-deductible** to the extent permitted by law. **Tax ID: 99-5204325**

Together, we can create a community where compassion is not just a word—it's a way of life.