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Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action Downsizing

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Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action, Inc. (IMACA) is facing significant fiscal challenges and will be forced to limit services soon. There is still substantial uncertainty about IMACA's path forward, but what is clear is that in the immediate future IMACA will only be able to provide services that are more limited in scope than it currently does. The primary goal of IMACA and our partners is to maintain as many services as possible while ensuring the future financial health of the organization. While this situation is clearly very difficult for staff, clients, and families who receive services from IMACA, no stone is being left unturned in trying to avoid this tough outcome.

"There was no single event that has caused this tough situation, but instead a wide-ranging mix of fiscal concerns have led IMACA to where it is today," said Executive Director Kate Morley. "Some of the financial issues IMACA is facing have quite literally been a challenge for a full decade or more, and others have developed much more recently, in just the past month or two. Compounding the situation have been an increased demand for services during the pandemic, significant recent staff turnover, and several key vacancies that have been difficult to fill. We hope that by swiftly adjusting programs now we can assure the long-term stability of IMACA."

IMACA is a nonprofit Community Action Agency committed to serving and empowering the low-income residents of Inyo, Mono, and Alpine Counties in California. IMACA runs six preschool centers, two affordable housing apartment complexes, additional housing and homelessness services, home weatherization and energy assistance programs, a childcare assistance program, and a food program that often serves over 450 households per month.

"Our number one priority right now is maintaining continuity of services for community members as much as we possibly can," said IMACA Board Chair Carolyn Balliet. "We are working hard to keep the food program and energy assistance programs afloat within IMACA. We are also reaching out to community partners to see if they are able and willing to administer programs that IMACA has previously overseen directly. Partners such as Mammoth Lakes Housing, Wild Iris, the Inyo and Mono County Offices of Education, Inyo and Mono Counties, the City of Bishop and the Town of Mammoth Lakes, and the Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care have all been of great assistance during these tough times. While we do not have many concrete details to share today, we hope to provide more information about the next steps for IMACA and these important programs in the coming weeks and months."

The IMACA Board of Directors would like to extend a grateful thank you to all the amazing and hardworking employees and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to provide quality services over the years, often with limited resources and despite tough circumstances. IMACA has thrived in the past because of community engagement, and it is the sincere wish of the IMACA Board of Directors that the organization will return to thriving again soon.