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## **Recovery Residences at capacity**

Action Alliance Foundation, a nonprofit operating homes in Orange County, is turning away distressed and homeless OC residents who are struggling with addiction and mental health conditions because of the need for more support.

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FULLERTON – May 30, 2023 – **Action Alliance Foundation**, a nonprofit operating Recovery Residences in Orange County for men and women, is in need of support and funding to expand its operation as it is currently being forced to turn away hundreds of homeless OC residents who are struggling with addiction and mental health conditions, as well as homelessness.

"Action Alliance has been full for weeks (300 beds)," AAF Vice President of Operations **Joe Melican** said. "We are turning away at least 20 people a day that are actively looking to get into a Recovery Residence in an effort to get sober, save their life, change their life and become a productive member of society BEFORE they get arrested and BEFORE they die. We are literally turning away 140-150 different people a week."

AAF's new program, **Project Hope**, provides housing for any homeless person in Orange County with an alcohol use disorder who wants to achieve sobriety and stay sober. AAF specializes in providing Recovery Residences for men and women who are homeless and struggling with the dual diagnosis of alcoholism and mental health conditions.

The struggle for sobriety is difficult, but achievable, for the population it serves. The AAF team understands the needs and challenges of the population and is currently seeking support and funding for bedding and hygiene kits in the Recovery Residences. These residents are battling a dual diagnosis of alcoholism and mental health conditions. They have no money, no job and considered unemployable in the community based on their mental and physical issues, some so vulnerable they are at risk of death if they do not receive intervention.

All of the men and women at the AAF homes are:

- \*Homeless
- \*Battling substance abuse issues
- \*Trying to change save their lives by living in a 100% drug and alcohol free environment

AAF requires all of the men and women to work a job and/or volunteer in the community while staying at the homes.

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