

Health and Human Services Agency
Community Services Division

*Impacts of the Budget Control
Act of 2011
Federal Sequestration 2013*

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Community Services Division

The Community Services Division of the Health and Human Services Agency offers a broad range of programs designed to meet basic needs and improve the quality of life for the most vulnerable residents in our Community.

Low
Income &
Family
Services

Aging &
Adult
Continuum
of Care
Programs



Low Income and Family Services

- Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
- Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)
 - Energy Assistance (HEAP)
 - Weatherization
- Public Housing Authority (PHA) Housing Choice Voucher Program (HCV)
- Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program

Aging and Adult Continuum of Care Programs

- Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP)
- Information and Assistance
- In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Public Authority
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)/Targeted Case Management (TCM)
- Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)
- Public Guardian
- Senior Day Care
- Senior Legal Services
- Senior Nutrition Services: Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals

Strengths - Big Bang for the Buck

- Many services provided with limited funding
- Program Statistics – FY 12/13
 - Senior Nutrition served approximately 151,000 meals
 - 7 Congregate sites
 - 23 Home-Delivered Meal routes
 - Senior Legal provided services to 2,300 clients
 - Energy Assistance for 1,800 families
 - Weatherized 120 homes
 - Women, Infants and Children served 3,200 families
 - Public Housing Authority provided housing assistance to approximately 365 families

Strengths - Volunteers, Employees & Stakeholders

- **Volunteers**
 - Programs rely on volunteers
 - 25,000 volunteer hours annually
 - Total value of volunteer time = \$604,500 *
- **Employees**
- **Strong Community Stakeholders Support**



* Based on State Rate of \$24.18 per hour as designated by the Federal Agency for Service and Volunteering

Strengths - Integration of Services

- Ensures a safety net for our vulnerable populations through the integration of services
- Prevents duplication of services
- Prevents individuals having to navigate the system on their own
- Rapid response to meet needs
- Promotes innovation through improved collaborative efforts to enhance services

Strengths - Positive Impact on Community

- **Housing Choice Voucher Program** allows very low-income families, elderly and disabled to afford decent, safe and sanitary housing in the private market.
- **Low-Income and Family Services** allow basic needs to be met.
- **Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)** facilitates the coordination of medical, social, and other community support services for frail older adults 65 or older at risk for placement.
- **Senior Services** help individuals remain safely in their home and provides opportunities for enrichment.

Weaknesses

- Limited funding/continued cuts
 - Not entitlement programs
 - Funding restricts number of individuals served
- Program requirements
- Contract restricts activities that can be funded by the grant



Opportunities

- **Community partnerships**
 - Education
 - Outreach
 - Prevention
- **Volunteer support**
 - Develop/Train
 - Internships
- **Improve use of technology**
- **Education for Health Care Reform**

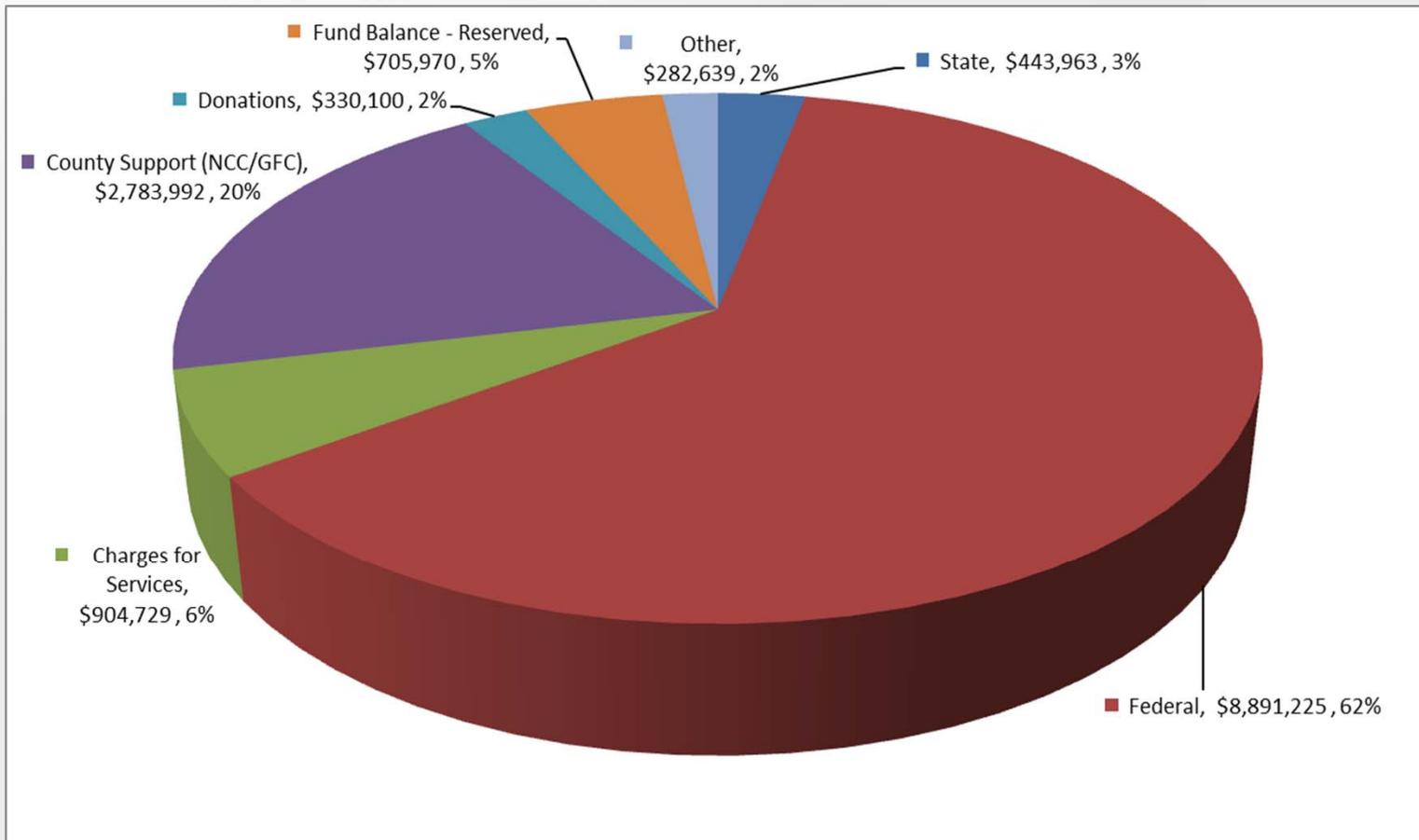


Threats

- Funding limitations compromise staff's ability to administer programs, serve clients, and meet contract requirements and program regulations
- Reductions to staff and office hours
- General Fund contributions are discretionary
- Aging Programs accounting change

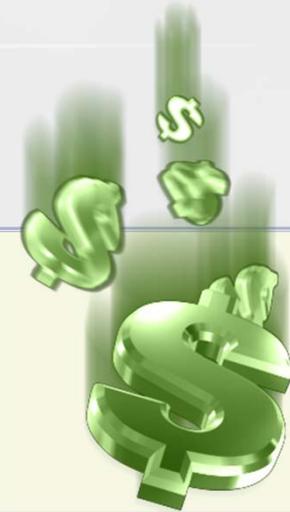
Budget

Community Services Funding Sources FY 13-14 Recommended Budget \$14,342,618



Spending Cuts

Sequestration



Sequestration, an enforcement tool under the Budget Control Act of 2011, consists of a series of automatic, across-the-board spending cuts

Impact of Sequestration

Estimated Impacts from Federal Sequester Cuts Community Services Division

Program Description	FY 13-14 Recommended Budget Total Revenue	Estimated Reduction in Revenue due to Sequestration	Estimated % Decrease
Low-Income and Family Services	\$ 2,866,980	\$ (113,000)	-3.94%
Aging Programs	2,845,558	(52,700)	-1.85%
Multipurpose Senior Services Program	276,361	(12,900)	-4.67%
PHA-Housing Assistance Payments	3,378,696	(182,000)	-5.39%
PHA-Administration	388,896	(37,000)	-9.51%
Total CS Federal Sequestration Cuts		\$ (397,600)	

The following programs which receive Federal Revenue were not affected by Sequestration: Public Guardian, Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Senior Day Care, Medi-Cal Administrative Activities/Targeted Case Management, & In-Home Supportive Services.

Programs with Immediate Risk

- Low-Income and Family Programs
 - Weatherization Program
- PHA Housing Choice Voucher Program
- Aging Programs – Senior Nutrition Services
- Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

Options - Weatherization Program

County could cease being a provider of Weatherization Program services upon final approval from State

- Contract with another provider for provision of LIHEAP Weatherization Services in El Dorado and Alpine counties
- New provider may be located outside of our county but would provide weatherization services to clients within El Dorado and Alpine counties
- The County would continue to provide LIHEAP Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) services

Preparation for Impending Cuts Public Housing Authority

- Program Administration
 - Voluntary furloughs
 - PHA office closed one day per week
- Housing Assistance Payments
 - Limit household additions
 - Not issuing vouchers made available through attrition



Options - Public Housing Authority

- Project Funding for Housing Assistance Payments
 - PHA can impose \$50 minimum rent
- Administrative Funding
 - Allow landlord/tenant to self-certify that deficiencies found at inspection are completed
 - Pay utility reimbursements to utility providers directly
 - Require all landlord and Utility Reimbursement tenants utilize direct deposit
- Housing Vouchers for Veterans
- Moving to Work Voucher Program

Options - Aging Programs

Senior Nutrition Services

- Consider closing a congregate meal site resulting in:
 - Reduced staffing levels
 - Loss of donations
 - Social and nutritional implications
 - Clients added to home-delivered meal route



Options - Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP)

- Reduce staff and current service levels
- Consider transitioning Program back to State
 - State may contract with another agency
 - Between 2008 and 2012, eight MSSP sites outside of El Dorado County were transitioned from public to private sector
- Potential increase in County support until determination is made on the impact of Affordable Care Act

Further Information

- Current Sequestration Developments
- Wrap Up

Questions?

