

Community Action Council Agency Report and Information Items – February 2025

Agency Update

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) continues to prepare for the FY 25/26 Countywide budget. The agency will begin working on its new strategic plan in May 2025. This strategic plan will complement the County's strategic plan.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

El Dorado County's 2025 LIHEAP contract is open and currently serving eligible residents through the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and Home Weatherization Program. There are several ways to apply:

- Download an application and apply online at www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/heap; or
- Pick up an application, and submit your filled out application and supporting documents, at one of our HEAP offices:
 - 937 Spring Street, Placerville, or 1360 Johnson Blvd, South Lake Tahoe; or
- Drop off your filled out application and paperwork 24/7 into our secure Drop Box outside of the HEAP office at 937 Spring Street, Placerville.

An appointment is no longer needed to submit an application for LIHEAP services. However, our staff are happy to schedule an in-person or phone appointment upon request. It's important to note that the LIHEAP program is experiencing high demand and has limited funding, so submitting an application does not guarantee the applicant will receive funding. For questions, please call our HEAP office at (530) 621-6150 or (530) 573-3490.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The County's 2024 CSBG contract is currently 93% expended and we anticipate fully expending funds before the deadline of April 2025. In addition to providing administrative support to a number of El Dorado County Community Services programs, a portion of the 2024 CSBG funding was set aside to provide assisted transportation and in home care for vulnerable older adults in our community, as well as to purchase new chairs for the lobby of the Veteran Services office (which are currently very old and stained), and to purchase video conferencing systems at the senior centers in Placerville and South Lake Tahoe (which will enhance client education and staff training). The 2025 CSBG contract has just been approved and released.

Senior Nutrition Program

During the month of January 2025, the Senior Nutrition Program provided 2,981 Congregate (Dine-In Meals) and 1,503 Home Delivered Meals. The average donation during these months was \$1.74/meal for congregate and \$0.70/meal for home-delivered meals. The suggested donation is \$3.00/meal.

Older Adult Information & Assistance

The El Dorado County Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) is conducting an educational Miniseries for family caregivers in February at the El Dorado Hills Gilmore Senior Center. The topics for this free educational series have included: "Navigating Caregiving and Aging Resources," "What is a Mandated Reporter?" "Building Foundations of Caregiving," and "Emergency Preparedness." The FCSP will be conducting an educational Miniseries in South Lake Tahoe on Mondays in March and April. The El Dorado County Sheriff's Office and South Lake Tahoe Police Department, Adult Protective Services, Senior Legal and Public Health Emergency Preparedness are planned speakers for that educational series. The FCSP will return to El Dorado Hills in April and host another educational mini-series for family caregivers that will include speakers from the Snowline Hospice and their Dementia Care Connection Program, and El Dorado County's In-Home Supportive Services and Long-Term Care Ombudsman programs. The Senior Information and Assistance (I&A) program also coordinates "Bingocize" evidence-based exercise classes, which are being held at Placerville Senior Center and in South Lake Tahoe at the Tahoe Senior Plaza. For questions, please call I&A at (530) 621-6369.

Public Housing Authority/Housing & Homelessness Services

- Mercy Housing is celebrating the groundbreaking for the El Dorado Haven affordable housing

- development on Thursday, February 27th from 11am - 12:30pm at 6500 Pleasant Valley Rd. in El Dorado.
- The El Dorado County Navigation Center celebrated their 2-year anniversary on February 7th. The El Dorado County Housing and Homelessness team is preparing the annual update to the Board of Supervisors for later this spring. As of the anniversary date, the Navigation Center has served 297 individuals.
 - The 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is underway for El Dorado County. This year we are only performing a sheltered PIT and HIC, which primarily collects data from service providers. The PIT and HIC are reported to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) annually. The PIT count includes data on the number of persons experiencing homelessness in emergency shelters or transitional housing on the night spanning 1/30-1/31. The HIC reports the number of beds we have dedicated to serve homeless individuals in emergency shelters, transitional housing, or permanent supportive housing on the same night.
 - El Dorado County Winter Shelters – Winter shelters are in operation on both slopes of the County, including shelters specific to youth on both slopes. Those interested in the winter shelters can be referred through Front Door Coordinated Entry - 530-600-2822
 - The Public Housing Authority (PHA) waitlist still remains closed for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
 - For additional information or any questions please reach out via email at homeless.services@edcgov.us

Information Items

January 28 BOS Meeting

24-2082 Chief Administrative Office recommending the Board receive and file presentations from the Sheriff's Office, District Attorney, Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, Child Support Services, Health and Human Services Agency, and Library and Museum, outlining each department's mission, structure, services, budget, role in the strategic plan, and upcoming policy issues. FUNDING: N/A

February 11 BOS Meeting

24-1926 Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), in collaboration with the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks (EDOK) Continuum of Care (CoC), recommending the Board: 1) Make findings in accordance with County Ordinance Code Chapter 3.13, Section 3.13.030 (C), Contracting Out, that due to the limited timeframes, temporary or occasional nature, or schedule for the project or scope of work, the ongoing aggregate of work by Housing El Dorado (HED) is not sufficient to warrant the addition of permanent staff; 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Funding Out Agreement 9182 with HED, in the amount of \$100,000, and for the term upon execution through March 31, 2027, and with the option to extend the term of the Agreement for three additional one-year terms through March 31, 2030, for a maximum five-year term, subject to the EDOK CoC Board and HHS Director approval for the extension; 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute amendments relating to Agreement 9182, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement; and 4) Authorize the HHS Director, or the Chief Assistant Director, to execute programmatic, administrative, and fiscal documents relating to Agreement 9182. FUNDING: 100% State Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Round 4 grant funding.