

Community Action Council Agency Report and Information Items – January 2025

Agency Update

The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) has been preparing for the FY 25/26 Countywide budget. The agency is also developing a new strategic plan that will complement the County's strategic plan.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The 2024 LIHEAP contract for El Dorado and Alpine Counties is 93% expended as of November 2024. The LIHEAP program anticipates fully expending these funds before the deadline of June 2025. The 2025 LIHEAP contract is open and currently serving clients.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The County's 2024 CSBG contract is currently 83% expended and we anticipate to fully expend before the deadline of April 2025.

Senior Nutrition Program

During the months of November and December 2024, the Senior Nutrition Program provided 5,159 Congregate (Dine-In Meals) and 21,109 Home Delivered Meals. The average donation during these months was \$1.95/meal for congregate and \$0.72/meal for home-delivered meals. The suggested donation is \$3.00/meal.

Older Adult Information & Assistance

The Winter Aging and Caregiving Miniseries will be picking back up in January. The series includes four different presentation topics which include: Building Foundations of Caregiving; Scams and How to Prevent Being Scammed; What is a Mandated Reporter: Elder Abuse and Self Neglect; El Dorado County Senior Legal Services Program. Anyone interested may reach out to the Information and Assistance office by calling (530) 621-6369 or (800) 510-2020.

Family Caregiver Support Program has also scheduled February Miniseries at the El Dorado Hills Gilmore Senior Center. This series revisits some January topics but offers some alternative presentation topics, which include: Navigating Caregiving and Aging Resources; What is a Mandated Reporter; Building Foundations of Caregiving and Emergency Preparedness.

Southlake Tahoe Miniseries dates will be coming soon for the months of March and May.

Public Housing Authority/Housing & Homelessness Services

1. Housing and Homelessness is now administering several new or "new to us" housing programs. We have hired two Social Workers and two mental health workers to support these programs moving forward.
 - a. Housing and Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP) - this is a program to assist disabled individuals through the process of applying for SSDI and provide temporary housing assistance.
 - b. APS Home Safe - housing supports for APS clients that meet eligibility requirements
 - c. Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH) - housing supports for clients that have SUDS or Serious Mental Health conditions; working in collaboration with El Dorado County Behavioral Health
2. El Dorado County Navigation Center has been at capacity in recent weeks. We have hired a new Social Worker to our team to support clients in the Navigation Center. Referrals to the Navigation Center remain through either Coordinated Entry/CoC referral or Law Enforcement referral.
3. El Dorado County Winter Shelters - We have winter shelters 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
4. PHA waitlist still remains closed for the Housing Choice Voucher Program.
5. For additional information or any questions please reach out via email at homeless.services@edcgov.us

Information Items

January 7 2025 Board Meeting

24-2042

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board: 1) Make findings pursuant to Section 3.13.030 (B) of the El Dorado County Ordinance Chapter 3.13, Contracting Out, that the Transitional Housing Program-Plus program to address homelessness among former foster youth administered by Whole Person Learning, Inc., requires specialty skills and qualifications not expressly identified in County classifications are involved in the performance of the work; 2) Make findings in accordance with Procurement Policy C-17 Section 3.4, 2.(f) exempting the competitive bidding process, with Purchasing Agent concurrence, because the procurement is for services where the continuity of providers will provide efficiency or critical knowledge, and other providers of the services cannot provide similar efficiencies or critical knowledge; 3) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Agreement for Services 9067 with Whole Person Learning, Inc., in the amount of \$1,600,000 and for the term of five years from March 1, 2025, through February 28, 2030; 4) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute amendments relating to Agreement 9067, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement; and 5) Authorize the HHS Director, or the Chief Assistant Director, to execute programmatic, administrative, and fiscal documents relating to Agreement 9067.

FUNDING: 90% County Realignment Funds, 10% State Funding

24-2081

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board, acting as the governing body of the El Dorado County Public Housing Authority (PHA): 1) Approve and ratify the HHS Director's signature on Agreement to Enter into a Housing Assistance Payment (AHAP) Contract 9193 with Mercy Housing California (Mercy), for the provision of rental subsidies to Mercy for five new construction housing units awarded through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Project Based Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Voucher Program, for the term of November 11, 2024, through May, 30 2027; 2) Authorize the HHS Director, or Chief Assistant Director, to execute amendments, programmatic, administrative, and fiscal documents relating to AHAP Contract 9193, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, as applicable, which do not increase Net County Cost; 3) Authorize the HHS Director, or Chief Assistant Director, to execute a Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract with Mercy for the five new construction units subsidized by VASH, contingent upon PHA approval of the units, indicating the units have been completed in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in the AHAP Contract; and 4) Authorize the HHS Director, or Chief Assistant Director, to execute amendments, programmatic, administrative, and fiscal documents relating to the HAP Contract, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, as applicable, which do not increase Net County Cost.

FUNDING: 100% Federal funding provided through HUD for housing vouchers through the Project Based Voucher Program; the VASH vouchers act as subsidies for rent costs, supplementing the difference between a qualifying individual's income and established fair market rents for the housing units.