

Community Action Council Agency Report and Information Items – March 2025

Agency Update

The County is working on its FY25-26 budget and is facing a large budget gap. At the March 11, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting, the board directed staff to provide more information about discretionary spending in programs, including Community Services programs. The Board will again discuss the budget gap at the April 8, 2025 Board of Supervisors meeting.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

The 2025 LIHEAP contract is open and currently serving clients. Applications for the Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) and Weatherization services can be submitted via in-person drop-off at the HEAP office during regular business hours, secure drop box at the Placerville HEAP office 24/7, U.S. mail, or online submission at the HEAP website: www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/HEAP. LIHEAP funding is limited and submitting an application does not guarantee the applicant will receive funding.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The County's 2024 CSBG contract is currently 96% expended and we anticipate fully expending the contract dollars before the deadline of April 30, 2025. The 2025 contract has been approved and released.

Senior Nutrition Program

During the month of February 2025, the Senior Nutrition Program provided 2,818 Congregate (Dine-In Meals) and 10,534 Home Delivered Meals. They also provided 328 meals to the Senior Day Club members. The total amount for February is 13,606 meals. The average donation during these months was 1.82/meal for congregate and \$.75/meal for home-delivered meals with an average donation of \$0.98 a meal. The suggested donation is \$3.00/meal.

Older Adult Information & Assistance

The Family Caregiver Support Program held the South Lake Tahoe Miniseries in March, but participation was low. Due to the weather and low involvement, the miniseries was canceled in the third week. We are working on outreach and advertising the South Lake Tahoe May Miniseries to fill the room. This miniseries is open to all community members, case managers, paraprofessionals, IHSS caregivers, and staff.

The El Dorado Hills Gilmore Senior Center April miniseries will kickoff with a presentation with the local IHSS Public Authority and Supportive Services, followed by the Area Agency on Aging, Long-Term Care Ombudsman and Snowline Hospice Palliative Care and Dementia Care Programs.

Additionally, Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) has Respite in-home care services available to caregivers who need temporary support to care for themselves.

Senior Health Education Program - Finishing up with our South Lake Tahoe Bingocize at the Tahoe Senior Plaza, then starting another 10-Week Course at the SLT Senior Center to combine the two locations and have a larger class. Placerville Bingocize will be finishing up with and starting another class at the Placerville Senior Center in April.

The CSBG Transportation is 100% expended—\$3000.00, served 17 clients with 29 rides to in-office procedures, last resort transportation supportive services.

CSBG In-Home Care Project has allocated the last of the in-home care services, serving 11 clients with care support for those that are living independently, increased or high care needs, without additional resources.

Anyone interested in the series may reach out to the Senior Information and Assistance office by calling (530) 621-6369 or (800) 510-2020.

Public Housing Authority/Housing & Homelessness Services

1. PHA and Housing & Homelessness Services has a new Program Manager - Christopher Richardson. Chris joins the team on March 24th.

2. The El Dorado County Navigation Center celebrated their 2-year anniversary on February 7th. The 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.
3. The 2025 Point-in-Time (PIT) count and Housing Inventory Count (HIC) is underway. This year we are only performing a sheltered PIT and HIC, therefore it's primarily collecting data from service providers. The PIT and HIC are reported to 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.
4. 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
5. PHA waitlist still remains closed for the Housing Choice Voucher Program. |
6. For additional information or any questions please reach out via email at homeless.services@edcgov.us

Information Items

March 4, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting

Item 24-2020

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), acting as the Governing Board of the El Dorado County Public Housing Authority, recommending the Board: 1) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment II to competitively procured Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Contract 5904 (formerly V00052-PBV-001) with Mercy Housing California XXI (Mercy Housing), to extend the term of the Agreement for an additional 20 years and update regulatory language; 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute amendments relating to HAP Contract 5904, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management, which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement; and 3) Authorize the HHS Director, or the Chief Assistant Director, to execute programmatic, administrative, and fiscal documents relating to HAP Contract 5904.

FUNDING: 100% Federal United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Choice Voucher Program.

Item 25-0144

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board: 1) Receive and file a fee study report dated June 2024, performed by MGT Consulting (MGT) for HHS Senior Day Care and Public Guardian fee-related services; 2) Provide direction to staff on the fees recommended by MGT and how to proceed with the fee updates for both Senior Day Care and Public Guardian, with the options and fee changes/increase recommendations: a) Direct staff to return with a resolution to increase Senior Day Care Program fees by: i. Distributing the recommended increases evenly across a three-year implementation period, to ease the financial impact to families served, as recommended by staff to achieve a 97% recovery level after three years; or ii. Increase fees in the first year for 80% recovery level; b) Direct staff to return with a resolution to increase Public Guardian Program fees as recommended by staff; which equates to a 37% recovery of County costs; and c) Provide alternative direction for next steps staff should take on Senior Day Care and Public Guardian fees.

FUNDING: Fees for Service and County General Fund.

March 11, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting

Item 24-1826

Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board: 1) Approve the Veterans Affairs Commission recommendation for the utilization of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 Discretionary Transient Occupancy Tax (DTOT) allocation to the Veterans Affairs Commission; 2) Approve and authorize the HHS Director, or HHS Chief Assistant Director, to execute funding out agreements to distribute the Fiscal Year 2024-25 DTOT funds as recommended by the Veterans Affairs Commission on November 14, 2024, contingent upon approval of County Counsel and Risk Management; and 3) Authorize the HHS Director, or HHS Chief Assistant Director, to execute further documents relating to the agreements, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval, including amendments

that do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the agreements.
FUNDING: 100% DTOT.