

Community Action Council

Health and Human Services Agency Report and Information Items – March 2026

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and Weatherization Program

The 2026 LIHEAP program is open and now accepting applications for both Utility Assistance and Weatherization Assistance. Applications 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 [California Online Application Portal - Application Details](#). Visit www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/HEAP for full details.

The Agency activated the LIHEAP Severe Weather Energy Assistance and Transportation Services (SWEATS) program on February 19th in response to severe winter storms causing low snow and widespread power outages in parts of the county. The purpose of the SWEATS Program is to assist with a home energy emergency, such as for homes with a sustained loss of power and no source of heat in the home due to a natural disaster/severe weather event. Through the SWEATS program the Agency was able to assist a couple who were displaced due to no power and heat in their home.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

The 2025 CSBG contract is currently 96.87% expended. The 2025 CSBG funding expires April 30, 2026. The 2026 CSBG contract has been received in the amount of \$330,268. However, the initial spending authorization under the contract is \$112,291. The California Department of Community Services and Development (CSBG) will update the spending authority as additional funds are released by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Senior of the Year

Nominations for the 2026 Senior of the Year are now being accepted through April 10, 2026. If you know an outstanding adult or couple, 60 years or older, performing admirable work in the community as a volunteer, please consider nominating them to be recognized as an Exemplary Volunteer through the 2026 annual Senior of the Year Award. Nomination forms can be picked up at the Placerville, South Lake Tahoe, and El Dorado Hills Senior Centers or online at:

<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/files/assets/county/v/1/documents/services/assistance-programs/seniors/senior-activities/2026-soy-nomination-form-updated.pdf>

Senior Nutrition Program

During the month of February 2026, the Senior Nutrition program provided 2,313 Congregate (Dine-In Meals) and 10,493 Home Delivered Meals. An additional 238 meals were provided to the Senior Day Club members. The totals include 510 non-perishable self-heating emergency meals which were provided to seniors prior to the anticipated snow fall. The average voluntary contribution in January was \$1.27 per meal. The suggested voluntary contribution currently is \$5.00 per meal. The cost to make each meal is \$11.17.

Older Adult Day Services

The Adult Day Care Program, also known as The Club, is in Placerville at 935 A Spring Street. The Club is designed to be a respite service for families who are caring for loved ones that have some cognitive impairments, dementia and other chronic health issues: For full details you can go to the website, <https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Services/Assistance-Programs/Seniors/Senior-Services/Adult-Day-Services> or call at (530) 621-6180.

Older Adult Information & Assistance

- The Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) offers respite in-home care services to caregivers who require temporary support to care for themselves. Support groups for caregivers can be found on the El Dorado County Family Caregiver Support Program website (<https://www.eldoradocounty.ca.gov/Services/Assistance-Programs/Seniors/Senior-Services/FCSP>).
- To support transportation services for older adults, Information & Assistance (I&A) will offer Assisted Transportation for Essential Needs, a component of the Friends of Seniors Grant, through June 2026. This transportation service is made possible through the Friends of Seniors Grant, which awarded \$3,000.00 to the Area Agency on Aging to support seniors.
- In-Home Care and Transportation is available to residents 18 years and older through the CSBG grant with I&A. These grants support those requiring additional supports and services that may not have access to other programs.
- If you have any questions, you can contact the Senior Information and Assistance office by calling (530) 621-6369 or (800) 510-2020.

Public Housing Authority/Housing & Homelessness Services

- All El Dorado County residents who are homeless or are at risk of homelessness should contact The Front Door coordinated entry at (530) 600-2822 to submit an intake and be eligible for referrals to services available in our region.
- The Public Housing Authority (PHA) general waitlist for the Housing Choice Voucher program remains closed. However, the waitlist has opened for the Foster Youth to Independence (FYI) targeted population who meet the following eligibility:
 - Have attained at least 18 years and not more than 24 years of age.
 - Left foster care, or will leave foster care within 90 days, in accordance with a transition plan described in section 475(5)(H) of the Social Security Act; and
 - Is homeless or is at risk of becoming homeless at age 16 or older.
- Interested households may schedule an eligibility screening between August 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027 to be considered for the wait list. Eligible households will then be added to the wait list. To schedule a screening, email cps.clerical@edcgov.us or call (530) 642-7100, Monday – Fridays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM.
- For additional information or any questions please reach out via email at homeless.services@edcgov.us.