

Community Action Council Agency Report and Information Items – March 27, 2024

Agency Update

- a) The El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) will soon begin working on a Strategic Plan to focus on Agency goals that are in line with El Dorado County's 2024 Strategic Plan.

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

- a. The 2024 LIHEAP contract for El Dorado and Alpine County is accepting applications. As of February, the LIHEAP staff have assisted 908 households with the 2024 grant funding.

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

- a. The 2023 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is anticipated to be fully expended. The contract has been extended through May 31, 2024.
- b. The County's 2024 CSBG contract has been approved by the State. This funding will provide critical administrative and support dollars for staff, equipment and other needs in the Community Services Division, and will also pay for a videoconferencing system at the Senior Centers in Placerville and South Lake Tahoe, a security camera in the lobby of the Veteran Services office in Placerville and assisted transportation for qualified low-income residents.

Senior Nutrition Program

- a. February Statistics: In February 2024, approx. 15,945 meals were served through the County's Senior Nutrition Program. The total daily meals served was 797 through the program. The average donation was \$0.66/meal for home-delivered meals and \$1.95 for congregate dining meals. The suggested donation is \$3.00/meal.
- b. Senior Nutrition is grateful for our many volunteers! We currently utilize between 150-200 volunteers per month. We continue to have a high need for additional volunteers.

Senior Day Care Program ("The Club")

- a. The Clubs, in both Placerville and El Dorado Hills, have continuous open staff recruitments to fill extra help Program Aids. We have extended a conditional offer for the El Dorado Hills site Program Supervisor, the candidate is moving through the background process. The program also continues to have a need for volunteers at both sites.

Older Adult Information & Assistance

- a. Older Adult Information & Assistance (I&A) staff have been very busy conducting community outreach throughout the County on the many programs offered to county residents aged 60 years and older. In addition to serving individuals at our Placerville office, staff are also at the South Lake Tahoe Senior Center Thursdays from 11am to 3:00pm (weather permitting), assisting individuals with applications and referrals, promoting the Senior Nutrition dine-in and home delivered meal program, and more. To reach I&A program staff, call (530) 621-6369 or (800) 510-2020.

Public Housing Authority/Housing & Homelessness Services

- a. The Public Housing Authority (PHA) was issued 70 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV's) through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in 2021. EHV's were earmarked to assist individuals and families who are homeless, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or human trafficking, or were recently homeless or have a high risk of housing instability. As of February 15, 2024, the Public Housing Authority has issued all 70 vouchers. To date, 27 of the vouchers have secured a lease and are housed, 41 are actively looking to secure housing, or in the process of having leases approved through the PHA so that payment can begin, and two participants have withdrawn their eligibility and the vouchers cannot be reissued.

Information Items

February 27, 2024 Meeting:

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY - CONSENT ITEMS

25. 24-0155 Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board: 1) Accept the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program funding for the period January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, in the estimated amount of \$62,897 in support of the El Dorado County Public Housing Authority (PHA); and 2) Delegate authority to the HHS Director, or HHS Chief Assistant Director, to execute the resulting FSS Grant Agreement, and any amendments thereto, that do not increase Net County Cost, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval, and subsequent administrative documents or required fiscal or programmatic reports. FUNDING: 100% Federal Funding administered by HUD; no matching funds are required.
28. 23-2031 Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board: 1) Make findings that the provision of Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) services provided by Subrecipient are in the public's best interest and that there are specialty skills, qualifications, and equipment not expressly identified in County classifications involved in the performance of the work in accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance Code, Chapter 3.13.030(B); 2) Approve and authorize the Chair to sign Funding Out Agreement 8084 with CASA El Dorado for the provision of CASA services, in the amount of \$161,022, with the required grant match of \$40,256 to be met by CASA El Dorado, as the subrecipient of this grant through in-kind volunteer hours, for the retroactive term beginning January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, with the Agreement's term matching HHS's awarded County Victim Services (XC) Program grant's term; and 3) Authorize the HHS Director, or HHS Chief Assistant Director, to execute further documents relating to this Funding Out Agreement, including amendments which do not increase the funding amount or term of the Agreement, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval. FUNDING: 100% County Victim Services federal funds, administered by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), totaling \$161,022. This funding includes a required match in the amount of \$40,256, to be provided by CASA El Dorado through in-kind volunteer hours.

March 12, 2024 Meeting:

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY - CONSENT ITEMS

8. 23-2113 Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) recommending the Board: 1) Designate HHS to continue to serve as the Administrative Entity (AE) for the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks Continuum of Care (CoC) for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Grant Program Round 5, administered by the California Interagency Council on Homelessness (Cal ICH); 2) Authorize the HHS Director to submit a joint application, and modifications or updates thereto, in the estimated amount of \$1,383,450, for HHS and the CoC's continued participation in the HHAP Program; 3) Delegate authority to the HHS Director, or HHS Chief Assistant Director, to accept HHAP Program Round 5 funding, if awarded, and to execute the resulting funding agreement and future amendments that do not increase Net County Cost, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval; and 4) Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute a non-financial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HHS and the CoC that is required to be submitted with the HHAP Program Round 5 application, and to execute future amendments thereto that do not alter the non-financial aspect of the MOU, contingent upon County Counsel and Risk Management approval. FUNDING: 100% State funding authorized pursuant to California Assembly Bill 129, and Health and Safety Code 50230 signed into law by Governor Newsom on July 10, 2023; no matching funds are required.
19. 24-0083 HEARING - Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), Public Health Division, Tobacco Use Prevention Program and the Planning and Building Department (Planning) recommending the Board: 1) Adopt and authorize the Chair to sign Urgency Ordinance 5197 pursuant to California Government Code Section 65858, extending an interim forty-five day moratorium for ten months and fifteen days, on new tobacco retailer applications for all purposes within the unincorporated areas in El Dorado County, pending the study and development of reasonable regulations (4/5 vote required); 2) Find that the extension interim moratorium is not a "project" under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and even if it were a project, it would be exempt from the CEQA pursuant to statutory exemption CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3)(Common Sense Exemption) because there is no possibility that adoption of this temporary moratorium would have a significant effect on the

environment; 3) Receive the requested presentation on tobacco retail zoning and licensing provisions; and 4) Direct staff to return with a tobacco retail license draft ordinance that reflects Board direction.

March 19, 2024 Meeting:

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY - CONSENT ITEMS

15. 24-0124 Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) as the Administrative Entity for the El Dorado Opportunity Knocks (EDOK) Continuum of Care (CoC) is recommending the Board: 1) Make findings that the provision of Coordinated Entry System (CES) services provided by Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless are in the public's best interest and that there are specialty skills, qualifications, and equipment not expressly identified in County classifications involved in the performance of the work in accordance with El Dorado County Ordinance Code, Chapter 3.13.030(B); 2) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute the finalized competitively bid Agreement for Services 8450 with Tahoe Coalition for the Homeless for provision of CES services to the EDOK CoC, similar in form and scope to the sample agreement attached (Attachment A), in the amount of \$351,275.50 for the initial three-year term from April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2027, with the option to extend the term of the Agreement for two additional one-year terms through March 31, 2029, for a maximum five-year term, and maximum obligation of \$585,459.15, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management; 3) Authorize the Purchasing Agent to execute amendments relating to said Agreement, which do not increase the maximum dollar amount or term of the Agreement, contingent upon approval by County Counsel and Risk Management; and 4) Authorize the HHS Director, or the Chief Assistant Director, to execute programmatic, administrative, and fiscal documents relating to this Agreement. FUNDING: 80% State grant funding: 4% California Emergency Solutions and Housing, 76% Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention Program; 20% Federal funding: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development CoC CES Project Activity grant.