

*Contra Costa County Employment & Human Services Department*  
*Contra Costa County Family and Human Services Committee*  
*September 24, 2018*



○ **CalFresh Program – Introduction & Facts:**

- ✦ Provides food for low-income families – one of the most important anti-poverty programs in the country.
- ✦ Serves an average of 65,000 individuals a month of which 68% are children, seniors or disabled, with the majority of the remaining 32% of recipients falling into the category of working poor.
- ✦ An average of 2,815 applications are received monthly.
- ✦ Average monthly benefit is \$288.



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✦ **Economic Benefits:**

- The USDA has indicated that every \$1 provided in CalFresh benefits generates \$1.79 in economic activity.
- CalFresh puts almost \$9 million into the local Contra Costa County economy
- As a result of the multiplier and the CalFresh dollars being primarily Federal funded, Contra Costa County benefited from a \$16.1 million economic boost in program year 2017-18.

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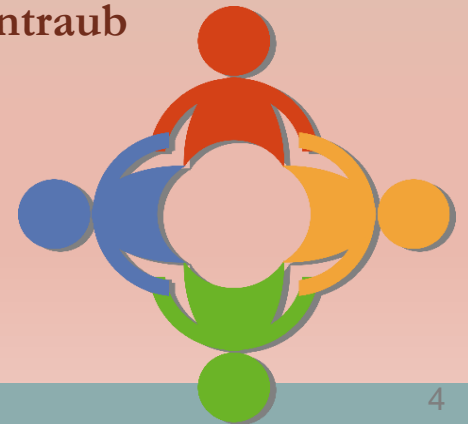
- ✦ **CalFresh Allocations have dropped approximately 14% since PY 2014-2015.**
- ✦ **The allocation reduction has contributed to a 28% reduction in staffing. The reductions have been critically impactful to CalFresh program administration in the following areas:**
  - **Extended wait times at the Medi-Cal CalFresh Service Center**
  - **Increasing error rates placing us at risk of fiscal sanction**
  - **Ability to meet mandated application processing timelines resulting in us being out of compliance**

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○ **CalFresh Partnership Group:**

✦ **Group includes:**

- **Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano - Larry Sly , Caitlin Sly, Carly Finkle, Steven Courtney, and Vakil Kuner**
- **Ensuring Opportunity Campaign to End Poverty in Contra Costa - Mariana Moore**
- **Family Economic Security Partnership (FESP)/First 5 - Fran Biderman**
- **Multi-Faith ACTION Coalition - Melody Howe-Weintraub**
- **Community Services Bureau – Sophia Talbot**
- **Community Clinic Consortium of Contra Costa and Solano – Laura Sheckler**



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○ **CalFresh Partnership Group:**

- ✦ Collaborative efforts include Outreach Activities and Events as well as other efforts to expand access to eligible families.

- Medi-Cal Mailing
- Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents (ABAWD) Convening
- Glen Price Group

○ **Current CalFresh Issues and Concerns**

- ✦ ABAWD
- ✦ SSI/SSP Cash Out
- ✦ Reauthorization of SNAP under the new Farm Bill
- ✦ Outreach Impacts



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**QUESTIONS?**