

The Community Services Bureau Community Action Partnership & The Economic Opportunity Council (EOC)

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Who Are We?



- The EOC is a mandated tripartite board responsible for administering the Community Service Block Grant (CSBG).
- The EOC was created during the Johnson Administration with the passage of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.
- The EOA mandated a 15 member board with five representatives from each of the three sectors- low-income, private/non-profit, and the public.



What do we do?

- Give a voice and resources to our underserved community members.
- Promote pathways out of poverty. Open the doors to self-sufficiency and full participation for everyone.
- Every 2 years the board holds public hearings and develops a strategic plan that addresses the most pressing needs of the County's low-income populations.
- Through legislative and policy actions, educational roundtable discussions and outreach activities the EOC works through its members and agency partners to advocate for and engage the poor and underserved.

Our High Priority Areas

- Housing/Shelter
- Employment/ Job Training
- Food/ Nutrition
- Comprehensive Health Services

How

- Providing basic necessities: food, shelter, health care, job, etc.
- Community building: advocacy, rehabilitation, coordination, and revitalization services
- Pathway to self-sufficiency: skill development, training, and motivational support





Community Partners

- Bay Area Community Resources (Career training/ mental health)
- The Contra Costa Clubhouse (mental health)
- Contra Costa Health Services Homeless Program (Cali House)
- Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (Grip) (Shelter/ nutrition)
- Lao Family Community Development (Career training)
- Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa (Nutrition)
- Monument Crisis Center (Shelter)
- Opportunity Junction, Inc. (Career training)
- Shelter Inc. Contra Costa (Shelter)
- St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa (Career training)
- STAND! For Families Free of Violence (Shelter)
- White Pony Express (Nutrition)

Additional programs

- Early Education Head start Program
- Energy Assistance Low Income Home Energy- Assistance Program (LIHEAP) 1,068 bills
- Energy Assistance and Weatherization programs 38 homes
- The LIHEAP program provides financial assistance for energy bills for people whose income is below the 100% Federal Poverty guidelines.



Census Connection

- CSBG is a federally funded grant
- Many of our subcontractor clients depend on key programs like the Nation School Lunch Program, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), Medicaid, Child Care and Development Block Grant, Head start and Early Head Start.
- The Census American Community Survey (ACS) provides metrics for the LIHEAP Program

EOC & Subcontractors commitment to Census

- We reach over 11,000 community members in Contra Costa County.
- Many of our subcontractors are trusted messenger in the community and many serve the entire county (east, west central)
- Subcontractors will be provided with Census materials as well as be asked to participate in the Regional Steering Committees
- Many of the subcontractors have applied for Census funding via the RFPs from philanthropy and the intend to apply for the ACBO RFP.