

1. Please describe the types of housing services your agency currently provides for individuals returning to east Contra Costa County.

Allen Community Development Corporation (Allen CDC) Anvil House, and California Portsmouth Square Association (CPSA) do not currently operate any housing facilities in east Contra Costa County. The two transitional housing facilities are located in Richmond.

While our residential programs are not located in east Contra Costa County, we would be open and available to serve individuals who are homeless and returning to east Contra Costa County. Allen CDC Anvil House and CPSA will work closely with CCC Probation and the Continuum of Care agencies and other referral partners to identify individuals returning to east Contra Costa County and connect them with our transitional housing programs, where needed, and where appropriate, to meet the needs of the individual. We recognize that there is a significant lack of housing options for returning citizens throughout Contra Costa County, including in east Contra Costa County, and will work collaboratively with the County, Probation, and other service provider partners to connect individuals returning to east Contra Costa County to the vital open beds we are able to provide.

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To enhance our ability to provide services for individuals returning to east Contra Costa County, Allen CDC's Anvil House and CPSA will work with CCC Probation and Continuum of Care agencies to identify those returning to east Contra Costa County in need of housing and connect them to the available beds we are able to provide.

We will work within the strategic plan of East County to facilitate appropriate referrals with a variety of governmental and nonprofits partners. This will include close coordination with Central-East County Reentry Network lead HealthRIGHT360, Housing lead Shelter, Inc., and Hope Solutions, with whom we will coordinate to serve clients in need of housing in East County. Allen CDC's Anvil House and CPSA will work together with HealthRIGHT360, Shelter, Inc., and Hope Solutions to facilitate referrals, including providing transportation to our housing programs in Richmond where needed.

We also have established relationships with Rubicon (Reentry Success Centers, Employment Services), Men & Women of Purpose (mentoring), LAO (housing), and other non-profit organizations to facilitate referrals of the individuals who are homeless that we serve (including returning citizens) to supportive services as needed based on the participant's case plan. We also maintain partnerships with nonprofit organizations to support document retrieval (SSI, GA, etc.), substance abuse counseling, and other supportive services to ensure clients have access to the services they need while reducing duplication of services.

We will support and partner with all East County Network Agencies to make and accept the appropriate referrals as necessary. Part of our intake processes includes determining if an individual is already connected to wrap-around services, and providing assessments and ongoing

case management/wrap-around services for those who are not connected to such resources. Our ultimate goal – like those of the other East County Network agencies – is to facilitate successful re-entry for the individuals we serve, including connecting them to stable housing and additional resources, such as employment supports, to help them secure and sustain permanent housing and avoid recidivism. The Anvil House has an onsite computer lab set up for virtual training, interviews, and general use to further aid clients in moving forward with stabilizing themselves.

To further support collaboration, Allen CDC and CPSA will invite all East County providers to the Anvil House collaboration meeting we will hold with public and non-profit partners, including employers, nonprofits, and training programs, to discuss the housing and employment needs of the re-entry population.

Lastly, Allen CDC and CPSA will work with East County Network service providers, as well as providers throughout the County, to connect participants to vocational training and set-up opportunities for on-the-job training (OJT) to support employment opportunities, will pursue enclaves and other wraparound modalities, and support efforts for family reunification, all as part of the continuum of services that is needed to support re-entry participants and reduce recidivism in areas with high crime and arrest rates, that include cities like, Antioch, Pittsburg, and Brentwood.

All of the above services and collaborative opportunities would be available immediately. General information: The Anvil House has 2 homes on one property. Below you will see some photos of parts of the facility that includes 2 kitchens, 4 bathrooms, 7 bedrooms, computer stations, and many other amenities.









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Lao Family Community Development, Inc. (LFCD) has many years of providing housing services in east Contra Costa County. We currently place individuals in permanent housing and temporary transitional housing. On average, we receive 15 housing inquiries per week from walk-in clients in our San Pablo office. Approximately 45% of these clients are assisted with housing placement in east Contra Costa County.

Our current AB109 program participants were assisted with obtaining and maintaining housing with private landlords in east Contra Costa County – 5 participants in Antioch, 5 participants Brentwood, and 2 participants in Pittsburg.

In addition, we have helped over 25 households per year for the last 10 years in east and central Contra Costa County through our Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) funding through Contra Costa County. In 2021, this program assisted 40 participants with their housing needs. In general, our experience has showed us that approximately 30% to 40% of the participants suffer from housing and job instability contributing to mental health issues which includes a lot stress due to job loss and landlords who could not accept their housing vouchers.

Although originally centered on populations in West Contra Costa County, by the third year the program expanded to include families in Pittsburg, Antioch, Bay Point, and Brentwood. By the fourth year of the program, LFCD partnered with the San Ramon Interfaith Council and members of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa to provide outreach and presentations at churches in Pleasant Hill, San Ramon, and Danville to help find housing in these communities by searching for individuals with an extra room, guest house, apartment over the garage, roommate opportunity, etc.

Through CSBG, CARES Act, and the Asian Pacific Fund; LFCD has assisted Contra Costa County residents with securing housing in Pittsburg, Bay Point, Oakley, Pacheco, Concord, Walnut Creek and Lafayette during the Covid crisis by providing urgent housing stability and utility bill assistance.

In the last two years, LFCD formed a relationship with the Cambridge Management Company which is a management rental company with 300 units of their 3,500 units of housing in Walnut Creek and Lafayette. LFCD has

introduced this company to other nonprofit organizations in the area to assist with providing housing needs for vulnerable populations.

LFCD has long standing partnerships with Monument Impact in Concord, Jewish Family Services in Walnut Creek, SparkPoint in Bay Point, Putnam House in Concord, etc. LFCD has sponsored outreach events, peer support and strengthening family workshops at Contra Costa County hotels (through our relationship with the Asian American Hotel Owners Association (AAHOA)) Las Montanas markets, local parks, etc. Through our relationship with AAHOA, we have been able to provide emergency housing for individuals and families with mental health issues in Contra Costa County at independently, local hotels for the last 8 years. LFCD has leveraged our relationships with many AAHOA members who have apartment complexes to help find housing for our customers in east and central Contra Costa County.

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Since we already provide services in the area, we are ready to provide service within the first quarter of the grant period.

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SHELTER, Inc. has provided housing services in Contra Costa County since our founding in 1986. Services currently offered by SHELTER, Inc. to individuals returning to all areas of Contra Costa County – including those returning to East Contra Costa – include:

- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): Financial rental assistance provided in a step-down assistance model. The term of the subsidy is generally six to twelve months, tapering off as participants become more self-sufficient. This step-down model allows participants to quickly move into housing while also saving money to help maintain housing in the long term.
- Sober Living Environments (SLE): SHELTER, Inc. partners with SLE's in Contra Costa County to help participants struggling with substance use disorders find a stable place to recover and thrive after returning from incarceration. Financial assistance for SLE participants is also provided in a step-down model, wherein SHELTER, Inc. pays a decreasing portion of a participant's SLE fees each month.
- Hotels: SHELTER, Inc. provides short-term hotel stays for some reentry participants in order to quickly move them into a safe environment while they work with our housing navigation team to find permanent housing. These temporary hotel stays involve a more intense level of case management (at least one meeting per week) while a participant progresses in their housing search.
- Family Reunification: Whenever possible, we seek to help participants reunify with their families or similar support systems upon their return from incarceration. In these cases, SHELTER, Inc. contributes to household bills and rent while the participant is working with his/her case manager and housing navigator to find a more permanent living situation.
- Intensive Housing-Focused Case Management: SHELTER, Inc. provides client-centered, evidence-based case management to help participants returning to Contra Costa County progress toward self-sufficiency and build the skills that will allow them to maintain permanent housing into the future.

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N/A - SHELTER, Inc. currently provides housing and case management services in all parts of Contra Costa County.