

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

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.

2. If your agency does not currently provide services within the region, what plan would you put in place to service this area? And what would be your estimated timeline for service start-up?

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