

AGENDA

Economic Opportunity Council

Thursday, April 10, 2025

6:00 PM

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Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

- 1. Call to Order and Welcome
- 2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

3.	RECEIVE presentation on Guaranteed Income.	<u>25-1277</u>			
4.	APPROVE EOC Business Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025.				
	Attachments: EOC Business Meeting Minutes of March 13 2025 - DRAFT				
5.	RECEIVE the February Fiscal Report for Grant # 24F-3007 including amendments.	<u>25-1279</u>			
	Attachments: 2024 CSBG Combined Budget February				

- 6.
 RECEIVE results of 2025 Public Hearings/Listening Sessions.
 25-1280
 - Attachments: Public Hearing Results March 2025
- 7. RECEIVE update on Advocacy Day
- **8.** APPROVE Community Action Plan Priorities and Vision and Mission <u>25-1281</u> Statements.

Attachments: Community Action Plan Priority Table MISSION STATEMENT Feedback via Email

25-1282

- **9.** APPROVE plan for Community Action Month.
- 10. Staff Report
- 11. Chair Report
- 12. EOC Member Report
- 13. Next Steps
- 14. Meeting Evaluation

The next meeting is currently scheduled for May 8, 2025 at 6pm.

Adjourn

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For Additional Information Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-608-8819.



Staff Report

File #: 25-1277

Agenda Date: 4/10/2025

Agenda #: 3.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Subject: RECEIVE presentation on Guaranteed Income Presenter: Rebecca Darnell Contact: Christina Castle-Barber

Information:

RECEIVE presentation on Guaranteed Income



Staff Report

File #: 25-1278

Agenda Date: 4/10/2025

Agenda #: 4.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Subject: APPROVE EOC Business Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025. Presenter: Victor Tiglao Contact: Christina

Information:

APPROVE EOC Business Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2025.



Committee Meeting Minutes

Economic Opportunity Council

Thursday, March 13, 2025

6:00 PM 1470 Civic Court, Suite 200, Room 207, Concord | Zoom: https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/87597737980? pwd=2Xw3ua2C4IuCWfnyb3copvKBVbd5uu.1 | Call in: 8882780254 | Code: 812185

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

1. Call to Order and Welcome

Chair Medlen called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

Staff Present: Christina Castle-Barber, Roshunda Ward, Melissa Molina, Michael Morris, and Ayalew Lidete

Public Present: Monisha Merchant on Zoom

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

There were no public comments.

3. APPROVE the February 13, 2025 EOC Business Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made b	y Zeimer, seconded by Kaushal, to approve the Minutes of
2-13-2025 as presente	d. The motion carried by the following vote: Unanimous.
Motion:	Zeimer
Second:	Kaushal

4. RECEIVE the Fiscal Report for January 2025 for CSBG Grant 24F-3007 with three amendments.

Morris presented the fiscal report and stated that we are on track to spend down our grant. Roshunda shared that all demands are in and the subcontractors have expended 100% of their funds.

This Fiscal Report was received.

5. RECEIVE Advocacy Day Updates and APPROVE list of legislation for which to advocate. Castle-Barber shared the list of state legislators for Contra Costa County along with the constituents that will be attending Advocacy Day. Still waiting to schedule two legislators. Castle-Barber shared the following legislation for consideration by EOC: AB 249 - Ramos, AB722- Avila-Farias, AB986 - Lee, SB 18 - Rubio, SB 33- Cortese, SB 411 Perez, AB736

-Wicks, and SB 417 - Cabaldon.

A motion was made by Lopez, seconded by Lafrades, to approve the advocating for					
SB 411 (Stop Child H	unger Act of 2025), AB 249 (Youth Specific Housing), and AB				
722 (reentry housing)	. The motion carried by the following vote: unanimous.				
Motion:	Lopez				
Second:	Lafrades				

6. RECEIVE update on the GRIP and Loaves and Fishes Public Hearings.

Ward presented the GRIP Public Hearing results and the group that attended the one at Loaves and Fishes shared their experience and deep gratitude to Loaves and Fishes for providing an extra dinner and outdoor set up after their building flooded.

This Public Hearing Report was received.

7. RECEIVE presentation on the Key Findings from the 2025 Community Assessment.

Lidete gave a presentation based on the Key Findings from our 2025 Community Assessment. Castle-Barber explained that this data, paired with the results of the four listening sessions (public hearings), will be used to chose priorities for the Community Action Plan next month.

The Key Findings from the 2025 Community Assessment was received.

8. DISCUSS and APPROVE the 2026-27 Community Action mission and vision statements.

Castle-Barber reviewed the current vision and mission and shared examples of other statements. For the mission statement, the EOC preferred to use language about investing in the community rather than empowering. Focus on return on investment for addressing the root causes of poverty through funding and partnerships. The EOC liked the staff prompt for the vision statement and preferred to delete the word "creating" at the beginning. It was agreed that Castle-Barber will send out reworked vision and mission statement by email and will collect all input for consideration and approval at the April meeting. Thus, the approval was tabled.

This approval of the vision and mission statement was tabled to next month.

9. Staff Report

Castle-Barber gave a Head Start update. Molina gave an update on the Make Parenting a Pleasure training coming up and also gave instructions to the members that are attending Advocacy Day with respect to their travel arrangements and a reminded to keep all receipts to get reimbursed.

10. Chair Report

Medlen reminded all to call their federal legislators daily!

11. EOC Member Reports

No reports.

12. Next Steps

Molina will send out Lidete's presentation to the group and Castle-Barber will send out reworked mission and vision statements. Tiglao will work on talking points for the legislative visits and will send by March 27.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 10 at 6pm..

13. Adjourn

Chair Medlen adjourned the meeting at 7:48 pm.

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Staff Report

File #: 25-1279

Agenda Date: 4/10/2025

Agenda #: 5.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Subject: RECEIVE the February Fiscal Report for Grant # 24F-3007 including amendments. Presenter: Michael Morris Contact: Christina Castle-Barber 925-608-8819

Information:

RECEIVE the February Fiscal Report for Grant # 24F-3007 including amendments.

Comr	nunity Services Block Grant										
Mont	nly Expenditures										
2024	Contract # 24F-3007 (Base with Disc	retionary)								
Term	: Jan 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025										
				59%	65%	71%	76%	82%	85%	15%	
Line		Sub	Original	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	YTD		
Item	Description	Object	Budget	2024	2024	2024	2025	2025	Total	Balance	% Spent
	ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:										
1	Salaries and Wages	1011	16,599	-	-	2,052.86	1,565.07	-	4,013.46	12,585.54	24%
	Comm Svcs Dir		-		-				-	-	
	Accountant		16,599		-	2,052.86	1,565.07		4,013.46	12,585.54	24%
2	Fringe Benefits		10,125	_		309.68	1,120.98	1,444.44	3,237.85	6,887.15	32%
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	Other Costs-Indirect Costs		70,000	4,477.39	852.62	10,698.63	2,384.63	1,349.93	54,725.03	15,274.97	78%
	Indirect Costs	5022	70,000	4,477.39	852.62	10,698.63	2,384.63	1,349.93	54,725.03	15,274.97	78%
	Total Administrative Costs		96,724	4,477.39	852.62	13,061.17	5,070.68	2,794.37	61,976.34	34,747.66	64%
	PROGRAM COSTS:										
1	Salaries and Wages	1011	255,030	21,784.01	23,334.74	26,639.58	26,940.07	24,318.38	214,847.46	40,182.54	84%
	Subtotal Program		204,275	18,792.70	20,445.31	21,295.98	19,537.94	18,569.34	179,078.52	25,196.48	88%
	Division Manager		30,673	2,054.08	4,016.86	3,409.28	2,360.47	2,160.63	24,025.44	6,647.56	78%
	ASA III		104,946	9,585.43	9,585.43	9,585.43	9,585.43	9,585.43	88,193.89	16,752.11	84%
	CSM		68,656	7,153.19	6,843.02	8,301.27	7,592.04	6,823.28	66,859.19	1,796.81	97%
	Student Interns		50,755	2,991.31	2,889.43	5,343.60	7,402.13	5,749.04	35,768.94	14,986.06	70%
	95694 Tabin, A	1	9,151	981.67	1,481.76			1,684.70	7,700.24	1,450.76	84%
	93753 Acosta,C	2	9,151	981.07	1,481.76	1,741.07	1,811.04	1,684.70	2.725.14	4,425.86	38%
	95324 Colburn, C	3	9,151		296.35	1,629.94	1,937.40	1,684.70	5,696.57	3,454.43	62%
	95029 Caolie, Ryan	4	16,151	1,861.46	1,111.32	1,972.59	1,968.99	694.94	16,129.41	21.59	100%
	95960 Gil, S	5	9,151	148.18	-	-	1,684.70	1,684.70	3,517.58	5,633.42	38%
	Fringe Benefits		126,006	12,135.48	13,797.82	14,534.15	13,906.26	13,342.48	119,727.37	6,278.63	95%
	Program Fringe Benefits		120,508	11,785.98	13,460.20	13,909.79	13,041.40	12,670.74	115,887.17	4,620.83	96%
	Student Interns Fringe Benefits		5,498	349.50	337.62	624.36	864.86	671.74	3,840.20	1,657.80	70%
	Operating Expenses		80,308	513.01	1,296.18	10,938.44	12,115.66	9,974.93	60,355.00	19,953.00	75%
	Office Expense	2100/02	3,244		462.15	-		-	3,243.82	0.18	100%
	Communications	2110	2,000	172.25	133.00	32.41	102.44	31.77	768.42	1,231.58	38%
	Tel Exchange Service	2111 2200	900	40.71	40.65	27.10	54.24	40.63	381.66	518.34	42%
	Membership Dues Local Travel Conferences	2200	10,958	200.05	195.00	4,945.00	5,818.20	-	10,958.20 12,930.99	(0.20)	100%
	Meeting Meals	2300/03	24,411 3,418	300.05	203.06	5,635.41 298.52	101.30	309.96	2,827.16	11,480.01 590.84	53% 83%
	Supplies for Outreach/Homeless	2490	35,377		- 262.32	- 298.52	6,039.48	7,327.33	2,827.16	6,132.25	83%
		2-30					0,039.40	,321.33			
	Out-of-State Travel		4,400	-	2,463.84	-	-	-	4,313.48	86.52	98%
5	Subcontractor Services		409,002	79,090.75	12,651.30	117,793.71	32,750.23	35,809.77	360,656.99	48,345.01	88%
	Opportunity Junction, Inc	2310	37,182	24,591.00	4,197.00	-	2,098.50	2,098.50	32,985.00	4,197.00	89%
	GRIP	2310	37,182	-	-	24,683.29	6,926.74	3,970.19	35,580.22	1,601.78	96%
	Rising Sun Center For Opportunity	2310	37,182		-	24,873.03	-	7,402.38	32,275.41	4,906.59	87%
	CC Interfaith (Hope Solutions)	2310	37,182	2,921.11	-	4,203.83	-	9,283.17	35,433.00	1,749.00	95%
	Bay Area Legal Aid (BALA)	2310	37,182	7,386.56	2,637.48	-	2,189.08	2,560.73	24,785.70	12,396.30	67%
	STAND!	2310	37,182	5,130.70	-	4,764.94	3,655.96	4,009.06	33,902.79	3,279.21	91%
	Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa	2310	37,182		-	37,182.00	-	-	37,182.00	-	100%
	Monument Crisis Center	2310	37,182	21,689.57	-	-	8,142.03	-	29,831.60	7,350.40	80%
	St. Vincent de Paul Lao Family Community Development	2310	37,182 37,182	-	-	-	- 6 201 07	-	37,182.36	(0.36)	100%
	Monument Impact	2310		- 17,371.81	3,051.84 2,764.98	19,321.64	6,291.07	3,038.90	31,703.45	5,478.55 7,386.54	85% 80%
	•	2310	37,182			2,764.98	3,446.85	3,446.84	29,795.46		
	Total Program Costs		874,746	113,523.25	53,543.88	169,905.88	91,751.70	83,445.56	765,939.78	108,806.22	88%
	Total Expenditures		971,470	118,000.64	54,396.50	182,967.05	96,822.38	86,239.93	827,916.12	143,553.88	85%



Staff Report

File #: 25-1280

Agenda Date: 4/10/2025

Agenda #: 6.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Subject: RECEIVE results of 2025 Public Hearings/Listening Sessions. Presenter: Christina Castle-Barber Contact: 925-608-8819

Information:

RECEIVE results of 2025 Public Hearings/Listening Sessions.

2025 Public Hearing Listening Sessions RESULTS

GRIP's Public Hearing on 3/4/2025

What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?

- -Homelessness/Housing
- -Job/unemployment
- -Transportation
- -Mental Health
- -Connecting with technology
- -Access to health appointments, services and reliable technology
- -Financial /cost barriers

What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services?

-No access to services -Not aware of services -Need income

What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?

-Training in trades
-Supportive people-cheerleaders
-Minimum, guaranteed income, higher wages
-Improvement in safety
-Free/Wi-Fi more computers at library
-More phone charging stations
-Free/affordable showers (warm hands-new place)

How can we best work together to address these concerns?

- -More meetings like this -More action -Place at the decision table -Interpreters at meetings (Spanish 1st) -Community advocates -More shelters like GRIP -More day shelters
- -Affordable/Available housing (shorter or no waiting lists)



Contra Costa County Economic Opportunity Council

PUBLIC HEARING - March 11, 2025

Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa

First Name: ______ Last Initial: _____ Contact: (Optional)_____

- 1. What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?
- Housing-Rising rent, stress of being housed after being unhoused
- Drug problems
- Theft/crime
- Safety issues for elderly
- Social media/phones are ruining society
- Food, shelter, clothing, laundry and shower services
- Homelessness
- Unemployment
- Loitering, sleeping around and trash
- Not very much work in this area
- Mental health services
- Assist with applying for social services
- 2. What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services?
- Long waiting Lists
- No housing available
- Some don't have the motivation and need more vocational training
- Phones/internet

- Food and employment
- If it does not affect them blinders are on
- Transportation
- Preoccupied with politics
- Not having an address because people move around
- Needing assistance with applying for services
- Not trusting the police

3. What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?

- Tiny homes
- More socialization/people talking to each other and relying on each other
- Work and more housing
- Safety and security
- More shelters
- More food pantries
- Mental health solutions
- Be mindful and help keep the city clean
- People to have a positive attitude
- People to work together
- More programs for the mentally ill

4. How can we best work together to address these concerns?

- Take Care of basic human rights
- Start in middle school career planning/direction
- Dealing with people's trauma
- More support and outreach
- Communication and have more events like this where we can share problems and issues.
- Be more inquisitive, get an education and volunteer
- Be self-aware and have self-care and take care of ourselves
- Spread the word
- Collaborate with therapist



Contra Costa County Economic Opportunity Council

PUBLIC HEARING – March 19, 2025

Head Start Policy Council

First Name: ______ Last Initial: _____ Contact: (Optional)_____

- 1. What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?
- Low literacy rates
- Increased food costs, eggs
- Homelessness
- Budget cuts for programs
- Gas Prices
- 2. What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services?
- Transportation
- Citizenship Concerns
- Lack of knowledge of services
- Language barriers
- 3. What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?
- More centers to help people
- Housing (affordable)
- People should help each other more
- More activities (sports)
- 4. How can we best work together to address these concerns?
- Help each other more

- Communication-Translated communication
- Volunteerism



Contra Costa County Economic Opportunity Council

PUBLIC HEARING – March 27,2025

St. Vincent De Paul

First Name: ______ Last Initial: _____ Contact: (Optional)_____

- 1. What are the most pressing issues facing our community today?
- Mental Health care- No support system care
- Employment Opportunities locally-connection to employers and need incentives
- Transportation
- Food insecurity, high costs of food, rent, gas
- System is broken
- People don't make enough to live
- Support for Spanish speakers
- People don't know how and where to access services
- People don't know about 211

2. What are the biggest barriers preventing people from accessing essential services

- Police confiscating belongings
- How do you get your information? Phone, Facebook, word of mouth, flyers, United Latino Voices
- Need 2-1-1 campaign
- Locations for phone charging
- Don't get returned calls from 211
- Need social workers on staff for mentally needy
- 211 referrals don't have resources, problems too big for resources available
- No where to go with a child and dog. It's not illegal to be homeless
- Cooling stations in Pittsburg

- CSB to help with utility bills
- Non-profits over burned/under resourced. Not enough support from cities and businesses.
- 3. What positive changes would you like to see happen in our community?
- Put flyers in children's backpacks
- Parent coordinators to know about 211, services and digital communications
- Better coordination with school and chambers of commerce
- Promote non-profits to city officials and business leaders
- City/County supports programs/services but not nearly enough
- Better collaboration /partnerships among non-profits. People to learn about us by word of mouth
- Better education about early childhood interventions
- Environmental improvements- air purifiers, La Clinca hands has them and provides education for dealing with asthma, and bedbug removals
- 9-8-8 mental health hotline
- Parks and safety. E. Leland not safe,
- 4. How can we best work together to address these concerns?
- More collaboration with non-profits, businesses and city council
- Promotora Meeting- La Clinica on April 25, 2025
- Annual homeless, job, resource fairs- The Oakland Arena had one and it was super successful and need to have one in contra costa county
- Back to school events for family resources and collaboration with United Way
- Coordinate hikes, physical activities for children and families to improve mental health during the summer
- Explore new collaborations



Staff Report

File #: 25-1281

Agenda Date: 4/10/2025

Agenda #: 8.

Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Subject: APPROVE Community Action Plan Priorities and Vision and Mission Statements. Presenter: Christina Castle-Barber Contact: 925-608-8819

Information:

APPROVE Community Action Plan Priorities and Vision and Mission Statements.

	Agency Priorities	Description of programs, services, activities	Indicator(s) or Service(s) Category
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

<u>Agency Priorities</u>: Rank the needs identified as a priority in Table 1: Needs Table according to your agency's planned priorities. Ideally, agencies should use ROMA needs statement language. Insert row(s) if additional space is needed.

<u>Description of programs, services, activities</u>: Briefly describe the program, services, or activities that your agency will provide to address the need. Including the number of clients who are expected to achieve the indicator in a specified timeframe.

Indicator/Service Category: List the indicator(s) (CNPI, FNPI) or service(s) (SRV) that will be reported on in Modules 3 and 4 of the CSBG Annual Report.

EOC MEMBER FEEDBACK ON MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

MISSION STATEMENT – Version 1

Community Action Partnership of Contra Costa County invests in low-income individuals and households through funding and partnerships to address the root causes of poverty and improve long-term outcomes to achieve impactful results that strengthen our community.

MISSION STATEMENT – Version 2 (Nikki's revision)

Community Action Partnership of Contra Costa County invests in low-income individuals and households by addressing the root causes of poverty through funding, partnerships, and community-driven solutions to create lasting change for a stronger, more resilient community.

VISION STATEMENT – Version 1

A vibrant, hope-filled community where all people are valued for who they are and are equipped with resources to lift themselves up and out of poverty.

VISION STATEMENT – Version 2 (Renee's revision)

Community Action Partnership of Contra Costa County envisions a vibrant, hope-filled community where all people are valued for who they are and are equipped with resources to lift themselves up and out of poverty.



Staff Report

File #: 25-1282

Agenda Date: 4/10/2025

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Advisory Board: Economic Opportunity Council Subject: APPROVE plan for Community Action Month. Presenter: Christina Castle-Barber Contact: 925-608-8819

Information:

APPROVE plan for Community Action Month.