Potential Use of General Fund Appropriation for Contingencies

County Administrator's Office

December 16, 2025





Agenda

- 1. Brief recap of BOS direction for follow up. (Tim Ewell, Chief Assistant County Administrator)
- 2. Update on Meals on Wheels coordination (Marla Stuart, EHSD Director)
- 3. Update on Rental Assistance progress brining allocations into contract. (Christy Saxton, Health, Housing and Homeless Director)
- 4. Discussion of options for reallocating housing funds previously allocated. (Christy Saxton, Health Housing and Homeless Director & Joseph Villareal, Housing Authority Director)
- 5. Discussion/Questions





Appropriation for Contingencies - General Fund							
36,229,868	FY25-26 Approved Budget (May 2025)						
(5,000,000)	Community Impact Fund - District Allocations						
(310,620)	Public Defender Forensic Social Workers						
(75,000)	Community Impact Fund - District Engagement Allocations						
30,844,248	FY25-26 Final Budget (October 2025)						
(12,818,627)	SNAP Emergency Allocation						
18,025,621	FY25-26 Unallocated Balance						



Snapshot of Existing Programs

FEMA COVID-19 Reserve

FY 2025/26 - Period 3 (thru September 30, 2025)

Summary, Survey of Food Insecurity, Rehousing and Rental Assistance Programs

PROGRAM INFORMATION		FINANCIAL INFORMATION							
Program Category		Total Allocation		Amount in ontract/Programmed	Amount Expended			Balance	
Rehousing	\$	19,647,958	\$	19,347,034	\$	5,560,630	\$	13,786,405	
Food Insecurity		11,499,159	\$	10,870,698	\$	5,940,819	\$	4,929,879	
Rental Assistance		4,943,963	\$	4,943,963	\$	438,965	\$	4,504,998	
	\$	36,091,080	\$	35,161,696	\$	11,940,414	\$	23,221,282	

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Highlights:

- 1. \$36.1 million allocated, with 97.4% of dollars in contract or programmed.
- 2. Of the Total Allocation, 33.1% Expended with a Balance of 64.3%.
- 3. The Board has made significant investments in other areas of housing in addition to the categories requested above.

^{1.} Some Rehousing programs operated by Health Services, include food insecurity and rental assistance components.

^{2.} Additionally, EHSD administers the CalFRESH program in which the State priovides over \$244.9 million to eligible Contra Costa residents for food benefits.

^{3.} Conservation and Development department figures are through June 30, 2025

^{4.} CalWORKs Housing Support Program, Home Safe, Bringing Families Home, Transition Housing Program (THP+), Housing Disability Advocacy Program and Housing Navigator Flex Fund programs reported in Health Services department but funded by Employment and Human Services department.

^{5.} Includes update to Rental Assistance category to reflect EHSD THA and PHA programs being 100% programmed. These are direct to client programs and there is no underlying contract.



Recommendations

1. PROVIDE direction on next steps, including the use of \$9,729,868 in General Fund Appropriation for Contingencies (the remainder of COVID-19 FEMA Reserve funds) (4/5 Vote).



Questions/Discussion