

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

DATE: May 20, 2024

TIME: 5:30 PM

MAIN LOCATION: 1920 Mariposa Street, Suite 310 Fresno, CA 93721

ALTERNATE LOCATION: The Western Seattle Hotel – 1900 5th Avenue, Seattle, Washington 98101
Paris Las Vegas Hotel - 3655 S Las Vegas Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89109

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AGENDA

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER	ACTION
1.	CALL TO ORDER AND COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE: Community Action changes people’s lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities, and makes America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.		
2. Page 4	ROLL CALL A. Board and Committee Meetings Monthly Attendance Record		
3. Page 8	APRIL 15, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES	Baines, Chair	Approve
4.	ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA <i>(The Board may add an item to the agenda if, upon a two-thirds vote, the Board finds that there is a need for immediate action on the matter and the need came to the attention of the Board after the posting of this agenda.)</i>		
5.	POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST <i>(Any Board Member who has a potential conflict of interest may now identify the item and recuse themselves from discussing and voting on the matter.) (FPPC §87105)</i>		
6. Pages 13-53	CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS 6I – 6XIV <i>See attached consent agenda.</i> Any Commissioner or member of the public may pull any Consent Item for discussion.	Baines, Chair	Approve
7. Page 54	TRANSFORMING AND INSPIRING A. Head Start 0 to 5	Pineda, Staff	Information
8. Page 56	COMMISSIONER REINSTATEMENT: REY LEON A. Supporting Document	Baines, Chair	Approve
9. Page 58	FRESNO EOC ANNUAL REPORT 2023 A. Supporting Document	Moreno, Staff	Approve
10. Page 114	COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT A. Supporting Document	Tutunjian, Staff	Accept

11. Page 116	TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT: VALLEY APPRENTICESHIP CONNECTIONS - CENTRAL VALLEY TRAINING CENTER AGREEMENT	Turner, Staff	Approve
12. Page 118	AGENCY FINANCIAL AND HEAD START FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT MARCH 2024 A. Supporting Document	Riofrio, Staff	Accept
13. Page 124	HEAD START 0 TO 5: CHANGE OF SCOPE	Pineda, Staff	Ratify
14. Page 127	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT	Reyes, CEO	Information
15.	PUBLIC COMMENTS <i>(This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the Board on any matter related to the Commission that is not listed on the Agenda. Limit three minutes per speaker)</i>		
16.	COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT	Baines, Chair	
17.	CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS AGENCY DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES: MICHELLE TUTUNJIAN, ROB BARSAMIAN. EMPLOYEE ORGANIZATION: ATU LOCAL 1027	Price, Legal Counsel	
18.	ADJOURNMENT	Baines, Chair	
NOTE:	NEXT BOARD MEETING: Monday, September 16, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.		

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

CONSENT AGENDA

(Any Commissioner or member of the public may pull any Consent Item for discussion)

ITEM	SUBJECT	PRESENTER	ACTION
6I. Page 13	AUGUST 16, 2023 LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES	Riggins, Staff	Accept
6II. Page 17	SEPTEMBER 29, 2023 FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM COMMUNITY ADVISORY MINUTES	Struck, Staff	Accept
6III. Page 19	FEBRUARY 21, 2024 LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES	Riggins, Staff	Accept
6IV. Page 22	APRIL 8, 2024 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING	Baines, Chair	Accept
6V. Page 25	APRIL 9, 2024 HEAD START COUNTY WIDE POLICY COUNCIL MINUTES	Pineda, Staff	Accept
6VI. Page 29	FOOD SERVICES: FY 2024/2025 FOOD SERVICE AGREEMENTS	Escobar, Staff	Approve
6VII. Page 31	FOOD SERVICES: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY COMMUNITY ECONOMIC RESILIENCE FUND CATALYST PROJECT	Escobar, Staff	Ratify
6VIII. Page 33	LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS: CALRECYCLE RCL 39 GRANT	Riggins, Staff	Ratify
6IX. Page 35	TRAINING & EMPLOYMENT: CENTRAL SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY CERF CATALYST PROJECT - PARTNERSHIP WITH PROTEUS INC.	Turner, Staff	Ratify
6X. Page 37	SANCTUARY & SUPPORT SERVICES: OFFICE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME ANTI-TRAFFICKING HOUSING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	Gattie-Blanco, Staff	Approve
6XI. Page 39	PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: GRANT TRACKER & QUARTERLY GRANT SUMMARY A. Supporting Document	Medina, Staff	Information
6XII. Page 47	HEAD START 0 TO 5: PROGRAM UPDATE REPORT PUR FOR MARCH 2024 A. Supporting Document	Pineda, Staff	Accept
6XIII. Page 51	HEALTH INSURANCE REPORT A. Supporting Document	Warnes, Staff	Information
6XIV. Page 53	INVESTMENT REPORT	Warnes, Staff	Information



**Audit Committee Meeting
Monthly Attendance Record
2024
Dates TBD**

Oliver Baines
Robert Pimentel
Amy Arambula
Lisa Mitchell
Charles Garabedian
Earl Brown
Alysia Bonner
Linda Hayes
Jimi Rodgers

	Jan.	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Attended
Oliver Baines													0/0
Robert Pimentel													0/0
Amy Arambula													0/0
Lisa Mitchell													0/0
Charles Garabedian													0/0
Earl Brown													0/0
Alysia Bonner													0/0
Linda Hayes													0/0
Jimi Rodgers													0/0

O-Present X-Absent T-Teleconference



Bylaws Committee Meeting Monthly Attendance Record 2024

Lisa Mitchell
 Linda Hayes
 David Ruiz
 Luis Martinez
 Zina Brown-Jenkins

	Jan.	Feb	Mar. 21	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep. 19	Oct	Nov. 21	Dec	Attended
Lisa Mitchell			O										1/3
Linda Hayes			O										1/3
David Ruiz			O										1/3
Luis Martinez			O										1/3
Zina Brown-Jenkins			O										1/3

O-Present X-Absent T-Teleconference



**Executive Committee Meeting
Monthly Attendance Record
2024**

	January	5-Feb	4-Mar	8-Apr	6-May	June	1-Jul	5-Aug	9-Sep	7-Oct	4-Nov	2-Dec	Attended
Oliver Baines		O	O	O	O								4/10
Robert Pimentel		O	O	X	O								3/10
Amy Arambula		O	O	X	O								3/10
Lisa Mitchell		O	O	X	O								3/10
Charles Garabedian		O	O	O	O								4/10
Earl Brown		O	O	O	O								4/10
Alysia Bonner		O	O	O	O								4/10
Linda Hayes		O	O	O	T								3/10
Jimi Rodgers		O	O	X	T								3/10

O-Present X-Absent T-Teleconference

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

DATE: April 15, 2024

TIME: 5:30 PM

LOCATION: 1920 Mariposa Street, Suite 310 Fresno, CA 93721

ALTERNATE LOCATION: 900 West Main Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73106

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND COMMUNITY ACTION PROMISE:**
Oliver Baines, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Amy Arambula, Oliver Baines, Alysia Bonner, Earl Brown, Zina Brown-Jenkins, Charles Garabedian, Linda Hayes, Lupe Jaime-Mileham, James Martinez, Luis Martinez, Bruce McAlister, Barigye McCoy, Lauren Nikkel, Alena Pacheco, Daniel Parra, Robert Pimentel, Jimi Rodger, Manuel Romero, David Ruiz, and Steven Taylor.

Teleconference: Lisa Mitchell

Absent: Brian King, Rey Leon, and Daniel Martinez.

3. **MARCH 18, 2024 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Hayes **Second by:** Bonner

Ayes: All in favor.

Abstain: Lupe Jaime-Mileham,

Nays: None heard.

4. **ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

Chair Baines, amended the agenda and moved up item #13 Commissioners Comment to be presented before agenda item #6: Consent Agenda.

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

5. **POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

13. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT**

The agency's Legal Counsel, Kenneth Price, provided a brief overview reminder of the Commissioner Excessive Absence Policy. Price stated the following:

On December 7, 2023, the Fresno EOC Board of Commissioners approved various revisions to the Bylaws to be effective starting January 1, 2024, including revisions to Section to Article VII, Section 4 removal for excessive absences.

The approved Bylaws state that a Commissioner shall be deemed to have vacated that Commissioner's Board seat after **three (3) absences** of regular meetings during a calendar year. No later than **five (5) days** before the next Board of Commissioners' meeting after the third vacancy, a Commissioner may request in writing to the Chair and Clerk of the Board that the Board to restore the Commissioner's Board seat during the Board meeting immediately following the deemed vacancy so long as the Board takes such action upon a determination, in the Board's sole discretion, that there is "good cause" to excuse the excessive absences. What constitutes "good cause" is determined by the Board.

Commissioners have inquired if they may participate electronically in Board meeting so that they will not be removed due to excessive absences. The answer is a highly qualified, yes. Currently, the Brown Act allows for remote participation with certain rules: (i) "traditional" teleconferencing rules; and (ii) "just cause/emergency circumstances" teleconferencing rules.

For traditional teleconferencing participation, a Board member may participate in a meeting remotely (e.g., via telephone), so long as **all** of the following conditions are met: (a) a quorum of the Board members participate at the primary meeting site; (b) each teleconferencing location **is listed on the agenda**, the agenda is properly posted at each teleconferencing location at least **72 hours in advance**, and each teleconferencing location is accessible to the public (including to members of the public with disabilities) and provides for public comment; and (c) all votes are taken by roll call

Emilia Reyes, Chief Executive Officer, thanked Commissioner Mitchell for the advance notice of letting Reyes know she will be traveling for April's Board Meeting and providing address to be included in the agenda.

Commissioner McAlister thanked Fresno EOC for participating in the Association Black Social Workers for the Community Engagement Event that took place on March 23, 2024, at the Saints Community Church.

Commissioner Nikkle thanked the Fresno EOC Human Resources department for participating in the job fair that the Fresno County EDC put together in partnership with the County Department of Social Services that was held on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at the Manchester Center from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

Commissioner Brown-Jenkins shared her grandson, a former Fresno EOC Head Start child, was the youngest member to place in Boys & Girls Clubs of Fresno County Youth of the Year title and is heading to sacramento to meeting with legislatives.

Commissioner Charles Garabedian, James Martinez and Daniel Parra join the Board Meeting at 5:48 pm.

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

6. **CONSENT AGENDA – ITEMS 6I – 6XXI**

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner **Second by:** Hayes

Ayes: All in favor.

Nayes: None heard.

Chair Baines left during this item and asked Vice Chair Pimentel to chair the remaining portion of the Board Meeting.

APPROVAL OF PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

6I November 29, 2023 Bylaws Committee Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Michell asked Karina Perez, Chief of Staff, to provide an overview of the new commissioner’s application process. Perez stated the Bylaws Committee recommended consolidating the Target Area, Community Sector and Public Sector nomination forms in an effort to simplify the process for community members who may wish to apply to be on the Board.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Mitchell **Second by:** Bonner

Ayes: All in favor.

Nayes: None heard.

7. **TRANSFORMING AND INSPIRING**

Patrick Turner, Training & Employment Services Director, provided an overview of the Training & Employment 2023 Strategic Program Progress Report Year 1. Turner introduced intern Stephanie Ramirez, a recent graduate from University of California (UC) Davis where she shared her experiences with the Workforce Connection and the excitement of the opportunity to work and help the youth.

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

8. **AGENCY FINANCIAL AND HEAD START FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT FEBRUARY 2024**

Angela Riofrio, Finance Director, provided an overview report of the Agency Financial statements and the Head Start Financial Status Report as of Year-to-Date for February 29, 2024.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner **Second by:** J. Martinez
Ayes: All in favor.
Nayes: None heard.

9. **2024 AGENCY BUDGET**

Riofrio, provided a breakdown summary report of the 2024 consolidated agency budget for Food Insecurity, Health & Wellness, Education Achievements, Community Safety, Employment Opportunities, Housing Stability and Administration.

Reyes stated she appreciated Commissioner Arambula giving her a call prior to the meeting to ask questions and clarifications regarding the Head Start 0 to 5 Narrative and Budget.
Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner **Second by:** J. Martinez
Ayes: All in favor.
Nayes: None heard.

10. **ADVANCE PEACE: FY24 VIOLENCE INTERVENTION & PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

Aaron Foster, Advance Peace Program Manager, provided an overview of the submitted 2024 Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative grant application to the City of Fresno in the amount of \$375,000, to allow Advance Peace to serve 25 youth ages 9 to 24 with education/skill development.

Public Comment: None heard.

Motion by: Arambula **Second by:** Bonner
Ayes: All in favor.
Nayes: None heard.

11. **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Reyes, highlighted the following items:

- Reyes remind the Commission of her office hours before the Board and Executive Committee Meetings for Commissioners to ask questions regarding the packet.
- Thanked Commissioners McAlister, Rodgers, and Taylor for the feedback provided to staff to engage with the community. Reyes stated she is proud and thanked staff for their amazing job on engaging with the community. Reyes stated 4,000 surveys have been

competed for the Community Needs Assessment and so far, have received 5,000 applications for the Guaranteed Income Project.

- Fresno EOC staff members will be heading to Sacramento to kick-off the 60th Anniversary of Community Action on May 1, 2024.

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

12. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nelson Dible, People & Culture Officer invited the Commission to the upcoming Employee Service Award taking place on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the Wedgewood Wedding venue.

Public Comment: None heard.

No action required.

14. **CLOSED SESSION: CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS - GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54957.6**

Kenneth Price, Agency's Legal Counsel, had no action to report out of closed session.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Local Conservation Corps
Advisory Board Meeting
August 16, 2023
MINUTES**

Marc' Bady	P	Lisa Mitchell	P
Alysia Bonner	P	Ken McCoy	P
David Clark	A	Robert Pimentel	A
Jennifer Duran	A	Carmen Romero	A
Charles Garabedian	P	Sharon Weaver	A
Bruce McAllister	P	LCC/YouthBuild Senate Council President or Representative	P

Staff:

Shawn Riggins, LCC Director
 Michelle L. Tutunjian, Chief Operating Officer
 Elisa Sgambellone, LCC Assistant Director
 Caroline Taito, YouthBuild Program Manager
 Jay Fitzpatrick, Solar Manager
 Alicia Garcia, Administrative & Operations Manager
 Manny Brar, Fatherhood/POPs Coordinator
 Tracy Pierce, Recycling Coordinator
 Jeremy Ruiz, Construction Coordinator
 Veronica Moreno, Lead TSA
 Esmeralda Roque, TSA

Corpsmembers: Alexander Calderon, Markila Plummer

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Riggins, LCC Director, called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was called.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

May 24, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by: B. McAlister **Second by:** C. Garabedian.

Ayes: All in favor. **Nays:** None heard.

4. YOUTHBUILD CHARTER SCHOOL OF CALIFORNIA (YCSC)

Shawn Riggins, stated that LCC has partnered with YCSC since 2010 and that YCSC is the educational provider for the corps. Part of California's Corps Legislation statue requires that all young people enrolled in the corps are enrolled in an educational component. The charter school is onsite and currently works with students 18-29 years old.

Riggins then introduced Ken McCoy, YCSC Counselor/Registrar and students. McCoy introduced YCSC seniors, Markila Plummer and Alexander Calderon, who shared their experiences. Markila stated that she is a student and a corpsmember and will be graduating soon, needs five credits to graduate, her goal is to go to

college and become an RN. Alexander stated that he is part of the landscaping program at LCC, this is his second year attending YCSC and after obtaining his high school diploma he would like to go to college and explore his options.

McCoy then provided an overview of YCSC's curriculum and stated the school work is community and project based, every semester has a community action project. One of the community action projects is the food distribution at LCC. YCSC offers a 50/50 model where students go to school one week and work the next, students receive work experience credit for the work week. Students are currently preparing for the upcoming project, Safe Night Out in October. One of last year's project was a "Concerto" that featured a student playing the violin, another project was a "Fashion Show" featuring staff, students and corpsmembers. McCoy stated that YCSC partners with Owens Valley to provide independent studies. August 14, 2023 was the first day of school for the 2023-2024 academic year.

5. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Work Training Projects

A detailed list of work training projects was distributed at the meeting with the Advisory Board agenda packet. Several projects were highlighted. Shawn Riggins provided a brief update on LCC's activities/events since the last Advisory Board meeting, as follows:

- Veronica Moreno, Lead TSA, introduced Vouchnai "Nai" Chheang, and stated that Nai came to LCC in September of 2022 and is the first corpsmembers that has come to LCC with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. At this time Nai expressed that she was very interested in the Sterile Processing Technician training program. Nai enrolled in the YouthBuild construction program and alternated weeks between working on the construction site building homes and the classroom taking the sterile processing course. Once she completed the 8-week sterile processing tech curriculum she then began the 400-hour paid internship at Valley Children's Hospital. Nai decided to take a short break and visit family in Cambodia, and would return to attend pharmacy school. Upon returning from Cambodia Nai took and passed the sterile processing tech test and received her certification, which is recognized worldwide. Nai applied and was accepted to pharmacy School, LCC's YouthBuild program has been supporting her through this process. Nai shared her experience at LCC, stating that she came to this program knowing nothing about construction and is grateful that Jennifer and Jeremy, construction supervisors, trained her on how to use hand and power tools. Nai also stated that she appreciates the opportunity to work alongside low-income families building homes and to be part of the LCC.
- Riggins stated that on Monday, August 7, 2023, the LCC hosted members of The Corps Network from Washington DC and Miami, who were visiting the area as part of their board retreat in Yosemite. The LCC staff shared with the group how the LCC program supports young adults, ages 18-26, through education, vocational training, and supportive resources. The group was very impressed, stated that they will be reaching out to LCC for a national story.

- Riggins stated that staff will be traveling to Washington DC this month for the YouthBuild Department of Labor national conference. DOL asked LCC to be part of the presentation in DC, staff will be presenting on EOC/LCC's policies, procedures, and internal controls.
- Riggins stated that storms earlier this year disrupted water quality in the Friant area, placing residents under a boil water advisory. Senator Grove and Supervisor Nathan Magsig's office reached out to EOC requesting assistance to distribute bottled water to the Friant community. LCC distributed water once alongside EOC/Energy Service and two additional times. Certificates of appreciation were provided to corpsmembers.
- Riggins stated that the first meeting for Halloween Safe Night Out will be taking place this month.
- Riggins stated that LCC will be entering into a fee for service contract with the Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District to install inlet markers at storm drains throughout the City of Fresno and Clovis. Riggins stated that he is currently working with EOC's Communications Department on a media advisory, that will be approved by the district, to inform the community that this will be taking place.
- Manny Brar, POPs Coordinator, provided an update on the POPs program. Brar stated that the Annual POPs conference will be taking place on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at the LCC, breakout session will include; Credit Counseling, Father/Daughter Bonding, a class to teach fathers how to braid their daughter's hair, local hair stylists will be teaching the class, and representatives from EOC/ WIC and Head Start 0-5, County of Fresno Child Support Services will be onsite as well. There will be free swag giveaway and raffle prizes as well.
- Tracy Pierce provided an update on LCC's recycling program. Pierce stated that this is recycling's busiest season with CRV collection at Save Mart Center events, Fresno State football games, the upcoming Madera Fair, waste tire collection events and the project with Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District.
- Jay Fitzpatrick, Solar Program Manager, provided an update on the program. Fitzpatrick stated that the solar crew is 100% full, corpsmembers have improved their attendance and are engaged in the program. Solar installs are moving along, had issues with some of the homes in the 93706 area, roofs are very old and will need to be replaced, hopefully this can be done through EOC's Energy Services Program. Fitzpatrick also stated that PG&E has changed how they credit solar customers for their energy, NEM 3.0, this may require solar customers to get battery storage. There is a program that homeowners can apply for which can provide batteries for their homes so they can have stand-alone power when the power goes out in their area.
- Caroline Taito, YouthBuild Program Manager, provided an update on the YouthBuild program. Taito stated that enrollment in the construction

program will begin very soon. Housing partnership continues with Self Help Enterprises, will continue to build homes in the Reedley area, the Fresno housing division will be ready early next year. Enrollment in the YouthBuild AmeriCorps (AMC) program continues, just completed enrollment for AMC year 1 of the 3-year grant. LCC just received the next round of funding for YouthBuild AmeriCorps. The sterile processing training will begin in October, there's a lot of students interested, as well as staff from Valley Children's and Fresno Community Hospital. This round of funding for YouthBuild/DOL also includes forestry and solar training.

- Elisa Sgambellone, LCC Assistant Director, stated that the YouthBuild Charter School graduation took place on June 23, 2023, nineteen students graduated. Sgambellone also stated that there are 10-12 potential graduates for December, may be holding a graduation ceremony in December again. LCC held Summer Education for all corpsmembers in July, corpsmembers received certifications in OSHA 10, First Aid/CPR, and Forklift, in addition to career preparation. Currently enrolling students 18-29 years old in YCSC.
- Riggins stated that this year is LCC's 30th anniversary. The plan was to have an open house for the completion of the second floor, unfortunately the air conditioning unit on the second floor went out. Jeremy Ruiz, Construction Coordinator, has been working with PG&E to get issue resolved, parts have been ordered. As soon as the a/c unit is running again, plans will begin for the combined open house and 30th year anniversary celebration.

B. Corpsmember/Student Development

Markila Plummer and Alexander Calderon shared their experience at the YCSC school and field training, as well as their future plans after graduating from YCSC.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15, 2023

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shawn Riggins, LCC Director
Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps

**FRESNO EOC FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM
COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP (CAG)
September 29, 2023 10:00 a.m.**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Leah Struck called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was called by Raquel Padia.

Committee Members

(Present):

Betty Brown
Bruce McAlister
Yvonne Hernandez
Richard Saldivar
Sheri Neal
Alena Pacheco

Staff (Present):

Leah Struck
Raquel Padia
Blanca Alvarado
Elaine Jalomo

Absent:

Julia Fowler
Margarita Cortez
Tashon Smallwood
Olga Ramirez

III. CAG 2023 APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBER

Richard Saldivar, Director of Boys and Girls Clubs, was introduced and was approved to be the new CAG member. Bruce McAlister made the motion. Sheri Neal second the motion.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Quorum approved minutes from April 28, 2023.

V. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR AND SECRETARY

Yvonne Hernandez nominated herself as Vice Chair. Quorum was made and approved Yvonne for position as Vice Chair. Elaine Jalomo was nominated as Secretary and quorum approved nomination for position.

VI. FGP UPDATES

- A. FGP currently has 62 volunteers after adding 13 new volunteers this quarter.
- B. With the Senior Demonstration Project grant, multiple attempts of outreach to recruit new volunteers have been made but no success. There is 2 new MOUS, Kerman Unified School District and Stone Soup, to add to the 3 existing MOUs.

- C. Raquel Padia was awarded the fellowship award from Eisner Foundation Fellowship to continue her vision of her intergenerational program, Generations Serving Together.
- D. Generations Serving Together continues for another year and has five senior volunteers, one current intern and interviews five more potential interns. The sites that will be serving this year is Pinedale, Clovis, and West Boys and Girls Clubs in Fresno, Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps YouthBuild Charter School, Neighbors Helping Neighbors Thrive after school program and Fresno EOC AFLP program.
- E. Generations Serving Together teams up with Neighbors Helping Neighbors Thrive and 4-H Youth Development Program to create Mindful Me after school program in a central Fresno neighborhood. Teen teachers and Foster Grandparent volunteers collaborate to accelerate reading skills and teach mindfulness to children.
- F. FGP hosted their senior trip to Monterey and Monterey Bay Aquarium on May 16th. The program had applied to the aquarium's Free to Learn program and was granted free entrance to all field trip participants. Over 30 volunteers, staff and guests participated in the trip.
- G. Access to Technology is a senior based program awarded through Fresno County Department of Social Services that will focus on teaching senior clients, whom have In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), how to navigate a technological device through workshops and one-on-one training. The program also covers two years of internet services to participants.
- H. East Fresno Kiwanis Club donated funds to FGP to donate books to children at sites where the Grandparents volunteer. In June over a 100 books were donated to Kings Canyon Head Start and Grandmas Betty, Linda and Tanya had a reading day with their class to introduce and pass out books to their classroom children.
- I. Instead of FGP's annual May Picnic, the luncheon was changed to June for an amazing Luau consisting of a presentation from CalFresh with healthy food samples, a yummy potluck and "luau" inspired non-alcoholic drinks.
- J. LCC has their annual Halloween Safe Night out and grandparents and staff put together an intergenerational kid zone. Volunteers read books and supervised a coloring station and a Halloween-inspired movie.

VII. UPCOMING EVENTS

Monthly in-service meetings with training and educational presentations
 Halloween Safe Night Out
 November Turkey Lunch
 December's recognition event
 Fundraising events
 Networking and outreach events

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:13 AM.

**Local Conservation Corps
Advisory Board Meeting
February 21, 2024
MINUTES**

Marc' Bady	A	Ken McCoy	P
Earl Brown	A	Manuel Romero	A
David Clark	A	Carmen Romero	P
Jennifer Duran	P	David Ruiz	P
Brian King	A	Sharon Weaver	A
Lisa Mitchell	A	LCC/YouthBuild Senate Council President or Representative	P

Staff:

Shawn Riggins, LCC Director
 Jack Lazzarini, EOC Programs Officer
 Sherry Neil, EOC Programs Officer
 Elisa Sgambellone, LCC Assistant Director
 Caroline Taito, YouthBuild Program Manager
 Jay Fitzpatrick, Solar Manager
 Alicia Garcia, Administrative & Operations Manager
 Leah Struck, Foster Grandparent Program Manager
 Manny Brar, Fatherhood/POPs Coordinator
 Tracy Pierce, Recycling Coordinator
 Veronica Moreno, Lead TSA

Corpsmembers/Students: Jocelynn Reyes-Garcia

1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER

Shawn Riggins, LCC Director, called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll call was called.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

EOC Commissioners and Advisory Board Members, Manuel Romero and David Ruiz introduced themselves and shared the areas they represent.

4. CHAIRPERSON SELECTION

No quorum was established; item tabled to next meeting.

5. APPROVAL of PREVIOUS MINUTES

No quorum was established; item tabled to next meeting.

6. ADVANCING FRESNO COUNTY GUARANTEED INCOME PROGRAM

Riggins introduced Andy Levine who proceeded to deliver a presentation on the Guaranteed Income Program. Levine stated that this program offers supplemental monthly income of \$500 per month, for 12 months, to low-income families who meet the eligibility criteria; must live in target area, adults who are pregnant or have children under 5 in the household, and gross income of 80% or less of the medium income for their respective zip code. A total of 150 households will be selected; seventy-five in Fresno (93706), and seventy-five in Huron, two of

the highest poverty rates in Fresno County. Recipients will be selected randomly through a lottery system conducted by Fresno State University. Applications will be accepted March 15, 2024, through May 15, 2024. Applications can be submitted online or in person. Fresno State will evaluate program results. The state has issued an income exemption waiver that excludes this income from being taken into consideration for eligibility for food stamps and cash aid benefits. Additionally, HUD has also granted a waiver for Housing Choice vouchers, allowing payments to be received for up to 12 months without impacting eligibility.

7. PROGRAM UPDATES

A. Presentation of LCC's Draft Strategic Program Progress Report Shawn Riggins provided an overview of LCC's Strategic Program Progress and Impact Report, which encompasses participant demographics, educational achievements, access to wrap-around services, and the community impact of LCC's crew-based vocational training. A detailed report, including information on the Foster Grandparent Program, is planned to be presented at the upcoming EOC board meeting. This report will be extremely valuable in demonstrating program impact during meetings with elected officials at the state, local and federal levels, and will also be a valuable addition to future LCC grant applications.

B. Work Training Projects

A detailed list of work training projects was distributed at the meeting with the Advisory Board agenda packet. Several projects were highlighted. Shawn Riggins provided a brief update on LCC's activities/events since the last Advisory Board meeting, as follows:

- Riggins stated that LCC recently submitted two grant applications, one for \$500,000, an earmark from Congressman Costa to increase LCC's forestry project, and one to CalRecycle in the amount of \$800,00 through SB1013, which added wine bottles to the state's CRV Recycling program.
- Leah Struck presented a report on the Foster Grandparent program. Struck stated that currently, three foster grandparents are assigned to serve at the YouthBuild Charter School, while others serve at Head Start Centers, elementary schools, and Boys & Girls Clubs. Struck also highlighted the Program Progress Strategic Report and Logic Model for the Foster Grandparent program.
- Jay Fitzpatrick, Recycling Program Manager, provided an update on the recycling program. Fitzpatrick mentioned that corpsmember enrollment is increasing, the mattress recycling project continues at Rice Road in collaboration with the Mattress Recycling Council.
- Manny Brar, POPs Coordinator, provided an update on the POPs program. Brar stated that the quarterly POPS Resource Fair took place on February 22, 2024, under the theme "The Roles of Mothers & Fathers". The event attracted approximately fifty attendees and was a significant success. Breakout sessions featured presenters who discussed the vital roles that mothers and fathers fulfill within the family unit. The fair hosted ten vendors, offered music, food, and raffle prizes. In addition, POPS staff will be participating in the 25th Annual Families & Fathers Conference, scheduled to take place in Los Angeles from April 22-25, 2024. Staff are eager to engage with a diverse panel of speakers from all over the

world to discuss the joys and challenges of fatherhood, as well as obtain valuable resources and instructional techniques for implementation.

- Caroline Taito, YouthBuild Program Manager, provided an update on the YouthBuild program. Taito stated that currently twenty-three corpsmembers are enrolled and will be heading out to the housing construction site soon. Taito also mentioned that thirty education awards slots are available in AmeriCorps. Additionally, six corpsmembers have been hired by Valley Children's Hospital as part of the healthcare component in the YouthBuild program. The success of this project has gained interest from Community Hospitals, leading to discussions about placing corpsmembers at their facilities for internships and potential employment.
- Ken McCoy, YouthBuild Charter School Registrar, reported that there are seventy-three students currently enrolled in the YouthBuild Charter School and he is now collaborating with Workforce Connection to conduct school orientations at their facility. The classes have reached maximum capacity, leading to the implementation of alternate schedules for students.

C. Corpsmember/Student Development

Jocelynn Reyes-Garcia stated that she is one of the students that came from Workforce Connection and shared her experience at the YCSC school and field training.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2024

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None heard.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shawn Riggins, LCC Director
Fresno EOC Local Conservation Corps

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: April 8, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: 1920 Mariposa Street, Suite 310 Fresno, CA 93721

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Oliver Baines, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was established.

Committee Members:

Oliver Baines
Earl Brown
Charles Garabedian
Alysia Bonner
Linda Hayes

Staff:

Emilia Reyes
Karina Perez
Michelle L. Tutunjian
Greg Streets
Jack Lazzarini
Sherry Neil (T)
Elionora Vivanco
Ana Medina
Rosa Pineda
Jon Escobar

Nelson Dibie
Angela Riofrio
Steve Warnes
Andy Arredondo
Augie Quiroz
Thomas Dulin
Joshua Bogdanov
Matthew Moreno

Absent:

Robert Pimentel
Jimi Rodgers
Amy Arambula
Lisa Michell

3. MINUTES FROM MARCH 4, 2024 COMMITTEE MEETING

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner **Second by:** Garabedian

Ayes: Oliver Baines, Earl Brown, Charles Garabedian, Alysia Bonner, and Linda Hayes.

Nays: None

4. FOOD SERVICES: ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Bonner **Second by:** Garabedian

Ayes: Oliver Baines, Earl Brown, Charles Garabedian, Alysia Bonner, and Linda Hayes.

Nays: None

5. **FOOD SERVICES: CONGREGATE NUTRITION-COVID-19 EMERGENCY MEAL PROGRAM CONTRACT AMENDMENT**

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Garabedian **Second by:** Hayes

Ayes: Oliver Baines, Earl Brown, Charles Garabedian, Alysia Bonner, and Linda Hayes.

Nays: None

6. **SANCTUARY AND SUPPORT SERVICES: SERVICES FOR VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Hayes **Second by:** Garabedian

Ayes: Oliver Baines, Earl Brown, Charles Garabedian, Alysia Bonner, and Linda Hayes.

Nays: None

7. **TRANSIT SYSTEM: TRANSIT 5.12 DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY**

Public Comments: None heard.

Motion by: Garabedian **Second by:** Hayes

Ayes: Oliver Baines, Earl Brown, Charles Garabedian, Alysia Bonner, and Linda Hayes.

Nays: None

8. **PROGRAM PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT: GRANT TRACKER**

Ana Medina, Program Planning & Development Director, provided an overview of the grant tracker and provided an update of the following two grants that didn't get awarded.

- Food Services – Food Distribution grant with Bank of the Sierra
- Health Services grant with Fresno HOPE Pathways Community Hub

Medina stated at the next Executive Committee Meeting a quarterly report will be presented with all grants awarded, not funded, submitted and in progress. Commissioner Garabedian inquired the number of grant writer employees, Medina stated three grant writers.

Public Comments: None heard.

No action required.

9. **HUMAN RESOURCES QUARTERLY SUMMARY REPORT**

Nelson Dibie, Human Resources Officer, provided a brief overview of the Human Resources Quarterly Summary for the month of January through March. Dibie stated out of the 25 new hires 15 of the applications were for Head Start, and that some of the challenges to hire staff for Head Start is the applications are not meeting the Head Start requirements.

Emilia Reyes, Chief Executive Officer, announced the new Head Start Human Resources Manager accepted the job offer and started today, April 8, 2024. Commissioner Hayes inquired as what are some of the goals for the new hire. Rosa Pineda, Program Officer/Head Start Director stated the Head Start Human Resources Manager will assist Head Start employees with the compensation studies, recognition events, developing a committee for Head Start employees to give input on how to better the work environment along with recruitment and interviews process.

Public Comments: None heard.

No action required.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(This is an opportunity for the members of the public to address the Board on any matter related to the Commission that is not listed on the agenda. Limit two minutes per speaker.)

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENT

Chair Baines inquired on the Agency Financial and Head Start Financial Status Report, as to why it's not included in the Executive Committee Packet. Reyes stated it was intentional now that the Financials reports are in the Board Commission Packet, it allows the opportunity to close out the month and provide a more accurate report.

Commissioner Garabedian thanked the Committee for re-elected him for Treasure. Garabedian shared Gov. Gavin Newsom has vetoed a bill preventing California counties from taking benefits, such as Social Security checks, from orphaned or disabled children in their custody, to pay for their foster care.

Reyes provided an update on transforming the Public Affairs Manager position, to support the agency advocacy efforts for State and Federal level.

12. ADJOURNMENT



**COUNTY-WIDE POLICY COUNCIL (CWPC)
MINUTES
APRIL 9, 2024**

- CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Fawnda Cole, CWPC Chairperson.
- ROLL CALL** Roll Call was called by Fawnda Cole, CWPC Chairperson. The following Representatives were present: Blanca Valladolid, Betsaida Ledesma, Jalyssa McGill Jenkins, Jesus Sanchez, Cynthia Espindola, Jeanette Trejo, Maybelline Aranda, Michelle Taylor, Jonathan Cole, Silvano Rebolledo, Kristin Quintero, Alma Martinez Guillen, Jasmine Arreola, Cristina Olea, Benita Rodriguez, Maria Rolon, Joshua Barkley, Mariana Mena, Joanna Vargas Villasenor, Latrice Turton, Melanie Garcia, Gloria Martinez, Esmeralda Trejo, Clarissa Varela, Angela Diaz, Fawnda Cole, Ma Mendoza Estrada, Graciela Reyes Mendoza, Natasha Chalk, Priscilla Thompson, Maria Hernandez, Karina Padilla, Natisha Goins, Amy Arambula, Jimi Rodgers and Zina Brown-Jenkins.
- APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS CWPC MINUTES** Fawnda Cole, CWPC Chairperson, informed Representatives of the March 5, 2024, CWPC Minutes. This information was sent to Representatives prior to tonight’s meeting.

Motion to approve the March 5, 2024, CWPC Minutes as written and read was made by Clarissa Varela and seconded by Mariana Mena. Motion carried.
- FRESNO EOC PROGRAM REPORT – HOUSING & SHELTER** No reports at this time.
- COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS FOR APRIL 2024** Karina Padilla, Community Representative for Central Valley Regional Center (CVRC), informed the CWPC of upcoming events in the Mendota area. CVRC-on-Wheels occurs once a month in Mendota at the Amor Resource Center. Representatives help answer questions and accept documents for families interested in their services. It occurs every 3rd Thursday of the month.

On April 18, 2024, CVRC will be hosting Coffee Hour. They will provide refreshments and time for families to speak to Representatives to learn more about the services they provide.

Ms. Cole added that CVRC is partnered with the Magic Merlin Program, in which families may apply for a free trip to Lego Land or Disney Land. Families only need to provide the front page of their child’s IEP report.
- FRESNO EOC COMMISSIONERS’ REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2024** Zina Brown-Jenkins, Commissioner, stated Board Chair Hayes announced she will not be running to be re-elected for the board chair position. Emilia Reyes, Chief Executive Officer/Secretary, stated Commissioner Charles Garabedian shared interest in the Treasure Office Position. The Commission nominated and approved the following Commission Officer Positions: Board Chair, Oliver Bines & Vice Chair, Robert Pimentel.

Rosa M. Pineda, Head Start Director, provided an overview of the Head Start 0 to 5 monthly. Ms. Pineda announced Andrea Harvey is no longer with the Office of Head Start and Dow-Jane Pei is the new Program Specialist.

The City of Police, Mayor and City Managers held a Press conference at the end of last year to announce the crime rate has drop nearly 50% in Fresno and thanked the Advance Peace for their support and dedication to help reduce gun violence.

Motion to approve the Fresno EOC Commissioners’ Report for the month of January 2024 was made by Graciela Mendoza and seconded by Mariana Mena. Motion carried.
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATUS REPORTS (FSR) FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024** Fawnda Cole, CWPC Chairperson, stated staff recommends review and acceptance from CWPC for Monthly Financial Status Reports for February 2024. This funding supports personnel and operating expenses totaling \$46,498,041 (\$37,620,149 – Head Start; \$8,380,694 – Early Head Start) and the Non-Federal Share match \$10,825,424 (\$8,686,908 – Head Start; \$2,138,516 – Early Head Start) for the 2024 Fiscal Year.

Motion to approve the Monthly Financial Status Reports (FSR) for the Month of February 2024 was made by Clarissa Varela and seconded by Joshua Barkley. Motion carried.

IN-KIND MONTHLY STATUS
REPORT FOR FEBRUARY
2024

Jennifer Tillman, Finance Manager, stated the Monthly In-Kind Report for the month of February 2024 consists of \$823,090 (Head Start) which is accumulated by classroom and non-classroom volunteer services, consultants, goods, foster grandparents, PACT Time, and space. Early Head Start's In-Kind Status Report for the month of February 2024 is \$195,255 which is accumulated by classroom/non-classroom volunteer services, home activities, literacy/growing readers, consultants, goods, and space.

The Fiscal Impact for Head Start and Early Head Start for February 2024 is \$1,512,101 (\$1,194,280 – HS; \$317,821 – EHS). The projected monthly amount of \$902,119 has been surpassed by \$609,982.

AVERAGE DAILY
ATTENDANCE (ADA)
REPORTS FOR THE MONTH
OF FEBRUARY 2024

Cynthia Espindola, CWPC Early Head Start Representative, informed Representatives of the Average Daily Attendance (ADA) Reports for the month of February 2024 for Head Start and Early Head Start. Head Start's monthly ADA for February 2024 for Center Base was 83.27%. Total number of Head Start Home Base Visits completed were 452. Early Head Start's monthly ADA for February 2024 for Center Base was 85.65%. Total number of Early Head Start Home Visits completed were 1,039.

Motion to approve the ADA Reports for the month of February 2024 was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Alma Martinez Gullen. Motion carried.

HEAD START 0 TO 5
PROGRAM UPDATE REPORT
(PUR) FOR THE MONTH OF
FEBRUARY 2024

Rosa M. Pineda, Head Start Director, stated the PUR is a document written to provide monthly program updates to the Board and CWPC. Ms. Pineda stated the program had Tri-Annual review for Self-Assessment II Meetings at Franklin Head Start on February 26 & 28, 2024. Self-Assessment occurs three times per year to ensure the program is meeting all needs for families based on aggregated data.

Ms. Pineda stated Budget Training for EHS Center Base and Head Start 0 to 5 Home Base took place at Franklin Head Start for parents and staff on February 13, 2024.

Ms. Pineda stated the program is currently under-enrolled; however, enrollment is steadily increasing due to the ability to enroll more 3-year-olds into classrooms.

Motion to approve the Head Start 0 to 5 PUR for the Month of February 2024 was made by Joshua Barkley and seconded by Maria Rolon. Motion carried.

HEAD START 0 TO 5
COUNTY-WIDE POLICY
COUNCIL BY-LAWS

Olga Jalomo-Ramirez, Family/Community Services Manager, stated there was an amendment to the Head Start 0 to 5 CWPC By-Laws. Per the CWPC By-Laws, Head Start 0 to 5 staff and parents are to review the CWPC By-Laws every two years.

On February 14, 2024, the Parent Planning and Review Committee met to review the By-Laws. Amendment of the By-Laws consists of the following: added Section 14, Meeting Reimbursement. Additionally, the committee recommended the reinstatement of the CWPC Executive Board meetings, which were removed in August 2022 as it was deemed necessary to conduct an additional meeting to prepare and review the agenda with the full Executive Board.

If approved by the CWPC, the revised By-Laws will be presented to the Fresno EOC Board of Commissioners for full consideration at the April 15, 2024, Board meeting. If not approved, the By-Laws will be taken back to the Parent Planning and Review Committee for review and consideration of recommended changes.

Zina Brown-Jenkins, Commissioner, asked if staff are considering having the Executive Board meetings virtually to accommodate parents.

Floro Trujillo, Family Engagement/Volunteer Services Coordinator, stated the meeting was recommended to be In-Person by parents.

Ms. Jalomo-Ramirez stated they may revisit zoom meetings if any issues arise.

Motion to approve the Head Start 0 to 5 CWPC By-Laws was made by Mariana Mena and seconded by Joshua Barkley. Motion carried.

COVID-19 MITIGATION
POLICY REVISIONS

Marie Sani, Health Services Manager, stated the COVID-19 Mitigation Policy was reviewed by the Health Advisory Committee on January 23, 2024. In accordance with the most recent directives, on January 9, 2024, from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated its COVID isolation guidance and COVID testing recommendations, that now consist of infectious period is now defined as:

- COVID-19 cases may return if 24 hours have passed with no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications and if their symptoms are mild and improving.

Note on changes to testing recommendations:

- All people with new COVID-19 symptoms shall be tested
- Close contacts who are at a higher risk of severe disease or who have contact with people who are at higher risk for severe disease

Ms. Sani reminded parents to complete dental exams and to get them completed as soon as possible.

Motion to approve the COVID-19 Mitigation Policy Revisions was made by Joshua Barkley and seconded by Clarissa Varela. Motion carried.

FULL ENROLLMENT
INITIATIVE UPDATES

Olga Jalomo-Ramirez, Family/Community Services Manager, stated due to the Locally Designed Option (LDO) being approved by the Office of Head Start in March 2024, enrollment numbers have been steadily increasing.

Head Start Center Base has 1,502 children enrolled and Head Start Home Base has 80 children enrolled. Early Head Start Center Base has 50 children enrolled and Early Head Start Home Base has 326 children enrolled. This gives us a total of 1958 children enrolled in Head Start 0 to 5.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
REPORT FOR MARCH 2024

Fawnda Cole, CWPC Chairperson, stated the Personnel Committee report consists of a list of: Hiring/Personnel Action Positions, Resignations/Separations, Promotion/Status Change, and Job Descriptions for Positions for the month. All promotions, transfers, separations, and new hires are to be presented to the CWPC monthly, as an informational item.

Staff will continue to collaborate with Human Resources and Communication Department to advertise program vacancies until all positions are filled. Lastly, to support recruitment efforts of staff, a Job Fair is being planned for June 2024.

SELF-ASSESSMENT DATA
REVIEW WEEK MAY 13, 15
AND 17, 2024 INVITATION
TO PARTICIPATE IN SELF-
ASSESSMENT

Veronica Galvan, Quality Assurance Manager, stated Self-Assessment is conducted on a Tri-Annual basis, and the 3rd Self-Assessment is quickly approaching. Self-Assessments help ensure the program is providing our children and families with quality services. As a program, we review our data to ensure our goals are aligned with our family's needs. The meetings will take place May 13, 15 and 17, 2024.

Ms. Galvan invited Head Start 0 to 5 parents, staff, and Commissioners to participate and attend the Triannual Self-Assessment Orientation Training that will be held on May 8, 2024. Participants do not have to attend all three days. Ms. Galvan informed the CWPC if there is a particular department that is interesting, they may attend that timeframe.

HEAD START SCHOOL
READINESS GOALS
OUTCOME 2023-2024

Felicia Amescua, School Readiness Mentor/Coach, reported on Fall and Winter DRDP School Readiness Goals. Each agency must use the five domains, represented by the central domains of the Framework, as the basis for school readiness goals. They consist of:

- Approaches to Learning
- Social and Emotional Development
- Language and Literacy
- Cognition
- Perceptual, Motor, and Physical Development

In comparing Fall and Winter Assessments, children showed increases in each area.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fawnda Cole, CWPC Chairperson, made the following Announcements:

- A. April 20, 2024 – Annual Father Conference

B. May 3, 2024 – Volunteer Luncheon

C. May 7, 2024 – County-Wide Policy Council Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn meeting was made by Clarissa Varela and seconded by Mariana Mena. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Submitted By:

Brionna Warren
Secretary I

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Food Services
Consent Agenda Item #: 6VI	Director: Jon Escobar
Subject: FY 2024/2025 Food Service Agreements	Officer: Jack Lazzarini

Recommended Action

The Executive Committee recommends approval for full Board consideration to enter into multiple Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/2025 Food Service agreements, for a total amount of \$6,734,220.

Background

Food Services is preparing to establish Food Service agreements with 18 external partners and with 3 internal programs for FY 2024-2025. The three internal programs include Head Start 0-5 (breakfast and lunch), Sanctuary and Support Services (breakfast, lunch, dinner, and brown bag) and School of Unlimited Learning (breakfast and lunch).

Food Services offers an extensive array of options, ranging from hot and cold meals to frozen meals, home meal delivery, brown bag meals, and, once again, pizza for school-youth.

Fiscal Impact

These agreements will add an estimated \$6,734,220 in revenue for FY 2024/2025.

#	Name of Organization	Meal Types	Estimated Revenue
1	California Indian Manpower Consortium	Home Delivery Lunch	\$8,204.00
2	Chapter One Preschool	Lunch	\$54,613.00
3	City of Selma	Congragate meals	\$21,913.00
4	Fresno County Superintendent of Schools (light house)	Breakfast, Lunch and snack	\$212,428.00
5	City of Fowler	Congragate meals	\$45,000.00
6	Kepler Neighborhood School	Breakfast, Lunch and snack	\$431,460.00
7	Learn Acadamy	lunch	\$62,370.00
8	Reading & Beyond Preschool (RFP)	Breakfast, Lunch	\$160,731.48
10	Tule River Indian Health Center, Inc.	Home Delivery Lunch	\$106,775.00
11	Valley Caregivers (Oasis)	Congratate Meals	\$40,000.00
12	University High School	Lunch	\$10,860.00
13	Community Service & Employment Training, Inc. **	Home Bound Frozen Mealz	
14	Fresno/Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) (1) **	Congragate Meal Service	\$700,000.00
15	Fresno/Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA) (2) **	Title III Home delivered Meals	\$2,000,000.00
16	KCCOA**	Frozen Meals	\$249,000.00
17	Inyo County Superintendent of Schools (Youthbuild Charter School) **	Breakfast and Lunch	\$25,000.00
18	Buster Enterprises ***	After School Pizza	\$1,079,100.00
19	Adult Day Health Care of Madera	Breakfast and Lunch	\$277,550.00
20	School Food Service Authority/SFA Sanctuary-Shelter *	Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner, Brown Bag	\$25,030.00
21	School of Unlimited Learning *	Breakfast, Lunch	\$24,186.00
22	Head Start *	Breakfast and Lunch	\$1,200,000.00
			\$6,734,220.00

* Internal Agreements

** Agreements Provided by External Organization

*** Enterprise

Conclusion

If approved by the Board, Food Services will be able to enter into multiple food service agreements with external partners and internal programs to continue providing meals to seniors, adults, and children. If not approved, Food Services will experience a revenue loss of \$6,734,220 for FY 2024/2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Food Services
Consent Agenda Item #: 6VII	Director: Jon Escobar
Subject: Central San Joaquin Valley Community Economic Resilience Fund Catalyst Project	Officer: Jack Lazzarini

Recommended Action

The Executive Committee recommends ratification for full Board consideration of the Food Services Expansion Project, Catalyst Request for Proposal application to the Central San Joaquin Valley Community Economic Resilience Fund (Valley CERF) coalition in the amount of \$2,000,000 for a 2-year project period from September 1, 2024, to September 1, 2026.

Background

The Food Services Expansion Project is a multi-phase effort to expand Fresno EOC’s ability to meet Central Valley communities’ food and nutrition needs, develop more environmentally responsible food production practices, strengthen local and ethical supply chains, and promote job creation in the Central Valley. This project will consist of expanding and upgrading Food Services’ current facilities to produce meals in a cost, time, and energy efficient manner, and implement planning measures for the creation of a USDA inspection kitchen facility that will increase meal production capacity and service offerings, create jobs and workforce development opportunities, and address important health and wellness needs in underserved communities.

The proposal was submitted on April 30, 2024, in the amount of \$2,000,000.

Fiscal Impact

This funding will support upgrades to the Food Services kitchen including replacing outdated, natural gas appliances with electric appliances, which will eventually be supported by the solar farm project. The budget also includes staffing and planning phase costs for the USDA inspection kitchen project, such as the hiring of an Assistant Director, Data Analyst Manager and Project Coordinator, appraisal and consulting fees, environmental site studies, and an architect. No match required.

Food Services			
9/1/2024 - 8/31/2026			
2,000,000			
Catalyst \$2000000			GRANT
PERSONNEL		FTE	AMOUNT
	PROGRAM DIRECTOR	1.00	\$ 170,000
	PROGRAM MANAGER	1.00	\$ 140,000
	PROGRAM COORDINATOR	1.00	\$ 140,000
	VOLUNTEER SPECIALIST	0.00	\$ -
	FRINGE BENEFITS	0.00	\$ 144,000
TOTAL PERSONNEL			\$ 594,000
PROGRAM EXPENSES			
	PROJECT STAFF TRAVEL		\$ -
	EQUIPMENT		\$ 652,500
	SUPPLIES		\$ -
	CONTRACTUAL & CONSULTANT SERVICES		\$ 521,700
	OTHER COSTS		\$ 50,000
	PARTICIPANT COSTS		\$ -
INDIRECT COSTS			\$ 181,800
TOTAL BUDGET			\$ 2,000,000

Conclusion

If ratified by the Board, this item will allow Food Services to enter into a contract with Valley CERF if proposal is awarded. If not ratified, Food Services will not accept funding if awarded and will not have the funding to support the replacement of outdated appliances and required planning costs for the creation of a USDA inspection kitchen.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Local Conservation Corps
Consent Agenda Item #: 6VIII	Director: Shawn Riggins
Subject: Local Conservation Corps CalRecycle RCL 39 Grant	Officer: Sherry Neil

Recommended Action

The Executive Committee recommends ratification for full Board consideration of the Local Conservation Corps CalRecycle RCL 39 grant application to CalRecycle in the amount of \$2,064,004 over a two-year project period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2026.

Background

This grant will continue CalRecycle’s efforts to include all 14 California Local Certified Community Conservation Corps in the collection and education activities of four (4) material types: CRV Beverage Containers, Used Oil, Used Tires, and E-waste. The Local Conservation Corps (LCC) maintains partnerships with the cities and counties of Fresno and Madera by collaborating on used tire and e-waste Amnesty Days. LCC will collect CRV beverage containers from schools, bars/restaurants, and special events. LCC will also visit used oil Certified Collection Centers throughout the county to ensure state mandated signage is posted and accurate, in addition to collecting e-waste from businesses and residential homes. LCC continues to operate a Buyback/Recycling Center in the rural community of Friant, which redeems bottles and cans from the public for cash and accepts used tires and e-waste, in addition to exploring a potential second buyback site.

Per state statute, the CalRecycle grant is the program that enables youth serving programs to be considered an official “Corps” establishing the LCC as a Conservation Corps. The Buyback component helps provide funding for many corps needs, not usually included in grant budgets. LCC will continue to partner with municipalities for tire and e-waste collection events.

Fiscal Impact

This funding will support 27 corpsmember positions, seven (7) Crew Supervisors, a Program Assistant, an Outreach and Recruitment staff member, a Transitional Support Advisor (TSA) and a Program Manager as well as provide partial funding for additional LCC staff members, including the LCC Director, LCC Assistant Director, LCC Operations, Administration Manager, and a Facilities and Safety Coordinator. No match required.

The grant application was submitted on April 16, 2024.

FY 2024 -2026 CalRecycle RLC 39 GRANT
Internal Budget

	Budget	Total
Salaries & Fringes		
Staff Salaries	679,885	\$ 679,885
Corpsmember Wages	368,561	\$ 368,561
Fringe Benefits	368,439	\$ 368,439
Equipment Lease		
Recycling Carts/Sorting Equipment Maint. Services	12,000	\$ 12,000
Lease Trailers for Amnesty Tires Events	15,400	\$ 15,400
Operation Cost		
Program Specific Expenses, Office Supplies, Uniforms	51,147	\$ 51,147
Laptops, iPad's, Program Training, Education, Outreach	12,400	\$ 12,400
Travel & Conference Fees	13,075	\$ 13,075
Facilities Maintenance & Utilities	204,960	\$ 204,960
Vehicles - Fuel, Insurance and Repair & Maintenance	81,600	\$ 81,600
Subcontractor		
Northern California Laborer's Training	5,000	\$ 5,000
CALCC Membership dues	10,000	\$ 10,000
Insurance, Phone, Copiers, etc.	50,400	\$ 50,400
Audit & Indirect Costs		
State Annual Audit Report (AAR)	3,500	\$ 3,500
Indirect - 10%	187,637	\$ 187,637
Total	\$ 2,064,004	\$ 2,064,004

Conclusion

If ratified by the Board, this item will move forward and provide funding for corpsmember wages and partial wages for staff. If not approved, LCC will not accept funding if grant is awarded and will not be able to continue providing training to 27 Corpsmembers.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Training & Employment
Consent Agenda Item #: 6IX	Director: Patrick Turner
Subject: Central San Joaquin Valley CERF Catalyst Project - Partnership with Proteus Inc.	Officer: Sherry Neil

Recommended Action

The Executive Committee recommends ratification for full Board consideration of the Central San Joaquin Valley CERF Catalyst Project Scope of Services submitted to Proteus Inc. in the amount of \$300,000 for a 2-year project period from September 1, 2024, to September 1, 2026.

Background

Training & Employment (T&E) submitted a description of services and budget to Proteus Inc, lead applicant of the San Joaquin Valley CERF Catalyst Project Proposal on April 23, 2024, in the amount of \$300,000. Proteus Inc., a partner agency, reached out to Fresno EOC to propose aligning our workforce development initiatives, Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) and Proteus' Weatherization Training Program.

T&E will collaborate with Proteus, Inc. to develop the organizations capacity to meet local and regional training and employment needs and commits to the following:

- Refer 75 program participants to Proteus’ 8-week Sustainable Energy Efficiency Development (SEED) training.
- Enroll 100 referrals from Proteus into the Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) 12-week pre-apprenticeship construction training program.
- Work with Proteus to conduct marketing and outreach for the program.
- Provide wraparound services including case management, job search assistance, interview preparation, career development services, and employment retention efforts.
- Collaborate with Proteus throughout the program to ensure that any issues may be addressed quickly, ensuring program success.

Fiscal Impact

This funding will support staff time for outreach and recruitment activities, travel, and other operating expenses. In addition to the hiring of a Rural Job Developer who will serve Fresno County and assist in Northern Tulare and Kings County on a case-by-case basis.

Central San Joaquin Valley Community Economic Resilience Fund (Valley CERF) Catalyst Project

Budget

Name of Applicant: Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (FEOC)					
Project Name: Central San Joaquin (Valley CERF) Catalyst Project					
Line Item	Expense Item	Administrative Cost	Program Cost	Sub-Contract/Sub-Award Amount (If Applicable)	Total Project Budget
A.	Staff Salaries	\$0.00	\$177,537.00	\$0.00	\$177,537.00
1	1.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
B.	Staff Fringe Benefit Cost	\$0.00	\$60,853.00	\$0.00	\$60,853.00
1	Staff Fringe Benefit Rate .34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
C.	Staff Travel	\$0.00	\$2,430.00	\$0.00	\$2,430.00
D.	Operating Expenses	\$0.00	\$31,907.00	\$0.00	\$31,907.00
E.	Administrative Costs*	\$27,273.00			\$27,273.00
TOTAL FUNDING		\$27,273.00	\$272,727.00	\$0.00	\$300,000.00

CSBG Organizational Standard

Organization has demonstrated partnerships across the community, for specifically identified purposes per Category 2, Standard 2.1.

Conclusion

If ratified by the Board, this item will allow T&E to enter into a subaward agreement with Proteus Inc. to support the organizations capacity to meet local and regional training and employment needs. If not ratified, T&E will not enter into a subaward agreement with Proteus Inc., a partner agency.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Sanctuary and Support Services
Consent Agenda Item #: 6X	Director: Misty Gattie-Blanco
Subject: Office for Victims of Crime Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program	Officer: Sherry Neil

Recommended Action

The Executive Committee recommends approval for full Board consideration of the FY24 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program grant application due on May 20, 2024, to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) in the amount of \$848,700 for a 3-year project period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2027.

Background

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. With this funding, OVC seeks to provide funding for housing services for victims of human trafficking and further DOJ’s mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep the country safe and protect civil rights.

Fresno EOC’s application is identified as Purpose Area 2: Enhancing Scope of Housing Services for Human Trafficking Victims. Under Purpose Area 2, awards will be made to organizations with a demonstrated history of providing human trafficking victims with housing assistance and support services or that have a formal partnership with a victim service provider with demonstrated experience.

Fresno EOC has continuously operated the Central Valley Against Human Trafficking (CVAHT) project, administered by the Sanctuary and Support Services program providing services to victims for over 10 years. In 2001, the program was awarded with this funding to expand the program in providing housing specific services to survivors of human trafficking. Since the funding began, the program has provided three (3) households (6 adults and 7 children) with transitional housing and two (2) households (4 adults and 4 children) with rental assistance in permanent housing.

Funding for this project will support survivors in need of housing assistance including a combination of emergency shelter, transitional housing, and short-term rental assistance.

Fiscal Impact

This funding will support personnel costs, travel, and other operating costs. A non-federal match of 25% is required and will be coming from the CA Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) in the amount of \$282,900.

Sanctuary and Support Services - CVAHT 10/1/24-9/30/27					
OVC Housing Grant \$848700			GRANT	MATCH	TOTAL
PERSONNEL	FTE	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT	AMOUNT
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	0.06	\$ 23,695	\$ 11,847	\$ 35,542	
CVAHT Program Manager	0.10	\$ 24,759	\$ 24,759	\$ 49,518	
Homeless Services Manager	0.08	\$ 22,296	\$ -	\$ 22,296	
Case Manager / Outreach Coordinator (match 2	1.00	\$ 160,993	\$ 47,283	\$ 208,276	
Program Assistant	0.05	\$ 6,560	\$ 6,560	\$ 13,120	
Office Assistant	0.10	\$ 11,311	\$ 11,311	\$ 22,622	
FRINGE BENEFITS		\$ 57,693	\$ 47,255	\$ 104,948	
TOTAL PERSONNEL		\$ 307,307	\$ 149,015	\$ 456,322	
PROGRAM EXPENSES					
PROJECT STAFF TRAVEL		\$ 4,352	\$ 1,206	\$ 5,558	
EQUIPMENT		\$ 1,080	\$ 1,080	\$ 2,160	
SUPPLIES		\$ 9,800	\$ 1,800	\$ 11,600	
CONTRACTUAL & CONSULTANT SERVICES		\$ -	\$ 96,900	\$ 96,900	
OTHER COSTS		\$ 492,985	\$ 32,899	\$ 525,884	
PARTICIPANT COSTS		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
INDIRECT COSTS		\$ 33,176	\$ -	\$ 33,176	
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ 848,700	\$ 282,900	\$ 1,131,600	

Conclusion

If approved by the Board, this item will move forward and CVAHT will continue to provide housing assistance to survivors of human trafficking. If not approved, CVAHT will not accept funding if grant is awarded and will not be able to continue providing housing services and assistance to survivors of human trafficking.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Program Planning & Development
Consent Agenda Item #: 6XI	Director: Ana Medina
Subject: Grant Tracker & Quarterly Grant Summary	Officer: Michelle Tutunjian

Recommended Action

The information presented in the Grant Tracker and Quarterly Grant Summary is intended to keep the Board apprised of program grant activity.

Background

The below information are updates from the last grant tracker presented on April 8, 2024.

Awarded					
Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Date of Notice
Foster Grandparent Program (FGP)	FY2024 AmeriCorps Foster Grandparents Program Replacement and Expansion Opportunity	AmeriCorps	\$360,000	Funding will expand capacity to service low-income program participants in rural areas of Fresno County	4/1/2024
Local Conservation Corps (LCC)	FY2023 Community Project Funding/Congressional Directed Spending	Congress Appropriations	\$500,000	This will fund vehicles and heavy equipment for in the field student learning/training.	4/29/2024

Not Awarded					
Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Not Awarded Reason
Sanctuary and Support Services – CVAHT	Slave 2 Nothing Grant	Slave 2 Nothing Foundation	\$45,000	Funding will support low-barrier emergency housing for victims of human trafficking.	Not available

Submitted					
Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Date Submitted
Sanctuary and Support Service – CVAHT	OVC FY24 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking	Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)	\$950,000	The purpose of this program is to develop, expand or strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking, including those that provide trauma-informed services.	4/22/2024
Health Services – Tobacco Education Program	CG 24-10056 Advancing Tobacco Cessation in Community Clinics Project (ATCP) Cohort 3	California Department of Public Health, California Tobacco Control Program	\$81,000	This grant will reduce tobacco use within the funded clinic populations. Achieving this outcome will decrease tobacco use disparities and reduce the burden of tobacco-related diseases.	4/16/2024
Food Services – Food Services	RFP No. 2425-ENP Title III C1 and C2- Congregate and Home Delivered Meals	Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAA)	\$2,700,000	Food Services will continue providing congregate	4/4/2024

Home Delivery	(Elderly Nutrition Program)			meals and home delivered meals in Fresno and Madera County through this funding opportunity.	
Advance Peace	Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative	City of Fresno	\$375,000	Funding will provide case management for 25 Junior Fellows, offering transformative travel opportunities, mentorship, and educational and skill development.	4/5/2024
Stop the Violence (STV)	Gang Intervention Proposal for FUSD	FUSD	\$73,000	STV will conduct gang intervention programming and mentoring at FUSD school sites (sites to be determined)	3/22/24

Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission
Grant Tracker
Monday, May 6, 2024

2024 AWARDED								
Due Date	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Board Report Date	Date of Notice	Amount Awarded
2/14/2024	Health Services	2024 Public Awareness and Community Outreach Campaign Services	The Office of Community Partnerships and Strategic Communications (OCPSC)	\$600,000	To effectively reach and engage Californians, especially those experiencing the greatest health and social inequities.	3/4/2024	3/18/2024	\$600,000
2/9/2024	Sanctuary and Support Services - LGBTQ+ Resource Center	American Rescue Plan Act for Community Based Organizations	City of Fresno	\$100,000	Funding will support general operating costs for the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.	N/A	3/7/2024	\$100,000
2/1/2024	Foster Grandparent Program	FY2024 AmeriCorps Foster Grandparents Program Replacement and Expansion Opportunity	AmeriCorps	\$360,000	Funding will expand capacity to service low-income program participants in rural areas of Fresno County.	2/7/2024	4/1/2024	\$360,000
1/31/2024	LCC - Local Conservation Corps (LCC)	Local Conservation Corps SB 1013	State of California Employment Development Department	\$799,665	Connect participants and applicants of Goods Job Challenge with resources, including high school equivalency programs and vocational plans.	3/18/2024	2/28/2024	\$799,665
1/31/2024	LCC - Local Conservation Corps (LCC)	FY2023 Community Project Funding/Congressionally Directed Spending	Congress Appropriations	\$500,000	This will fund vehicle and heavy equipment for in-the-field student learning.	N/A	TBD	\$500,000
1/16/2024	Health Services - AFLP	2024-25 Title X Family Planning Services	Essential Access Health	\$464,531	Title X funding is awarded to subrecipients across the nation to provide low-income women and men below 250% of poverty with quality sexual and reproductive health care services.	1/22/2024	2/5/2024	\$464,531
11/27/2023	Health Services - Community Health Center	Mpox Community-Based Organization Grant	The CA Department of Public Health	\$55,000	Funding will support Mpox vaccine administration, vaccine outreach/education and testing activities to communities at-risk for Mpox.	N/A	3/19/2024	\$55,000
9/28/2023	Sanctuary and Support Services - Homeless Services	FY23 Continuum of Care Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants	US Department of Housing and Urban Development	\$2,350,438	To quickly re-house homeless individuals, families, persons fleeing domestic violence, and youth while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused by homelessness; to promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless; and to optimize self-sufficiency among those experiencing homelessness.	2/21/2024	1/29/2024	\$2,019,622
6/20/2023	Training and Employment	CERF Economic Development Pilot	State of California Employment Development Department	\$150,000	Connect participants and applicants of Goods Job Challenge with resources, including high school equivalency programs and vocational plans.	3/18/2024	2/27/2024	\$150,000
6/13/2023	Training and Employment	One Fresno Youth Jobs Corps Program Worksites	City of Fresno	\$300,000	Provision of work experience for Fresno youth for a 6-month period.	6/26/2023	2/1/2024	\$200,000
Total Amount Requested				\$5,679,634		Total Amount Awarded		\$5,248,818

2023 NOT AWARDED

Due Date	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Board Report Date	Date of Notice
11/15/2023	Health Services	Fresno HOPE	Fresno HOPE Pathways Community Hub	\$325,000	Funding will support care coordination agencies employing community health workers, utilizing the Pathways Community HUB Institute™ Model.	12/7/2023	3/26/2024
11/1/2023	Sanctuary and Support Services - CVAHT	Slave 2 Nothing Grant	Slave 2 Nothing Foundation	\$45,000	Funding will support low-barrier emergency housing for victims of human trafficking.	N/A	5/3/2024
8/7/2023	Food Services - Food Distributions	Sierra Grant Program	Bank of the Sierra	\$5,000	Funding food distributions for 2023.	N/A	3/12/2024
6/27/2023	Health Services - Community Health Center	Community-Based Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Diseases	CDC	\$325,000	STI Testing on Community College Campuses, and free transportation to clinic if treatment is needed.	5/22/2023	1/17/2024
Total Amount Requested				\$700,000.00			

IN PROGRESS GRANTS

Due Date	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Board Report Date	Date of Notice
4/30/2024	Food Services - Kitchen	Valley CERF Catalyst Projects - Food Services Kitchen Expansion	Valley Community Economic Resilience Fund	\$2,000,000	Food Services is requesting funds for planning activities for a USDA inspection kitchen and upgrading current kitchen equipment to electric appliances.	5/6/2024	TBD
4/30/2024	Training and Employment	Valley CERF Catalyst Projects - Partnership with Proteus	Valley Community Economic Resilience Fund	\$300,000	VAC will partner with Proteus to provide job training in construction trades.	5/6/2024	TBD
4/30/2024	Food Services - Free Meals for Kids	No Kid Hungry Summer Grant	No Kid Hungry	\$15,000	The No Kid Hungry Community Nutrition Grant Opportunity will provide funding to community organizations and government entities to maximize the child nutrition programs to ensure children and families have access to healthy meals at school and at home during the school year and/or summer months.	N/A	TBD
5/1/2024	Health Services - Dental Care for Kids	School-Based and School-Linked Initiatives to Improve Oral Health	CareQuest Institute	\$125,000	CareQuest Institute is seeking to fund projects that are engaging schools to address systemic barriers to oral health, inclusive of access, for children and	N/A	TBD
5/20/2024	Sanctuary and Support Services - CVAHT	OVC FY24 Anti-Trafficking Housing Assistance Program	Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)	\$837,900	Funds will support rapid rehousing for victims of human trafficking.	5/6/2024	TBD
Total Amount Requested				\$3,277,900			

SUBMITTED GRANTS							
Due Date	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Board Report Date	Date of Notice
4/22/2024	Sanctuary and Support Services - CVAHT	OVC FY24 Services for Victims of Human Trafficking	Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)	\$950,000	The purpose of this program is to develop, expand, or strengthen victim service programs for victims of human trafficking, including those that provide trauma-informed services.	4/15/2024	9/30/2024
4/16/2024	Health Services - Tobacco Education Program	CG 24-10056 Advancing Tobacco Cessation in Community Clinics Project (ATCP) Cohort 3	California Department of Public Health, California Tobacco Control Program	\$81,000	This grant will reduce tobacco use within the funded clinic populations. Achieving this outcome will decrease tobacco use disparities and reduce the burden of tobacco-related diseases.	N/A	TBD
4/4/2024	Food Services - Food Services Home Delivery	RFP No. 2425-ENP Title III C1 and C2-Congregate and Home Delivered Meals (Elderly Nutrition Program)	Fresno-Madera Area Agency on Aging (FMAAA)	\$2,700,000	Food Services will continue providing Congregate Meals and Home Delivered Meals in Fresno and Madera County through this funding opportunity.	4/8/2024	TBD
4/5/2024	Advance Peace	Violence Intervention & Prevention Initiative	City of Fresno	\$375,000	Funding will provide case management for 25 Junior Fellows, offering transformative travel opportunities, mentorship, and educational and skill development.	4/15/2024	TBD
3/22/2024	Stop the Violence	Gang Intervention Proposal for FUSD	FUSD	\$73,000	STV will conduct gang intervention programming and mentoring at FUSD school sites (sites to be determined)	N/A	TBD
3/20/2024	Advancing Fresno County Guaranteed Income	Mayors for a Guaranteed Income Proposal	Mayors for a Guaranteed Income	\$15,000	Funds will help the GI program provide gift cards to evaluation survey respondents.	N/A	TBD
3/11/2024	Foster Grandparent Program	FY2024 AmeriCorps Seniors Q4 Foster Grandparent Program Continuation or Renewal	AmeriCorps	\$495,000	Funding will support the continuation of Foster Grandparents. Older adults 55+ and over volunteer to mentor and tutor for low-income students in Fresno County.	2/7/2024	6/1/2024
3/4/2024	Food Services - Food Distributions	Kaiser Permanente Food & Nutrition Security Grant	Kaiser Permanente	\$25,000	Funding will expand capacity in rural communities to new partners and schools in Riverdale and Five Points providing 3,600 low-income families with nutritious, healthy, and fresh food commodities.	N/A	TBD
3/1/2024	Sanctuary and Support Services - LGBTQ+ Resource Center	2024 wayOut Grant	wayOUT	\$112,740	Funding will support general operating costs for the LGBTQ+ Resource Center, including case management, drop-in services, and mental health workshops.	N/A	4/1/2024
3/1/2024	Food Services - Food Distributions	Open Call Grant Application Clif Family Foundation	Clif Family Foundation	\$50,000	Funding for operational support with areas of focus: Strengthen our food system, Enhance equitable community health outcomes, Safeguard our environment and natural resources	N/A	TBD
2/27/2024	Training and Employment - Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC)	Career Skills Training	Department of Energy	\$536,626	Funding for job training to gain industry-recognized certifications in energy efficiency sector.	1/22/2024	5/20/2024
1/29/2024	Sanctuary and Support Services - CVAHT	Human Trafficking Victim Assistance	Cal OES	\$899,999	This grant will fund trauma-informed, supportive services for victims of human trafficking, including shelter, case management, and emergency assistance.	1/22/2024	TBD
1/9/2024	Sanctuary and Support Services - Homeless Services	Homeless, Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP)	County of Fresno Department of Social Services	\$4,368,334	Funding will support Bridge & Rapid Rehousing services.	1/22/2024	4/23/2024

SUBMITTED GRANTS							
Due Date	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Board Report Date	Date of Notice
10/6/2023	Health Services	Early Childhood Wraparound Services	CA Dept of Health Care Services	\$1,500,000	Funding for childhood wraparound services, could include home visitation or prenatal care.	9/25/2023	TBD
8/8/2023	Food Services - Food Distributions	Costco Charitable Giving Grant	Costco Wholesale	\$7,500	Funding food distributions for 2023.	N/A	TBD
Total Amount Requested				\$12,189,199			

Letters of Intent Submitted							
Due Date	Program	Name	Funder	Amount Requested	Summary	Board Report Date	Date of Notice
3/29/2024	Training and Employment - Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC)	FY25 Community Projects (Padilla) - Workforce Development	Senate Appropriations Committee	\$1,500,000	Funds will allow VAC to develop its training program to include energy efficiency technology training	N/A	TBD
4/2/2024	Training and Employment	FY25 Community Projects (Costa) - Workforce Development	House Appropriations Committee	\$1,500,000	Funds will allow VAC to develop its training program to include energy efficiency technology training	N/A	TBD
4/2/2024	Sanctuary and Support Services - Homeless Services	FY25 Community Projects (Costa) - Homeless Meal Distribution	House Appropriations Committee	\$1,300,000	Through the purchase of an electric bus, this funding will implement a mobile meal distribution program to serve individuals experiencing street homelessness and low-income families in Fresno County.	N/A	TBD
7/28/2023	Health Services - Dental Care for Kids	UniHealth Foundation LOI	UniHealth Foundation	\$2,258,348	Implementation of a data system and support from community health workers to connect families in the SBSP program to needed services. □	N/A	TBD
9/15/2023	Training and Employment - Summer Youth Internship Program	US Bank Letter of Interest	US Bank	\$75,000	Funding salaries for interns.	N/A	TBD
Total Amount Requested				\$6,633,348			

2024 Quarterly Grant Summary

1st Quarter Totals January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024	
Metric	Number
Grants Submitted	15
Grants Approved	9
Grants Denied	2
Funds Requested	\$9,399,895
Funds Approved	\$3,933,392
Funds Denied	\$330,000
Average Request	\$626,659.67
Request Range	\$15,000-\$4368,334

Jan-24		Feb-24		Mar-24	
Metric	Number	Metric	Number	Metric	Number
Grants Submitted	5	Grants Submitted	4	Grants Submitted	6
Grants Approved	3	Grants Approved	1	Grants Approved	5
Grants Denied	0	Grants Denied	0	Grants Denied	2
Funds Requested	\$7,032,529	Funds Requested	\$1,596,626	Funds Requested	\$770,740
Funds Approved	\$1,764,196	Funds Approved	\$799,665	Funds Approved	\$1,369,531
Funds Denied	\$0	Funds Denied	\$0	Funds Denied	\$330,000
Average Request	\$1,406,505	Average Request	\$536,626	Average Request	\$128,456
Request Range	\$464,531-\$4,368,334	Request Range	\$100,000-\$600,000	Request Range	\$15,000-\$495,000

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Head Start 0 to 5
Consent Agenda Item #: 6XII	Director: Rose M. Pineda
Subject: Program Update Report PUR For March 2024	Chief Executive Officer: Emilia Reyes

Recommended Action

The County-Wide Policy Council recommends acceptance of the Head Start 0 to 5 Program Update Report (PUR) for the month of March 2024.

Background

As per mandate, Head Start agencies provide monthly updates to the Board and Policy council, written as required by the Head Start Act of December 12, 2007, Section 642 Powers and Functions of Head Start Agencies (d) Program Governance Administration, (2) Conduct of Responsibilities, (A) through (I).

Below is a reference to the requirement.

(2) Conduct of Responsibilities – Each Head Start agency shall ensure the sharing of accurate and regular information for use by the governing body and policy council, about program planning, policies, and Head Start agency operations. . .

The report includes all areas mandated by the Head Start Act, not reported elsewhere: (B) monthly program activity summaries; (C) program enrollment reports; (D) monthly reports of meals and snacks provided through the U.S. Department of Agriculture; (H) communication and guidance from the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

The excluded information reported separately includes: (A) monthly financial reports including credit cards, (E) financial audit report, (F) annual Self-Assessment (G) community-wide strategic planning (Community Assessment) and the (I) Annual Program Information Report (PIR).


The March 2024 Program Update Report is attached for review.

Fiscal Impact

Action on this agenda item will have no fiscal impact.

Conclusion

If accepted by the full Board, the March 2024 PUR will be retained for record keeping to verify the County-Wide Policy Council and the Fresno EOC Board of Commissioners had timely and accurate



information to ensure programmatic and fiduciary accountability of Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5. If not accepted, Head Start Director will review and make recommended changes.



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROGRAM UPDATE REPORT
REPORT MONTH: MARCH 2024**

I. Head Start 0 to 5

Program Information Summary:

1. March 5, 2024 – Community Needs Assessment Community Forums and Focus Groups kicked off for the month of March.
2. March 6, 2023 – Equity Training Series for all Head Start Managers is underway for the next six months. Trainings will take place once a month. In addition, they are participating in a Management Training series that takes place twice a month for the next three months.
3. March 11, 2024 – Annual ERSEA Training took place at Estelle Dailey Center.
4. March 15, 2024 – All Staff Fresno EOC In-Service took place at Clovis Veterans Memorial in Clovis, CA.
5. March 18, 2024 – Training & Technical Assistance on site meeting for Fiscal and Facilities.
6. March 19, 2024 – CPR/First Aid Training was provided to all Head Start 0 to 5 employees in need of recertification or new hires.
7. March 25, 2024 – April 1, 2024- Spring Break – All 3.5-hr, 6-hour, 7.5-hour HS sites and offices were closed. Classes resumed April 2nd.
8. March 29, 2024 – Cesar Chavez Holiday was observed. All HS 0 to 5 offices and sites were closed in observance.

II. Communication and Guidance from the United States Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary:

On March 21, 2024, we received notification from the Office of Head Start informing us that we have been randomly selected to participate in an Improper Payment study to ensure that Federal funding was expended, and associated programs were implemented, in full accordance with statutory and public policy requirements as outlined in 45 C.F.R. § 75.300. A third party contractor, Guidehouse, will begin requesting information and documentation from our program for purposes of this review. Information will be provided to Guidehouse as soon as possible and no later than April 15, 2024.

III. Early Head Start

Program Information Summary:

1. We continue to hire to fill vacant positions for Center Base and Home Base program options, specific to EHS.
2. Home Base Services started planning for 24/25 program year.

Early Head Start Enrollment/ADA Reports/Wait List:

Monthly Enrollment: 400; Monthly ADA: Center Base: 82.25%, Home Base: NA%
Wait List Total: 172

Our Early Head Start funded enrollment is 478. For the month of March 2024, we had an actual enrollment of 378. There was a total of 22 drops and this gives us an overall enrollment of 400 (378 + 22). There are 94 children on the waitlist of which 59 are income eligible. Staff continues to recruit children for EHS center base and home base by collaborating with local agencies that provide services to pregnant teens, mothers, and/or prenatal care services. In addition, staff continue to visit WIC offices, clinics, and schools to promote our EHS services. Early Head Start received 50 online referrals. Like Head Start, we continue recruitment efforts to hire EHS Center Base and Home Base personnel. Analysis of all areas below the recommended 85% ADA, if any, has been done.

Early Head Start Meals/Snacks:

Total Children: Breakfasts: 561 Lunches: 616 Snacks: 544

IV. Head Start

Program Information Summary:

1. Head Start received notification of approval for the Locally Designed Program Option, which allowed us to enroll additional three-year-old children at 17 sites.
2. March 21, 2024- 11 Family Support Assistants completed the hearing screening training certification.
3. Firebaugh-Las Deltas Unified School District informed us that they will be terminating our lease for Firebaugh Head Start. We will need to vacate the premises by July 6th.
4. During the month of March, we enrolled 40 three-year old children that resulted from the Locally Designed Program Option (LDO) approval. Staff will continue to enroll more children until all LDO classrooms have been filled with three-year old children.



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PROGRAM UPDATE REPORT**

Head Start Enrollment/ADA Reports/Wait List:

Monthly Enrollment: 1,671; Monthly ADA: Center Base 80.81%; Home Base: NA%

Wait List Total: 406

Our Head Start funded enrollment is 2112. For the month of March 2024, we had an actual enrollment of 1660 and a total of 11 drops. As a result, we had an enrollment of 1671 (1660 + 11). We have 389 children on our waitlist, and 371 of the children are three-year-olds of which 215 are income eligible. Our data shows that the majority of children are three years old. As a result, we submitted a Locally Designed Program Option (LDO) to Office of Head Start, which was approved in March. This month we began enrolling additional three-year old children in the selected classrooms. In addition, we continue to recruit children and families and our recruitment efforts consist of canvassing, participating in community events, and facilitating presentations in the community. In March, we received 24 online referrals and participated in 4 community events. We continue to face staffing challenges that consist of the following vacancies: 1-ERSEA Liaison, 5-Family/Community Services Specialists, 15-Family Support Assistants and 4-Home Base Educators, 3- Family Development Specialist, 5-Teachers, 37- Teacher Assistants. Analysis of all areas below the recommended 85% ADA, if any, has been done.

Head Start Meals/Snacks:

Total Children: Breakfasts: 12,343 Lunches: 15,414 Snacks: 11,916

Submitted by:

Rosa M. Pineda
Head Start Director

Nidia Davis
Program Support Director

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Finance
Consent Agenda Item #: 6XIII	Director: N/A
Subject: Health Insurance Report	Officer: Steven Warnes (Interim CFO)

Recommended Action

The information is presented to keep the Board apprised on the status of the Agency’s self-funded health insurance plan

Background

As of March 31, 2024, the health insurance reserve is at \$7.4 million, which covers approximately 9.4 months of average expenditures. Contributions from programs and employees for 2024 total \$3,063,689 while the Fund paid out \$2,714,452 in expenses.

Changes to the health insurance plan in 2022 through 2024 include:

- Effective January 2022: Tele-health service was added and 1% increase in Employer premiums and an average 8% increase to Employee premiums.
- Effective January 2023: Restructured the wellness program to include more employees; replaced wellness discounted premium by an incentive program available to all employees. 5.5% increase in Employer premiums.
- Effective January 2024: Kaiser HMO plan offered as an alternative to our existing PPO plan. Employer and Employee premiums will increase by 8%. Recordkeeper for FSA and HSA plans moved to Health Equity.

This table presents a sample of the monthly health insurance premium rates for 2024. Rates vary depending on the type of coverage tier selected; the PPO option is shown but a high-deductible option is available at a 40% lower cost to the employee.

	Agency	Employee	Total Premium
Employee Only	\$684	\$162	\$846
EE +Child(ren)	\$1,238	\$291	\$1,529
EE + Family	\$1,643	\$387	\$2,030
EE + Spouse	\$1,374	\$324	\$1,698

FRESNO EOC
HEALTH INSURANCE FUND REPORT
 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2024

	2024				2023			
	January	February	March	YTD totals Jan-Mar	Mo. Avg. Prev 12 mos	YTD totals Jan-Mar	Annual Jan - Dec	Annual Mo. Avg Jan - Dec
Beginning Fund Balance	7,066,973	6,949,508	7,112,007					
<u>Income</u>								
Agency Contributions	838,792	816,359	817,987	2,473,138	737,640	2,260,104	8,638,643	719,887
Additional Agency Contr.	-	-	-	-	0	0	0	-
Employee Contributions	194,023	197,627	198,901	590,551	166,131	460,106	1,863,131	155,261
Total Income	1,032,815	1,013,986	1,016,888	3,063,689	903,771	2,720,210	10,501,774	875,148
<u>Expenses</u>								
Health Claims Paid	701,011	381,561	246,518	1,329,090	404,072	1,127,537	4,647,314	387,276
Dental Claims Paid	45,940	41,346	58,210	145,496	45,388	127,865	527,020	43,918
Prescriptions Paid	150,425	179,445	144,053	473,923	153,193	413,646	1,778,042	148,170
Vision Claims Paid	8,667	845	837	10,349	5,529	23,642	79,636	6,636
Stop Loss Premiums	99,933	99,717	94,373	294,023	102,010	317,854	1,247,950	103,996
Stop Loss Claims	-	-	-	0	(3,459)	(22,123)	(63,636)	(5,303)
Life Insurance Premiums	9,181	9,261	9,317	27,759	9,106	24,678	106,188	8,849
Pinnacle	11,800	12,557	12,434	36,791	13,092	40,468	160,775	13,398
Blue Cross/Kaiser	103,405	103,446	124,522	331,373	37,956	41,724	165,827	13,819
Benefits Consultant	12,083	12,083	12,084	36,250	12,083	36,250	145,000	12,083
Employee Assist. Program	4,740	4,740	4,740	14,220	4,740	13,814	56,475	4,706
Preferred Chiropractors	780	782	775	2,337	846	2,627	10,442	870
TeleDoc	2,315	4,764	4,822	11,901	3,814	7,462	41,326	3,444
Other Expenses	-	940	-	940	1,616	4,209	22,661	1,888
ACA Fees	-	-	-	0	308	0	3,690	308
Total Expenses	1,150,280	851,487	712,685	2,714,452	790,292	2,159,653	8,928,710	744,059
Current Fund Activity (net)	(117,465)	162,499	304,203	349,237	113,479	560,557	1,573,064	131,089
Ending Fund Balance	6,949,508	7,112,007	7,416,210	7,416,210				
<u>Enrollment</u>								
Employee only-EOC funded	310	312	306		309		341	
Kaiser	54	62	63		60			
Family coverage-EOC funded	312	314	314		313		355	
Kaiser	30	32	36		33			
Other-Dental only or Sub/On Call	42	50	50		47		48	
Total employees enrolled	748	770	769		762		744	

Estimated # months funded: 9.4

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Finance
Consent Agenda Item #: 6XIV	Director: N/A
Subject: Investment Report	Officer: Steven Warnes (Interim CFO)

Recommended Action

The information is presented to keep the Board apprised on the status of the Agency’s investment accounts.

Background

As of March 31, 2024, the Agency holds these investments to maintain cash funding items such as the health insurance reserve and accrued vacation liability.

	Wells Fargo
Cash & Cash Equivalents	1,710,435
Corporate Bonds	159,771
Government Bonds	596,784
Certificates of Deposit (CD)	1,175,918
Stocks	15,819
Total	\$ 3,658,727
Minus unrealized gains on CDs	(18,718)
General Ledger balance	\$ 3,677,445

Total annual interest expected from these fixed income investments is \$60,651 providing an average rate of 3.07%. Interest rates received on the Corporate Fixed Income investment is 4.45%; this holding will mature in 2026. The US Treasury Notes and Certificates of Deposit have interest rates between 2.00% and 4.85%; and a tiered maturity date structure to provide for both shorter-term maturities and longer investments past 2026.

The funds at Self-Help Federal Credit Union are returning 3.33% interest.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Head Start 0 to 5
Agenda Item #: 7	Director: Rosa M. Pineda
Subject: Transforming and Inspiring	Chief Executive Officer: Emilia Reyes

Recommended Action

The information presented in this item is intended to keep the Board apprised of the 2023 Strategic Program Progress Report Year 1, as well as highlight the clients we serve.

Background

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) Head Start 0 to 5 has successfully provided comprehensive child development services for low income preschool children and their families since 1965. Services include education, nutrition, health, medical, dental, parent engagement and social services. Expansion of services to children ages 0-3 was implemented in 1996 through the Early Head Start Program. Over 209,598 Head Start children and 10,293 Early Head Start children and their families have received service from Fresno EOC since the program began in 1965.

The purpose of Fresno EOC Head Start is to promote the school readiness of low-income children by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development in two ways:

1. The learning environment will support children’s growth in language, literacy, mathematics, science, and emotional functioning, creative arts, physical skills, and approaches to learning.
2. Each family will be provided with health, educational, nutritional, social, and other services when necessary based on the family’s needs assessments.

Fresno EOC Early Head Start serves approximately 478 children and pregnant women in urban Fresno, Clovis, Reedley, Sanger, Parlier, Del Rey, Selma, Fowler, Biola, and Kerman. The Head Start program currently serves approximately 2,112 children throughout Fresno County in over 34 centers and 17 Home Base areas.

The participants in tonight’s presentation include two parents, who have benefited from Early Head Start and Head Start services during the current program year.

Fiscal Impact

Action on this agenda item will have no fiscal impact.

CSBG Organizational Standard

The organization's governing board receives programmatic reports at each regular board meeting per Category 5, Standard 5.9.

Conclusion

The strategic progress report highlights the poverty conditions the program sought to address, the methods used to address these poverty conditions, and how the program partnered with communities to build pathways out of poverty.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: N/A
Agenda Item #: 8	Director: N/A
Subject: Commissioner Reinstatement	Officer: N/A

Recommended Action

Review and approve of Commissioner Rey Leon’s petition to be reinstated as a Fresno EOC Board Member.

Background

According to the agency’s By-Laws, there are grounds for removal of the Commissioner per Article VII Section 4 of the bylaws upon the third absence in a calendar year.

Article VII. Commissioners Section

B. Grounds for Removal by the Board. *The Board may remove a Commissioner from the Board or any Committee and from any office for the following reasons:*

5. Excessive Absences. A Commissioner shall be deemed to have vacated that Commissioner's Board seat after three (3) absences of regular meetings during a calendar year. No later than five (5) days before the next Board of Commissioners' meeting after the vacancy, a Commissioner may request in writing to the Chair and Clerk of the Board that the Board to restore the Commissioner's Board seat during the Board meeting immediately following the deemed vacancy so long as the Board takes such action upon a determination, in the Board's sole discretion, that there is good cause to excuse the excessive absences. If the Commissioner fails to timely request restoration or is not present at the Board meeting in which the Board considers such request, the Board will not have the discretion to restore the Commissioner's Board seat. If the Board reinstates a Commissioner under this paragraph, any additional absence during the same calendar year will result in the Commissioner's seat being vacated without the option of Board reinstatement.

Attached is Commissioner Rey Leon’s appeal statement.

Fiscal Impact

Action on this agenda item will have no fiscal impact.

Conclusion

If approved by the Board, Commissioner Rey Leon will be reinstated to continue to serve on the Fresno EOC Board for the remainder of his term.

Karina Perez

From: Rey Leon <rleon@theleapinstitute.org>
Sent: Monday, May 13, 2024 3:06 PM
To: Karina Perez
Cc: Elionora Vivanco
Subject: Request to be reinstated as EOC Commissioner

Fresno EOC IT Notice:
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To whom this may concern,

Please accept this note to inform of my continued interest and commitment to support EOC leadership as a board member of the EOC. I am available for any questions. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Rey Leon



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Communications
Agenda Item #: 9	Director: Jose Moreno III
Subject: Fresno EOC Annual Report 2023	Officer: Nelson Dibie

Recommended Action

Staff recommends the board approval of the agency 2023 annual report.

Background

Each year, Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (Fresno EOC) compiles an Annual Report summarizing the data from the previous program year. This report offers a comprehensive overview of our achievements and future goals. It demonstrates our commitment to transparency, accountability, and our agency's significant impact on the lives of our community members.

This year's report aligns closely with our strategic plan by highlighting our six focus areas. It clearly presents the data and objectives of each program, reflecting the progress made through the ROMA over the past year. This comprehensive approach ensures that we continue to move forward with purpose and clarity, effectively serving our community.

Fiscal Impact

Action on this agenda item will have no fiscal impact.

Conclusion

If approved by the Board, the report will be mass-printed and distributed to stakeholders, funders, and the community. Additionally, it will be accessible on our website for review and download, ensuring wide availability and transparency.



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Opportunities
Commission



ANNUAL REPORT 2023



A vision in focus



ABOUT FRESNO EOC

Founded in 1965, Fresno EOC is an integral part of a nationwide network of community action agencies committed to eradicating poverty. As a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation based in Fresno County, the heart of California's Central Valley, Fresno EOC has been pivotal in crafting a vision of a flourishing community where all residents possess the means to shape their futures free from poverty. Guided by a 24-member tripartite Board of Commissioners, Fresno EOC stands out as one of the largest Community Action Agencies in the United States. Its success is a testament to the dedication and commitment of its team of over 1,000 members, who are not just employees but passionate advocates for helping people and changing lives.

With more than 30 diverse programs, Fresno EOC strategically bridges gaps for various underserved groups, unified by a single mission: "We fight to end poverty."

The agency manages an impressive annual budget of nearly \$130 million, a testament to the scale of its operations and the depth of its impact. Each year, Fresno EOC initiatives touch the lives of over 175,000 residents of Fresno County, providing critical immediate aid during crises and the sustained support necessary for individuals and families to build better lives. Anchored in community action, Fresno EOC delivers vital services, resources, and opportunities that enhance education, health, and economic security.

LETTER FROM THE CEO AND THE BOARD CHAIR

With tremendous pride and gratitude, I present to you the Fresno EOC 2023 Annual Report. This year, more than ever, we have felt the increased demand for our services in the wake of the pandemic. Our community's needs have intensified, and so has our determination to meet them.

Following the completion of our strategic plan, we have streamlined our efforts and focused our energies more efficiently than ever before. This plan has not only driven our work but has also brought a sharper focus to our mission—guiding the development of key focus areas that unify and enhance the impact of our diverse programs.

2023 marked a significant technological advancement for Fresno EOC with the implementation of CAP60, a central intake system. This innovation allows our clients to access all our services through a single form and process, enhancing efficiency and data management. This integration ensures that clients have seamless access to the wrap-around support we offer, tailored to their specific needs once they enter our system.

We've implemented ROMA (Results Oriented Management Accountability) training across all our programs, a structured approach devised by the Community Action Network to ensure impactful support for low-income families. Incorporating ROMA principles enhances our ability to evaluate and refine our services, allowing us to meet community needs with effective, measurable outcomes.

We extend our deepest appreciation to our local and state partners for their invaluable support, which has been instrumental in addressing the growing needs of our community and fighting poverty. With your continued support, we are better equipped than ever to make a significant, positive impact on the lives of our community members, keeping our vision sharply in focus.



Emilia Reyes | CEO, Fresno EOC



Linda R. Hayes | Board Chair

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STRATEGIC PLAN

At the close of 2022, Fresno EOC marked a significant milestone by completing the Strategic Plan, developed from the Community Needs Assessments (CNA) and Community Action Plans (CAP). This plan is tailored to refine our internal structure and establish a unified direction across the agency, ensuring that all programs are aligned with our strategic goals. The year 2023 highlights the inaugural phase of implementing this plan, underscoring our commitment to “A Vision in Focus.”



STRATEGIC GOALS

Equity-Based Practices

Directing services intentionally to meet the needs of those most impacted by the poverty conditions we seek to address.

Holistic Support

Providing for the whole person, understanding that poverty impacts the community in multiple ways.

Advocacy

Amplifying community voice - particularly communities experiencing poverty - leading to poverty changes that disrupt systemic poverty.

Community-Directed Programs and Services

Create programs and services that are able to respond to changing community priorities, providing support for immediate need and the infrastructure for wealth generation.

FOCUS AREAS



Six focus areas from this strategic blueprint emerged designed to consolidate our efforts and magnify our impact. These areas include:

1. Food Insecurity
2. Housing Stability
3. Employment Opportunities
4. Community Safety
5. Educational Achievement
6. Health & Wellness

These focus areas not only help strategize our agency's framework but also facilitate a collaborative approach among our programs, steering them toward expected outcomes. By integrating the ROMA logic model, we have established clear indicators and outcomes for each program, allowing us to measure the impact of our services on individuals in the community.

By aligning our strategies, we can direct our efforts towards a greater vision, where each of our initiatives and services is a step towards creating a more prosperous and equitable Fresno County. We believe that this approach will enable Fresno EOC to effectively and sustainably address our community's most pressing needs.



FOCUS AREAS



- **Women, Infants and Children (WIC)**

- **Food Distribution**

- **Summer Meals for Kids**

- **Food Services Home Delivery**



Food Insecurity



Housing Stability

- **Energy Services**

- **Sanctuary Homeless Services**



Employment Opportunities

- **Local Conservation Corps (LCC)**

- **Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC)**

- **Summer Internship Program**

- **Workforce Connection Young Adult Program**



FOOD INSECURITY

Despite Fresno County’s status as a leader in agricultural production, it faces significant challenges with food insecurity. Currently, 14.4% of the county’s population and 22% of its children do not have reliable access to sufficient, nutritious food. This critical issue is worsened by food deserts—

areas where affordable, high-quality fresh food is scarce—alongside barriers such as limited transportation options and low-income levels. To address this, Fresno EOC programs are actively working to provide essential nutrition, education, and access to meals throughout the county.

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WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)

2023 IMPACT

Fresno EOC Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and family referrals to resources to more than 27,000 women, children, and families in Fresno County.



62%

of food benefits redeemed



16,734

nutrition lessons completed



\$24,129,670

amount of WIC food benefits issued



27,116

participants served



5

sites



TURNING PAGES, TRANSFORMING LIVES

The Books for Kids initiative aims to improve literacy and promote child development among families that are a part of WIC. In the year 2023, the program successfully distributed a total of 32,377 books in various languages, including Spanish, Hmong, Arabic, and Chinese. The books were conveniently provided at local WIC sites, farmers' markets, and through specially organized drive-thru events, ensuring easy access and support for the educational advancement of our families

BABY SHOWERS

Fresno EOC WIC is in its tenth year celebrating baby showers for WIC clients with limited resources. Clients enjoy a day of games, gifts, giveaways, and anticipatory guidance on breastfeeding.



17

baby showers celebrated



249

participants attended



32,377

books distributed

BREASTFEEDING SUPPORT

Fresno EOC WIC has 37 lactation specialists who provide support to WIC clients with hands on breastfeeding support and breastfeeding classes.

Breastfeeding is healthier for both babies and moms by reducing the risk of many ailments and more.



232

hands-on
breastfeeding
participants supported



37%

breastfeeding
rate
(31% in 2022)



1,817

breastfeeding lessons in
person and over
the phone completed



20

breastfeeding
virtual meetups with
74 participants completed



Nourishing Beginnings: Karen's Journey with Fresno EOC WIC

Karen shares her experience with the WIC program after the birth of her son four months ago. Having been familiar with WIC since her mother's participation, Karen was inspired to enroll herself. She recounts attending a WIC-hosted baby shower for new moms, where she received vital lactation support, which played a crucial role during her initial struggles with breastfeeding. With the encouragement and personalized advice from Julie, a International Board Certified Lactation Consultant, Karen overcame her challenges and transitioned to exclusively breastfeeding her son.



Scan to view
Karen's story

FOOD SERVICES

2023 IMPACT

Food Services aims to enhance food accessibility by providing healthy and nutritious meals to school-aged youth, seniors, and organizations needing catering services. This is achieved through strategic partnerships and collaborations with other Fresno EOC departments and the broader community, ensuring a comprehensive approach to meal services that supports the well-being of our diverse community.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION



13,942

households served



9

sites (Pinedale, Mendota, Parlier, Cantu Creek, Biola, Sanger, Orange Cove, Firebaugh, Fresno)

The Food Distribution program is dedicated to combating hunger among low-income families in both rural and inner-city areas. By distributing essential food commodities—including fresh produce, bread, beans, rice, pasta, and other nutritious foods—we aim to enhance the health and nutritional outcomes of the families we serve.

FOOD SERVICES HOME DELIVERY

Our Home Delivery service offers a convenient and affordable solution for those who may need help to, or prefer not to, prepare their own meals daily. Designed to meet the diverse needs of our community, this service ensures that everyone has access to balanced and nutritious meals without the hassle of meal preparation.



528,410

senior meals produced



1,200

homebound seniors served



321,053

homebound senior meals served

SUMMER MEALS FOR KIDS

FOOD EXPRESS BUS

Fresno EOC Food Services offers free nutritious meals for children and disabled individuals during the summer break. Meals are available at various locations in Fresno and Tulare Counties. Two Food Express Buses serve five rural locations in Fresno County and five locations in Fresno City. Additionally, numerous physical sites provide free meal service. Both Food Express Buses are designated mobile Safe Place sites for youth in crisis.



445,503

meals served



1,616

children served

FOOD EXPRESS BUS STOPS



HOUSING STABILITY

Households limited by poverty struggle with utility costs, threatening their housing stability and health. The escalating energy costs and expensive home repairs, like weatherization, exacerbate this issue. Housing insecurity remains a critical concern in the Central Valley. In 2021, Fresno County experienced about six residential lockouts per 1,000

residents, with rates as high as 19.6% for renters in some city areas. This instability was evident as over 4,000 individuals faced homelessness in 2020, with 55% unsheltered. The connection between insecure housing and declining mental and physical health highlights the pressing need for integrated solutions to address these insecurities.

Energy Services

18-19

Sanctuary Homeless Services

20-21



ENERGY SERVICES

2023 IMPACT

Fresno EOC Energy Services relieves rising energy costs and improves energy efficiency and safety in the home. Services include utility payment assistance to prevent disconnection or restore service and weatherization measures to improve safety and energy efficiency. Each year, Energy Services assists over 10,000 households, making a significant impact in Fresno County.



WEATHERIZATION

Weatherization focuses on installing energy conservation measures designed to reduce energy costs, boost energy efficiency, and promote health and safety for low-income families. This initiative prioritizes support for older people, people with disabilities, and families with young children, ensuring that these vulnerable groups benefit from improved living conditions and reduced energy expenses.

 **\$2,216,856**
in services and repairs



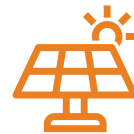
380

households served



28

households served with emergency heating/cooling



19

solar installations



LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)

One of our most comprehensive energy services, LIHEAP, helps low-income individuals manage their heating and cooling costs, especially during the peak winter and summer months when these expenses typically increase. Beyond helping with bill payments, the program also offers emergency crisis intervention and educates participants on energy conservation to further support their needs.

 **8,323**
households served

 **\$13,245,984**
benefits disbursed

LOW-INCOME HOME WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHWAP)

Energy Services provides financial help to eligible Fresno County households with their water utility bill.

 **1,582**
households served

 **\$1,307,360**
in assistance

Easing the Burden: Biola Receives Crucial Assistance Through LIHWAP

In the rural community of Biola, the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) provided crucial support by helping over 100 residents secure essential water bill assistance. The staff not only raised awareness but also went to Biola to intake applications and reach the community where they live.

The community manager of Biola expressed gratitude for this support: “Your unwavering dedication to ensuring Biola’s inclusion...has made a profound impact on our community,” and highlighted the exceptional commitment of staff. “Their hard work has undoubtedly made a significant difference in the lives of our residents during these challenging times.”

Thanks to LIHWAP’s efforts, Biola has experienced meaningful improvements in residents’ lives. The community manager added, “Biola is deeply grateful for all that Fresno EOC has done...Your support has been invaluable.” This partnership exemplifies the significant impact that dedicated support can have on a community, making a real difference in its people’s everyday lives.



SANCTUARY & SUPPORT SERVICES

2023 IMPACT

For nearly 50 years, Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services has provided transformative housing solutions, from emergency to permanent options. Using a Housing-First approach, we quickly secure safe shelter for individuals, complemented by round-the-clock onsite health and social support services.



SANCTUARY HOMELESS SERVICES

OUTREACH SERVICES



individuals Served



people who obtained emergency shelter



people obtained supportive services, such as food, basic needs, and referrals to community partners

BRIDGE HOUSING



individuals served



people who obtained housing through reunification or housing program within six months

TRANSITIONAL SHELTER



individuals served



people who obtained housing through reunification or housing program

PERMANENT HOUSING



individuals who obtained/maintained housing within 12 months



people who obtained/maintained income

HOUSING NAVIGATION



Individuals connected to safe & positive destination

SAFE PLACE

Safe Place is a national youth outreach and prevention program for young people up to 25 years of age in Fresno County needing immediate help and safety. As a collaborative community prevention initiative, Safe Place designates businesses and organizations as Safe Place locations, making help readily available to youth in communities across the country. In Fresno County, the Fresno EOC Sanctuary and Support Services program administers the Safe Place locations

at various Fresno EOC sites, including Sanctuary Transitional Shelter, LGBTQ+ Resource Center, WIC, Health and Dental Services, and the Local Conservation Corps (LCC). The Food Express Buses also serve as mobile Safe Place sites.



MAKING SPIRITS BRIGHT

In 2023, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the “Making Spirits Bright” event, a festive tradition that has become a beacon of hope in the community. A festive caravan delivered holiday cheer directly to the doorsteps of 25 deserving low-income families, identified in collaboration with a neighborhood school. The caravan brought trees, gifts, personalized stockings, and gift cards, continuing a legacy that has impacted over 3,000 children since its inception. The enduring success of “Making Spirits Bright” relies on generous contributions from partners like PG&E, Target, Costco, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Asia Supermarket, and donations from the community.



Turning Points: How Youth Bridge Housing Helped Mary Rebuild Her Life

Mary*, a 22-year-old, and her two children entered Youth Bridge Housing after hearing about the services from her brother, who was previously assisted back in 2022. Mary was chronically homeless at the time of entry, and during her stay, she worked with her Case Manager to obtain identity documents for her and her children, obtain employment, secure childcare, and enroll in a high school completion program. Through Coordinated Entry, she was matched to a housing program and moved into her unit with her children after three months in this program.

*To ensure the security of the clients, pseudonym and stock photos have been used to not reveal their true identity. Nevertheless, these stories are based on real-life events.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Fresno EOC programming is dedicated to addressing the significant disparities in income and wealth found in communities with concentrated poverty. In these areas, young adults often face many challenges, including lower household incomes, lower rates of high school and post-secondary completion, and limited job

prospects. To counter these challenges, Fresno EOC has developed targeted programs that provides job training and educational services for youth to enhance employment prospects, ultimately leading to higher-paying positions and fostering economic uplift in their communities.

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LOCAL CONSERVATION CORPS (LCC)

2023 IMPACT

Local Conservation Corps (LCC) provides young adults (ages 18-26) with paid job training and educational opportunities.



CORPSMEMBERS



141

Corpsmembers enrolled



24

Corpsmembers who earned college credit while enrolled



50

Corpsmembers completed the program



10

Corpsmembers who earned a High School Diploma

CONSERVATION, RECREATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL

14 home/buildings retrofitted with solar panels

54 homes and buildings weatherized or retrofitted

12.56

acres of hazardous fuel reduction

11.25

miles of trails constructed, restored, or maintained

RECYCLING

The LCC recycled and prevented the following materials from being disposed of in landfills.



169 TONS

CRV Bottles and Cans



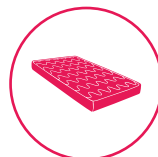
24 TONS

E-Waste



6,543

Individual Used Tires



2,133

Recycled used mattresses (117,315 lbs), diverted from the waste stream.

YOUTHBUILD CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL OF CALIFORNIA



65

young adults obtained skills and work experience for employment



19

individuals ages 18-29 obtained a high school diploma



6

students were placed in healthcare related jobs through our YouthBuild USA Department of Labor Grant



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES



93

Corpsmembers experiencing food insecurity accessed the LCC onsite Food Pantry



160

Corpsmembers experiencing stable housing challenges accessed the onsite LCC Hygiene Closet



Water Aid to Friant Residents

In response to a water safety crisis in the Friant area, teams from Fresno EOC's Local Conservation Corps and Energy Services collaborated to deliver water directly to the homes of local residents, with a special focus on aiding senior citizens who may face challenges with mobility or managing heavy items like cases of water. This proactive initiative, supported by Fresno County Board Supervisor Nathan Magsig and Senator Shannon Grove, underscored LCC's swift response and deep commitment to supporting the community in times of need, ensuring that those most vulnerable received essential assistance directly at their doorsteps.




TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT

2023 IMPACT

To deliver Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) services within America's Job Centers of California, preparing young adults ages 14-24 for college, the military, and/or the workforce.

VALLEY APPRENTICESHIP CONNECTIONS (VAC)

Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) supports the hiring needs of Central Valley's construction contractors. Students are immersed in an intense 12-week training program to prepare them for the workforce.

 **62**
adults graduated

 **558**
certifications earned

 **27**
adults employed

 **13**
adults were indentured to a trades union



SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The summer internship program is designed to target high school graduates transitioning into post-secondary education, offering them the opportunity to be mentored by a leader in their chosen industry.

 **81**
student interns served

WORKFORCE CONNECTION YOUNG ADULT PROGRAM

The Workforce Connection Young Adult Program guides young adults ages 14-24 along the pathway to education, training, personal development, and ultimately a rewarding career.



441

young adults served



109

in school young adults ages 14-21 served



332

out of school young adults ages 16-24 served



222

of placements in college or workforce



\$8,060

Median wage per participant



From Intern to Employee: Juana's path with Workforce Connection Young Adult Program

Juana Santos came to the Workforce Connection Youth Program in December 2022, looking for assistance with employment opportunities. She had never worked before and was unsure of what she wanted to do.

During her time in the program, Juana was interviewed for an internship. On February 6, 2023, Juana was placed on an internship with the Fresno EOC LiHEAP program, primarily doing data entry. A need for assistance in the Navigation Center was presented to interns, and Juana quickly stepped into the position. She found working with the public rewarding. Although very shy, Juana was able to step out of her comfort zone to assist and guide applicants. Even when faced with a challenging client, Juana always presents with a big smile on her face. In July 2023, just before ending her internship, Juana was hired as a full time Program Assistant with the Navigation Center.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Fresno EOC enhances community safety by addressing critical issues affecting vulnerable and underserved populations, including the LGBTQ+ community, areas plagued by gun violence, and those at risk of human trafficking. The organization provides culturally responsive programs and essential resources like food,

healthcare, and transportation, which are vital for overall well-being. By advocating for and implementing inclusive support systems, Fresno EOC ensures that all community members, particularly the most vulnerable, have access to the support they need to thrive in safer environments.

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ADVANCE PEACE FRESNO

2023 IMPACT

Advance Peace Fresno reimagines public safety with healing-centered strategies that transform the lives of those impacted by gun violence. These strategies break the cycle of violence by placing young men into mentorship programs that instill conflict resolution skills and offer peer support. The Advance Peace Fresno team are a steadfast presence in the community, whether they are guiding program Fellows to make healthy decisions or acting as mediators in gun-related shootings.



41

fellows in the program



6,425

fellow engagement hours



9,710

total street outreach



176

conflicts mediated



234

community conflict mediation hours



64

total referrals

ADVANCE PEACE GRANT

In 2023, Advance Peace Fresno received a \$2 million grant from the Office of Justice Programs to expand its program, which aims to reduce gun violence through mentorship. Emphasizing the broad impact of gun violence, CEO Emilia Reyes highlighted the initiative's success in transforming community safety. The program, praised by local leaders including Mayor Jerry Dyer and Police Chief Paco Balderrama, focuses on ending the cycle of violence with a strategy rooted in public health and safety, supporting Fresno EOC's mission to combat poverty and improve lives across the region.



Advance Peace teams up with Fellows to create short-term and long-term goals in their journey, called LifeMAP Milestones. In recognition of Fellow's achievements in accomplishing their goals, Fellows earn LifeMAP milestone allowances to support Fellow's journey towards healing.



\$170,000

in support basic needs



4

Fellows who receive mental health services/counseling



19

Fellows who got anger management



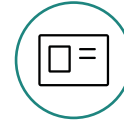
\$30,000

in LifeMAP stipends to support Fellows' journey towards healing



83%

of Fellows are young Black Men who have experienced the justice system



6

Fellows who got a DMV/License



Neighborhood Change Agents

Advanced Peace Fresno Change Agents share the motivation behind their work in mitigating gun violence in the community. Many team members share experiences of loss due to gun violence, underscoring their commitment to creating positive change. They take pride in equipping youth with resources and opportunities they themselves lacked, addressing essential needs like housing and food, and fostering a positive atmosphere in their community

SANCTUARY & SUPPORT SERVICES



2023 IMPACT

CENTRAL VALLEY AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING (CVAHT)



Central Valley Against Human Trafficking (CVAHT) empowers victims of human trafficking by connecting them to resources they need to begin the healing process. We help victims of all genders, ages, and nationalities—designing a personalized action plan to address their direct needs. Through our work and advocacy, CVAHT is building a rapid response network, expanding community resources, and sharing new understandings of how to best support victims of human trafficking.

 **79**
new human trafficking survivors identified

 **28**
sex trafficking survivors identified

 **30**
labor trafficking survivors identified

 **6**
both types of trafficking survivors identified

 **15**
unknown type of trafficking survivors

 **173**
human trafficking survivors served



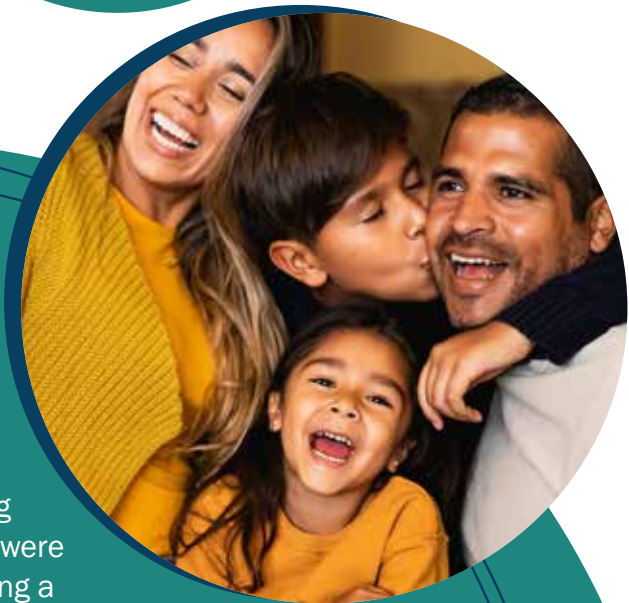
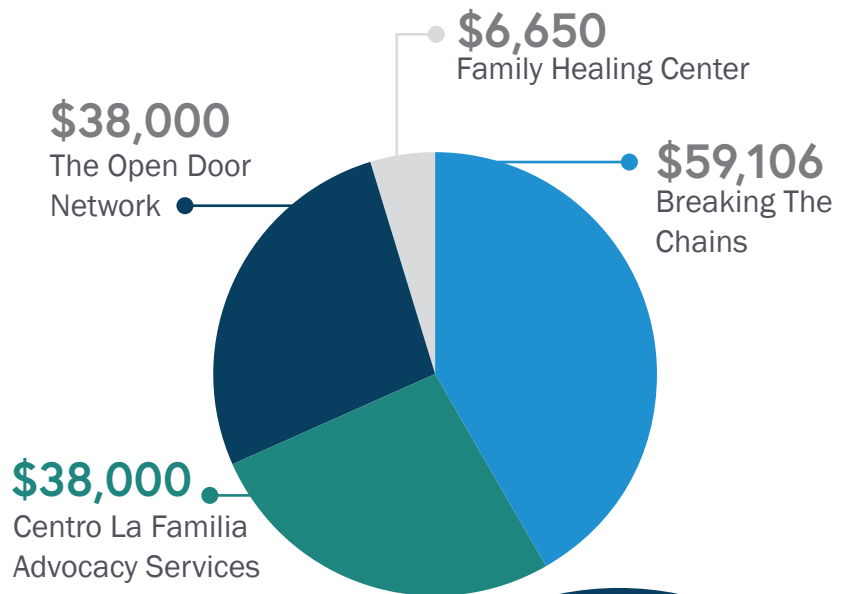
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individuals trained in anti-human trafficking /40-hour caseworker training



15

anti-human trafficking trainings held to direct service providers



From Peril to Promise

In the summer of 2023, three families comprising 11 individuals, including two expectant mothers, were identified as victims of labor trafficking after fleeing a war-torn country in South America for a safer life in the United States. These survivors courageously contacted the program, intending to report themselves to ICE for rescue.

Understanding the situation’s urgency, our staff coordinated a safety plan to relocate the families, providing them with much-needed temporary shelter, food, clothing, and other essentials.

In the following weeks, these families’ resilience began to shine through the darkness. Program Case Managers and Advocates worked to secure Medi-Cal and cash assistance for them, helping to rebuild their lives. Employment opportunities were found, marking a significant step towards independence and stability. The families were connected with a pro-bono attorney to navigate their immigration cases.

CVAHT utilized OVC Housing funding, and all three families were placed in transitional housing within site apartments. This crucial support provides them with a temporary home and a chance to save and plan for a permanent place to call their own.

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SANCTUARY & SUPPORT SERVICES



2023 IMPACT

LGBTQ+ RESOURCE CENTER

The LGBTQ+ Resource Center offers a safe place for LGBTQ folks to get expert and trusted guidance on resources, including STI screenings, gender-affirming care, and housing assistance. A queer-led staff have been key in reaching our most underserved communities. Because of our staff's shared lived experience with clients, they are able to forge meaningful connections and guide workshops tailored to the unique challenges faced by the LGBTQ community. Fresno EOC's LGBTQ+ Resource Center leads initiatives that create pathways to health.



360

participants who visited the drop-in center



320

people who attended peer support groups, gaining a safe space



300

people who obtained social & emotional support through mental health services



200

people who obtained case management



125

people who obtained social emotional support through social emotional workshops



15

LGBTQ+ competency trainings



650

attendees that participated in LGBTQ+ competency trainings



\$20,000

raised during Give Out fundraising campaign



The Little Queer Library

In 2023, the Resource Center introduced “The Little Queer Library,” offering free access to educational and representative books. These resources, thoughtfully curated and color-coded by local librarians, ensure the community can see themselves reflected in literature. Sponsored by PFLAG, the library enhances learning and supports greater inclusion and acceptance within the community.



Language as a Bridge: Antonio Finds Support and Opportunity

Antonio* found the LGBTQ+ Resource Center through a Google search for resources. As a Spanish speaker, he connected with Community Engagement Coordinator Valeria Rodriguez Pedroza, who also spoke Spanish, making communication easier and more comforting. Antonio, who is trans, expressed his needs for clothing, food, and insurance and shared his background of growing up in Mexico before returning to the U.S.

Since 2022, Antonio has received comprehensive support from the center. He has accessed Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) through the Trans Medical Needs Fund, obtained clothing from the Q-Closet, and benefited from transportation services. With help from the center, he successfully applied for Medi-Cal and now regularly visits his doctor, dentist, and optometrist. He has also started seeing a mental health therapist through a referral from the center.

In addition to healthcare, Antonio was connected to a local food bank and began contributing to the community by working and volunteering at the center once a week. He enrolled in English as a Second Language courses at Fresno City College and is set to begin his first year as an official college student majoring in engineering this August, with plans to transfer to Fresno State after earning his A.S. degree. Antonio’s journey highlights the transformative impact of targeted community support.

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TRANSIT SYSTEMS

2023 IMPACT

Transit Systems operates around the clock to oversee transportation services for clients residing in Fresno County. Its wide range of offerings includes transporting students to school and providing transportation services for individuals with disabilities. The fleet comprises a total of 127 vehicles.



80,065

clients transported



900,000

total miles



160,131

rides



35

routes (within Fresno County)





On the Road to Success

In a collaborative effort to support education accessibility, Transit Systems, along with Fresno City College, have launched a shuttle service for Kerman residents who are students at Fresno City College. This new service offers a convenient and cost-effective way for students to commute to campus, initially priced at \$35 per month but currently free to alleviate financial burdens. The shuttle can seat over 20 students and operates a straightforward daily schedule with morning pickups in Kerman and evening returns from the college. This shuttle service not only eases travel challenges but also promotes educational achievement by ensuring reliable access to college resources.



Vera and Isabel's journey

Vera and Isabel's journey to enrichment begins with safe and reliable transportation provided by Fresno EOC Transit Systems to The Arc program. The Arc, dedicated to advocating for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD), becomes a beacon of empowerment for Vera and Isabel. Through The Arc's services, they discover their worth and unique abilities, embracing their right to make choices and exercise their human dignity. Surrounded by a supportive community that celebrates diversity, they thrive, contributing their strengths and talents. Fresno EOC's commitment ensures equitable access to The Arc, fostering inclusion and removing barriers to opportunities. Vera and Isabel's story exemplifies The Arc's core values, emphasizing human dignity, personhood, choice, and community integration. With Fresno EOC Transit Systems' partnership, they embody the vision of a society where every individual, regardless of ability, is valued and included.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

In Fresno County, African American and Hispanic communities facing poverty experience profound healthcare disparities. These include high rates of teenage pregnancy and severe complications during childbirth, with Black women facing a mortality rate three to four times higher than average

and Black children experiencing triple the mortality rate of their white counterparts. These groups also suffer a life expectancy 15 years shorter than that of more affluent areas. Additionally, dental health is a significant concern, with 40% of young students having untreated tooth decay.

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HEALTH SERVICES

2023 IMPACT

COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Community Health Center provides education, counseling, and treatment services to adults and teens of reproductive age at risk for unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections. We offered over 300 transportation appointments to teens from their school site to our clinic. We also administered 1,496 total rapid STI tests at the LGBTQ Resource Center and various local community colleges.



2,476

families who received reproductive health services



79

total outreach events



466

total family cases managed



233

teens transported



194

individual cases managed



374

rapid STI tested



170

adult referrals



246

development screenings for children 0 to 5

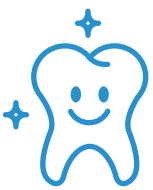


98

child development referrals

DENTAL HEALTH & SCHOOL BASED SEALANT PROGRAM

Dental and Oral Health services are provided to low-income families in Fresno County during in-school sessions and community outreach events. We provided education, screenings, linkages to quality dental homes, and preventative services such as fluoride varnish to children at 37 school and community events.



2,950
children served



267
clients who received sealants



193
clients who received fluoride varnish

ADOLESCENT HEALTH EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Youth in Fresno County receive health education and case management services through various programs within Health Services. Topics include reproductive health, clinical linkages, communication, healthy relationships, LGBTQ Inclusivity, self-sufficiency, and human trafficking. It provides youth in 7th and 9th grade in Fresno Unified School District, 11th and 12th-grade students in rural Fresno County, various after-school programs such as Boys and Girls Clubs and the Juvenile Justice Center, and pregnant and parenting youth ages 13 – 21 years.



202
family cases managed



11,123
youth served



952
youth received comprehensive sex education

TOBACCO EDUCATION PROGRAM

This program aims to improve health and wellness by educating people about the hazards of secondhand and thirdhand smoke. It promotes smoke-free surroundings in public areas, multi-unit housing, and events. We have collaborated with county and state agencies to increase awareness of the health risks linked with smoke exposure, which has resulted in significant public health achievements.


Our approach involves educational presentations, smoke-free policy enforcement, and anti-smoking support to foster healthier living spaces and wellness in Fresno County communities.


 **30**
outreach events


CLINIC DAY

In 2023, Health Services successfully resumed in-person outreach with a standout Clinic Day event, bringing together resources from across the valley. The day featured free food, giveaways, and essential health resources, attracting over 200 community members. This event effectively spread awareness about the various services offered by Fresno EOC.



 **30**
vendors

 **75**
families

 **125**
individuals

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION (STI) TESTING

In 2023, Health Services introduced free rapid STI testing in Fresno County to combat rising cases of chlamydia, gonorrhea, and syphilis, particularly among 15 to 29-year-olds. The program emphasized the importance of regular testing for sexually active individuals, offering immediate, no-cost treatment for positive results.

 **1,496**
total STI test administered

TRIP TO THAILAND

Fresno EOC Health Services team members traveled to Pattaya City, Thailand, to present their innovative “In the Know (ITK)” project at the 2022 International Conference on Family Planning. This globally recognized event, co-hosted by the Bill & Melinda Gates Institute for Population and Reproductive Health, gathered

about 4,000 delegates from 125 countries. The ITK program, developed over five years in collaboration with the University of California, San Francisco, and Youth+Tech+Health, incorporates digital tools to teach teenagers about reproductive health, career readiness, and healthy relationships.

The program aims to make learning more engaging and accessible by using technology, such as tablets and educational games. Following a successful local pilot involving over 1,500 Fresno County youth, the ITK project showed promising results, such as delaying sexual initiation and increasing knowledge about accessing clinical services. They shared their findings on this international stage and are now focused on expanding ITK’s reach and establishing it as an evidence-based model that can be implemented nationwide.



Charting a Path from Internship to Health Education Leadership

In the summer of 2022, Health Services welcomed a reserved but hardworking intern, Jocelyn Bocanegra Constantino, a K-Pop enthusiast with a vision to fight poverty. After graduating from the School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL) in June 2022, she aimed to enter the medical field via Fresno City College (FCC). Jocelyn joined our Training and Employment Summer Internship Program, where her dedication to serving low-income communities shined in our Health Services Division.

Jocelyn contributed to health education programs, outreach, and presentations. Supported by the Information and Education grant, we hired her as a part-time Youth Advisor, where she expanded her responsibilities to include scheduling appointments and transportation for youth, collaborating with UCSF on research, and advocating for youth rights. Her exemplary performance led to her promotion to a full-time role in Cap60 data entry, and she now thrives as a Health Educator, continually uplifting our community with her enduring commitment and vibrant spirit.



EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

Fresno EOC recognizes that overcoming educational disparities linked to poverty can profoundly impact future community outcomes. The Educational Achievement focus area addresses these disparities by enhancing access to essential resources and support for underprivileged children and youth in Fresno. This strategy includes bolstering early childhood development programs, engaging families in the

educational process, and providing interventions for academically at-risk students. By eliminating barriers to education, such as inadequate childcare, transportation issues, and limited family resources, Fresno EOC aims to improve academic achievements, increase graduation rates, and expand future employment opportunities.

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HEAD START 0 TO 5

2023 IMPACT


Head Start 0 to 5 provides a range of services to support child development and strengthen families, offering valuable assistance and resources to pregnant women, families with infants and toddlers (ages 0-3), and preschool-aged children (ages 3-5).

Head Start focuses on providing tailored educational, emotional, social, health, and nutritional services, nurturing children's growth and preparing them for academic success while supporting the overall well-being of families.




 **2,500**
children and families served

 **5,584**
home visits

 **803**
children who transitioned to kindergarten

 **1,535**
volunteers (parents and community members volunteering in the classroom)

 **99,439**
volunteer hours

 **47**
sites (42 Center Base locations & 5 Home Base Satellite Offices)

VOLUNTEERS BOOST SUCCESS

Head Start requires a 20% match from non-federal sources, known as in-kind contributions, which can include volunteer services, resources, and other donations. These contributions are assigned a monetary value and reported quarterly. In 2023 Head Start surpassed the matching requirement, bringing in \$10,160,505.87 in-kind contributions.



\$10,160,505.87

In-Kind contributions

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUCCESS

In 2023, Head Start 0 to 5 successfully organized key community events to expand its outreach and staffing. The Express Enrollment Fair provided a streamlined process for families to enroll their children, featuring classroom visits, application support, and STEAM activities. In addition, the program hosted a well-publicized job fair to recruit early childhood care professionals. This event included on-the-spot interviews, offering immediate opportunities to join a team. Both events highlighted Head Start's commitment to innovative new ways to reach the community and ensure efficient enrollment and recruitment.



 **92** community events



Father and Learner: Aldo Alvarado's Transformative Journey

Aldo Alvarado's experience with Fresno EOC Head Start 0 to 5 has been transformative for both him and his daughter. He has seen significant changes in his daughter's social skills and enthusiasm for learning, "She plays with other kids and is more confident...She has embraced the idea of attending school and is ready to learn and excited about school." As the County-Wide Policy Council Representative for her center, Aldo has become deeply involved in his daughter's education and his own development as a parent. He actively participates on the County-Wide Policy Council Executive Board and the Father Conference Committee, enriching his role through various Head Start events, including the 2024 Annual Conference in Long Beach, California. Aldo emphasizes the program's ability to provide parents with valuable information and empowerment, asserting, "Head Start has empowered me and has a lot of information for parents. If parents are willing to learn, they are able to gain knowledgeable information." His story underscores the dual benefits of Head Start, enhancing both child development and parental involvement.

SCHOOL OF UNLIMITED LEARNING (SOUL)

2023 IMPACT

The School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL), chartered in 1998 by Fresno Unified, is Fresno County's longest-running charter school. SOUL is dedicated to providing a comprehensive and fully accredited educational experience to the youth of Fresno, offering an exceptional alternative for students seeking a smaller, more personalized learning environment compared to traditional large high schools.

SOUL caters to diverse learning needs with both classroom-based and independent study options. Students attending classroom-based sessions are required to be on campus daily, while those in independent study attend on-site sessions for at least 1.5 hours weekly, in addition to their remote curriculum, with the flexibility to come in more often as needed. SOUL enriches its academic offerings with elective classes available to all students, enhancing their educational experience.

A key component of SOUL's approach is the case management assistance provided to all students, helping them overcome previous educational obstacles. This support extends beyond academics, as SOUL is committed to serving the entire family by leveraging Fresno EOC's wide array of resources, including Energy Services, Sanctuary & Support Services, Health Services, Food & Nutrition Programs, Training & Employment Services, and Head Start 0 to 5.



268

total enrollments



48

total graduated



1,684

total services

TOTAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO ALL STUDENTS



From Struggle to Success

Discover the inspiring journey of Halle, a student who overcame academic challenges with the help of the School of Unlimited Learning (SOUL). Frustrated with the limitations of online learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, she found a welcoming and supportive educational alternative at SOUL. This video highlights her transformation, showcasing how personalized teaching and SOUL's flexible programs helped improve her grades and supported her dreams of becoming a choir director.

FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

2023 IMPACT

 **41,123**
Volunteer hours served

 **\$141,181**
Stipends paid to 55 active volunteers
Stipends = \$3.15 an hour to \$4.00 an hour

 **55-90**
Age range of volunteers

 **55**
Grandparent volunteers

 **160**
Children served

 **26**
Sites



96% older adults served who are low-income

70% older adults served living in a rural area

GENERATIONS SERVING TOGETHER

The Generations Serving Together, Fresno co-generational team work together as peers to address mental wellness. The teams consist of Foster Grandparent volunteers, local college interns and volunteer community members. The teams work together with guidance from the Generations Serving Together project leader to create lessons on emotional literacy. Lessons are used to conduct workshops with children ages 7-10 at Boys and Girls Clubs, and youth ages 18-29 at YouthBuild Charter School of California.

 **8**
total of multigeneration volunteers

 **48**
Total of children and youth served

Sites:
YouthBuild Charter (current)
Boys & Girls Club

SENIOR TECH TRAINING

Foster Grandparents empower older adults with computer literacy skills needed to navigate the digital world. These 10-week classes, tailored to non-tech natives, teach the fundamentals of using Chromebook.



Hour workshop topics include: Identifying fake news, internet safety, online shopping, social media training, and affordable home internet.



111
Participants in senior tech training



81
Older adults completed the 10 week Chromebook basics course



Spreading Warmth this Holiday Season: Foster Grandparents Gift Free Blankets to Head Start Kids

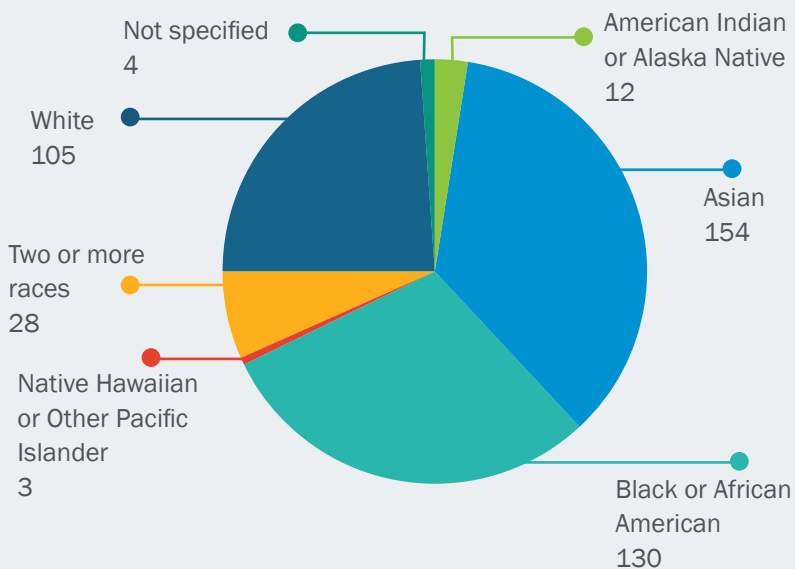
The Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission's Foster Grandparent Program, in partnership with Project Linus, brought warmth and joy to children and families for the holiday season. With a donation of over 150 blankets, Foster Grandparents delivered comfort to those in the Head Start 0 to 5 and Women, Infant, and Children programs. Project Linus has collaborated with Fresno EOC since 2021, ensuring blankets reach those in need.

The Foster Grandparent Program plays a very important role at the Head Start 0 to 5 sites providing more than just blankets—it offers invaluable time, wisdom, and compassion to children, fostering meaningful connections. In 2023, four sites were selected for blanket distribution: Caruthers Head Start, Roosevelt Head Start, Wilson Head Start, and Washington Head Start. The program will continue to build relationships with other organizations just like this one to provide families with the comfort they need.

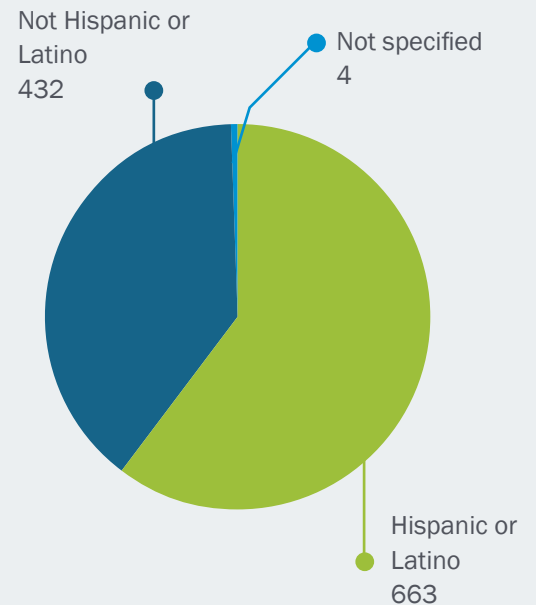
AGENCY DIVERSITY

Fresno EOC employs over 1,000 full- and part-time staff members who are dedicated to reflecting the communities we serve. A diverse workforce is essential as it enriches our understanding and enhances our ability to address the unique needs of the community effectively. Our diversity measures encompass a range of identities, including sex, gender identity, socioeconomic status, and educational background. This broad perspective allows us to serve with greater empathy and innovation, creating a more inclusive environment.

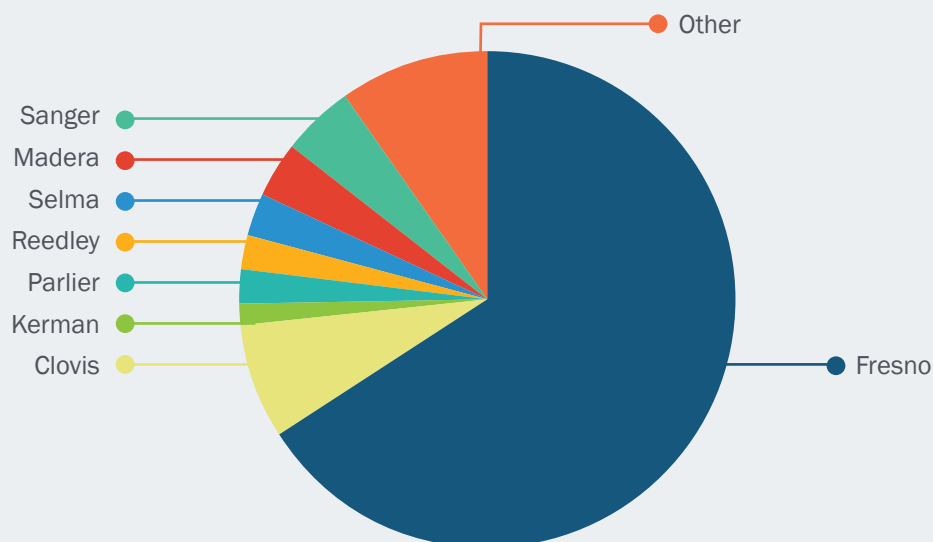
RACE



ETHNICITY



HOMETOWN/CITY

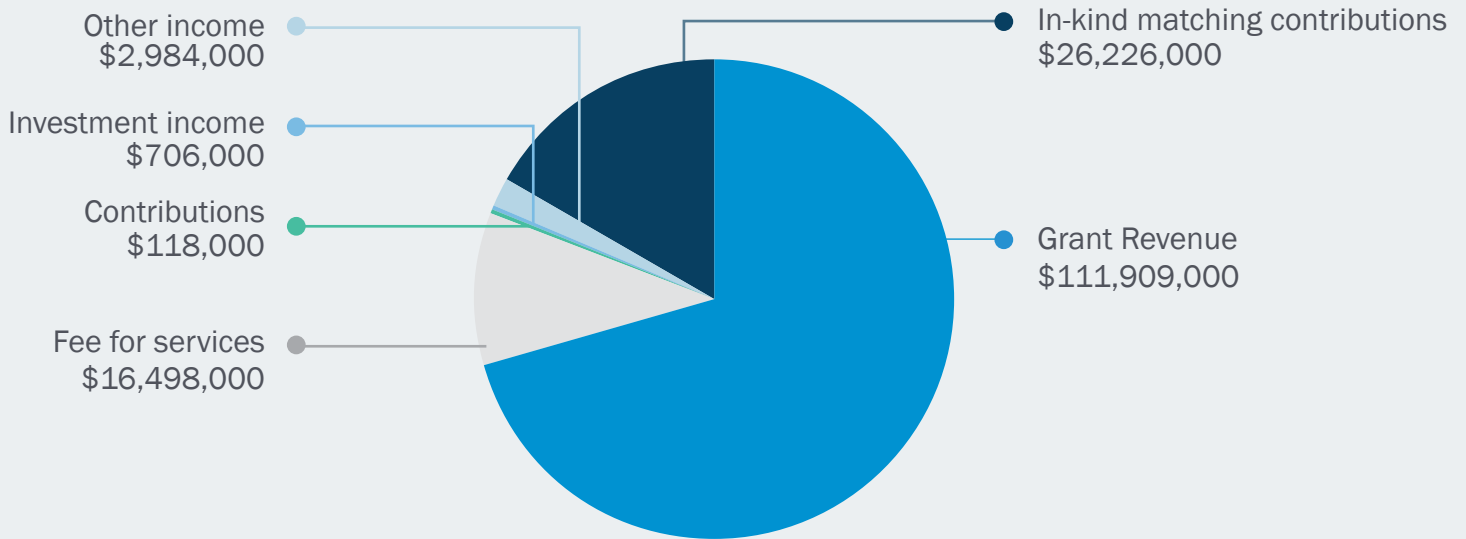


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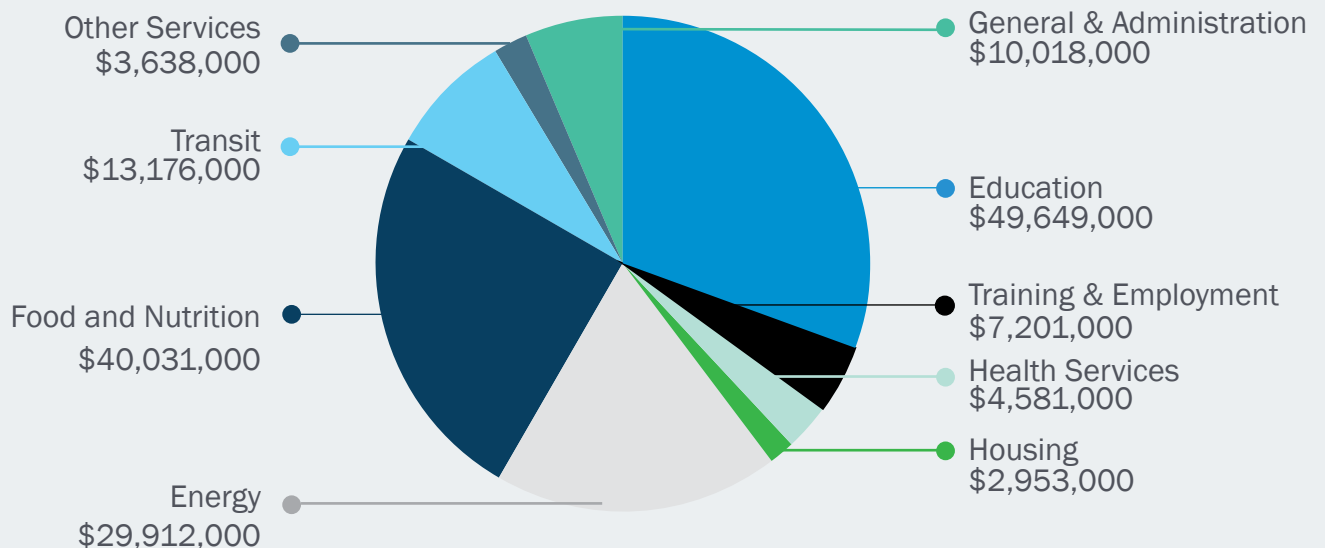
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES

\$158,441,000



TOTAL EXPENSES

\$161,159,000



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: N/A
Agenda Item #: 10	Director: Andy Arredondo
Subject: Community Needs Assessment	Officer: Michelle L. Tutunjian

Recommended Action

Staff recommends Board acceptance of the 2024-2025 Community Needs Assessment (CNA).

Background

As a Community Action Agency, the agency is mandated to conduct a CNA in accordance with Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Organizational Standards - Category Three, Standard 3.5 and Head Start Program Performance Standard (HSPPS) § 1302.11, (2), (b). The assessment is essential for aligning the agency's mission with community needs and maintaining compliance and accountability with funding requirements.

The timeline below provides an overview of the Agency's efforts to complete a comprehensive needs assessment.

- Pre-Launch (January-February):
Identified consultant and organized a community assessment advisory/planning committee.
Provided formalized training (staff advisory committee and governing board)
Created data collection plan (quantitative and qualitative data)
Developed communication plan
- Launch (March 5 – April 5):
CNA survey opened to the community with 3,542 surveys completed
Conducted 57 focus groups and four (4) community forums
Canvassed neighborhoods and conducted street outreach
Conducted interviews with stakeholders, 12 interviews completed
Utilized website, e-newsletter, flyers, media, and social media to communicate survey and promote community forums
- Finalize Report (April 6 – May 20):
Community responses organized and provided to consultant
Finalized collection of poverty data and organize key findings
Consultant prepared draft CNA report

Fiscal Impact

The Community Needs Assessment (CNA) total cost was \$80,500 which included the following: consultant (\$65,000), honorarium for the public to participate in the community forums and focus groups (\$25 per person, totaling \$9,925), printing and marketing materials (\$1,200), security services (\$600), refreshments (\$3,275) and childcare (\$500) at the community forums. In addition, 30 staff participated as in-kind administrative expense for the advisory/planning committee and support for forums and focus groups.

Conclusion

Upon the formal governing board accepting the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, the agency will submit the report to the California Department of Community Services & Development prior to August 31, 2024, and provide to the Office of Head Start upon request.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Training and Employment - Valley Apprenticeship Connections
Agenda Item #: 11	Director: Patrick Turner
Subject: Valley Apprenticeship Connections - Central Valley Training Center Agreement	Officer: Sherry Neil

Recommended Action

Staff recommends approval for full Board consideration of the Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) Central Valley Training Center Project Agreement from the Fresno County Economic Development Corporation (Fresno County EDC) in the amount of \$462,763 for a 21-month period from May 1, 2024, to February 28, 2026.

Background

Since October 2020, the Fresno County EDC has partnered with Valley Apprenticeship Connections (VAC) providing services under the Central Valley Training Center in Selma, CA. VAC provides a customized program that caters to the unique needs of each program participant and provides pathways to apprenticeships to meet the region’s demand for construction and infrastructure projects. The previous agreement with EDC expired December 31, 2023.

As of April 30, 2024, the EDC received the Notice to Proceed (NTP)/award from the City of Selma to continue the Central Valley Training Center. The funding will support VAC to continue providing outreach, recruitment, assessment, orientations, and job placement for eight 12-week cohorts.

This agreement aligns with the agency’s strategic focus area of employment opportunities.

Fiscal Impact

This funding increases VAC’s overall budget by 462,763 and will support personnel, equipment, and operating expenses. No match is required. The table below provides a detailed budget by line item.

**VAC - Training and Employment
May 1, 2024 - February 28, 2026**

CVT Selma \$462763	GRANT	
	FTE	AMOUNT
PERSONNEL		
PROGRAM DIRECTOR	0.13	\$ 65,604
PROGRAM MANAGER	0.25	\$ 115,886
PROGRAM COORDINATOR	0.35	\$ 115,886
VOLUNTEER SPECIALIST	1.00	\$ 115,886
TOTAL PERSONNEL		\$ 413,263
PROGRAM EXPENSES		
SUPPLIES		\$ 27,500
OTHER COSTS		\$ 22,000
TOTAL BUDGET		\$ 462,763

CSBG Organizational Standard

Organization has demonstrated partnerships across the community, for specifically identified purposes per Category 2, Standard 2.1.

Conclusion

If approved by the Board, funding for this project will support a total of eight, 12-week cohorts, serving approximately 20-25 low-income students per cohort with behavioral, skill building and hands on work experience. If not approved, the Subcontractor Agreement with Fresno County EDC will not be executed, and VAC will be unable to serve additional low-income students with workforce development opportunities.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Finance
Agenda Item #: 12	Director: Angela Riofrio
Subject: Agency Financial and Head Start Financial Status Report March 2024	Officer: Steven Warnes (Interim CFO)

Recommended Action

Staff recommends acceptance for full Board consideration of the interim consolidated financial statements as of March 31, 2024, Agency and Head Start 0 to 5.

CSBG Organizational Standard

The governing board receives financial reports at each regular meeting that include the following per Category 8, Standard 8.7:

1. Organization-wide report on revenue and expenditures that compares budget to actual, categorized by program; and
2. Balance sheet/statement of financial position.

Background

In accordance with the Agency’s bylaws, this item is intended to keep commissioners apprised of the agency’s financial situation as of March 31, 2024 (25% of the year) and to provide an opportunity to discuss and review financial statements for each month are available for each meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Enclosed are the monthly financials for Fresno EOC (consolidated) and for Head Start for review and acceptance.

Fiscal Impact

(A) Agency Statement of Activities and Statement of Financial Position:

The following are key points of the attached financials for context.

Revenues: \$43,994,004 (28% received)

- In-kind Contributions \$14,126,780 (31% recorded) – Majority of the contributions are the Head Start 0 to 5 parents volunteering in the classroom.

Expenditures: (28% of budget expensed)

- Facilities Costs: \$1,820,002 (47% of budget expended) – Facilities costs currently exceed budget to date due to higher-than-average spending on energy assistance as the 2023 grant is being spent out. Though the costs are over budget, they are within the grant and will be reimbursed. If necessary, program budgets may be increased to pay for higher PGE costs.
- Equipment Costs: \$255,363 (44% of budget expended) – Equipment costs currently exceed budget to date due to the final payment on the purchase and delivery of two portable classrooms. Equipment purchases will not continue at this rate.
- Office Expense: \$703,776 (34% of budget expended) – Office expenses currently exceed budget due to software subscription expenses paid in the first quarter such as Cap 60, Coupa, and KnowB4 Inc. These costs are for the full year and will not be repeated.

As of March 31, 2024, we have received \$13,322 (7% of budget) of the anticipated donation revenue. Program groups that are reporting operating deficits are Food Services, Transit, Employment & Training, Local Conservation Corps., and Administration. Other program groups have received funds in advance that reduces the reported deficit to \$1,326,388. Fiscal and program managers are meeting to address these deficits at the program level. Additional funding, price increases for FFS, spending cuts are all open for action.

(B) Head Start 0-5 Financial Status Report as of Year-to-Date March 31, 2024
 This is also represented in the following percentages.






















Program Area	% of budget	Notes
Head Start – Basic	24%	
Head Start – Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)	9%	Training planned for later this year.

Program Area	% of budget	Notes
Early Head Start – Basic	15%	
Early Head Start – Training & Technical Assistance (T&TA)	7%	Training planned for later this year.

Conclusion

Acceptance of these financials by the Board documents the Board’s oversight over the financial operations of Fresno EOC. This is part of the Board’s fiduciary duty.

**FRESNO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
as of March 31, 2024 (25% Variance) and Prior Years 2023 Actuals**

	A	B	A - B	C
	BUDGET JAN - DEC 2024	ACTUAL MARCH 2024	BUDGET VARIANCE (TARGET 25%)	BUDGET BALANCE REMAINING
REVENUES AND SUPPORT				
GRANT REVENUE	\$ 79,335,851	\$ 22,465,071	 28%	\$ 56,870,780
FEE FOR SERVICE REVENUE	29,804,459	6,317,175	 21%	23,487,284
OTHER REVENUE	3,823,080	1,068,657	 28%	2,754,423
DONATION CONTRIBUTIONS	178,905	13,322	 7%	165,583
TOTAL CASH REVENUE	\$ 113,142,294	\$ 29,864,225	 26%	\$ 83,278,070
IN KIND REVENUE	\$ 45,745,161	\$ 14,129,780	 31%	\$ 31,615,382
TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT	158,887,455	43,994,004	 28%	114,893,452
EXPENDITURES				
PERSONNEL COSTS	\$ 74,280,816	\$ 19,715,370	 27%	\$54,565,446
ADMIN SERVICES	7,425,959	1,833,560	 25%	5,592,399
CONTRACT SERVICES	10,546,555	3,144,694	 30%	7,401,861
FACILITY COSTS	3,909,803	1,820,002	 47%	2,089,801
TRAVEL, MILEAGE, VEHICLE COSTS	3,639,439	863,824	 24%	2,775,615
EQUIPMENT COSTS	577,288	255,363	 44%	321,925
DEPRECIATION - AGENCY FUNDED	296,000	77,159	 26%	218,841
OFFICE EXPENSE	2,099,241	703,776	 34%	1,395,465
INSURANCE	918,175	271,822	 30%	646,353
PROGRAM SUPPLIES & CLIENT COSTS	8,759,042	2,289,496	 26%	6,469,546
OTHER COSTS	689,977	168,702	 24%	521,275
TOTAL CASH EXPENDITURES	\$ 113,142,294	\$ 31,143,768	 28%	\$ 81,998,527
IN KIND EXPENSES	\$ 45,745,161	\$ 14,129,780	 31%	\$ 31,615,382
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	158,887,455	45,273,548	 28%	113,613,909
OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ -	\$ (1,279,543)		\$ 1,279,543
OTHER INCOME / EXPENSE				
TRANSIT GRANT ASSET DEPRECIATION		46,845		(46,845)
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	\$ -	(\$1,326,388)		1,326,388
				206,584
				(\$4,198,554)

FRESNO ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of March 31, 2024

	2024	2023	Differences
ASSETS			
CASH & INVESTMENTS	\$ 9,349,456	\$ 5,126,223	\$ 4,223,232
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	15,499,823	14,827,968	671,855
PREPAIDS/DEPOSITS	440,472	336,230	104,242
INVENTORIES	173,948	193,104	(19,156)
PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT	13,473,845	13,532,267	(58,422)
NOTES RECEIVABLE (net)	334,523	340,570	(6,047)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 39,272,066	\$ 34,356,361	\$ 4,915,705
LIABILITIES			
ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 4,108,326	\$ 3,628,230	\$ 480,097
ACCRUED PAYROLL LIABILITIES	10,256,673	4,617,979	5,638,693
DEFERRED REVENUE	4,264,096	1,711,330	2,552,766
NOTES PAYABLE	3,076,031	3,128,621	(52,591)
HEALTH INSURANCE RESERVE	7,416,210	6,054,466	1,361,744
OTHER LIABILITIES	1,005,026	1,162,828	(157,802)
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 30,126,361	\$ 20,303,454	\$ 9,822,908
FUND BALANCE			
CURRENT OPERATING EARNINGS (YTD)	\$ (1,279,543)	\$ 606,453	\$ (1,885,996)
UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	(145,430)	2,795,361	(2,940,791)
REVOLVING LOAN FUND	556,268	556,268	0
INVESTMENT IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	10,014,409	10,094,825	(80,415)
TOTAL FUND BALANCE	\$ 9,145,705	\$ 14,052,907	\$ (4,907,203)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$ 39,272,066	\$ 34,356,361	\$ 4,915,705

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
 Head Start/Early Head Start Financial Status
 Monthly Report
 March 31, 2024

Description	Head Start - Basic				Head Start - T & TA			
	Annual Budget	Current Expenses	YTD Expenses	Balance Remaining	Annual Budget	Current Expenses	YTD Expenses	Balance Remaining
Personnel	\$20,210,662	\$1,636,017	\$5,028,589	\$15,182,073	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fringe Benefits	8,468,009	554,678	1,842,853	6,625,156	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	\$28,678,671	\$2,190,694	\$6,871,442	\$21,807,229	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	-	-	-	-	50,644	-	-	50,644
Equipment*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	665,867	45,502	128,623	537,245	14,706	-	-	14,706
Contractual	2,929,424	320,832	667,160	2,262,264	-	-	-	-
Facilities /Construction								
Other:								
Food Cost	555,870	(72,879)	145,611	410,259				
Transportation	200,000	69,001	114,722	85,278				
Staff Mileage	85,871	10,749	30,309	55,562				
Field Trips, including Transportation	6,600	1,569	1,669	4,931				
Space	642,495	43,825	131,400	511,095				
Utilities / Telephone / Internet	130,000	127,906	188,542	(58,542)				
Repair/Maintenance Building	245,600	6,522	57,899	187,701				
Repair/Maintenance Equipment	1,707	-	1,020	687				
Property & Liability Insurance	180,750	17,878	76,392	104,358				
Parent Involvement / CWPC	32,377	1,830	4,536	27,841				
Other Costs*	140,422	10,764	27,654	112,768				
Staff & Parent Training	18,244	507	757	17,487	231,739	4,824	25,474	206,265
Total Direct Charges	\$34,513,898	\$2,774,700	\$8,447,734	\$26,066,164	297,089	4,824	25,474	271,615
Total Indirect Charges	\$3,106,251	\$249,723	\$760,296	\$2,345,955	\$26,738	\$435	\$2,293	\$24,445
Total Federal Expenditures	\$37,620,149	\$3,024,423	\$9,208,030	\$28,412,119	\$323,827	5,259	27,767	\$296,060
% of Annual Budget Expended to Date			24%				9%	
Non-Federal Share	\$8,622,143	\$271,903	\$1,466,184	\$7,155,959	\$64,765	\$1,315	\$6,942	\$57,824

*Other Costs Include:
 DEPRECIATION EXPENSE
 POSTAGE/EXPRESS MAIL
 FINGERPRINTING / BACKGROUND CHECK
 RECRUITMENT
 MEETING COSTS - INTERNAL
 EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Credit Card Expenses: Credit card statement dated 3/1/24-3/31/24			
March 2024 expenses:			
Staff Training	\$	3,393	Marriott - Hotel for Education Conference
Telephone	\$	1,781	Frontier Communication - Telephone Service
Program Supplies - Disposables	\$	64	Walmart - Wet Wipes for Classroom
Program Supplies - Classroom	\$	32	Walmart - Educational Supplies- Clay, etc.
Program Supplies - Medically Prescribed	\$	99	Manor Drug- Medically Prescribed Formula
Internet	\$	322	Frontier Communication - Internet Service
Staff Training	\$	180	Laura Fink - HS Coaching
Staff Training	\$	984	Emily Juricek Coaching - HS Coaching
Program Supplies - Janitorial	\$	108	Grainger - Trash Can Lids
Program Supplies - Kitchen	\$	214	Replacement of Kitchen Supplies
Program Supplies - Kitchen	\$	182	Lowes - Microwave for Sanger HS
Program Supplies - Disposables	\$	396	Target - Toiletries for children with disabilities
	\$	7,756	

Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission
 Head Start/Early Head Start Financial Status
 Monthly Report
 March 31, 2024

Description	Early Head Start - Basic				Early Head Start - T & TA YTD			
	Annual Budget	Current Expenses	YTD Expenses	Balance Remaining	Annual Budget	Current Expenses	Expenses	Balance Remaining
Personnel	\$5,065,542	\$250,213	\$770,974	\$4,294,568	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fringe Benefits	1,345,661	66,407	215,938	1,129,723	-	-	-	-
Total Personnel	6,411,203	\$316,621	\$986,912	\$5,424,291	-	\$0	\$0	\$0
Travel	-	-	-	-	44,821	-	-	44,821
Equipment*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	102,544	8,761	26,821	75,723	1,289	-	-	1,289
Contractual	277,288	18,723	44,206	233,082	11,526	-	-	11,526
Facilities /Construction								
Other:								
Food Cost	378,940	(6,166)	2,038	376,902				
Transportation	56,097	639	1,343	54,754				
Staff Mileage	34,129	4,615	12,063	22,066				
Field Trips, including Transportation	1,000	-	-	1,000				
Space	48,360	7,806	23,254	25,106				
Utilities / Telephone / Internet	140,000	16,754	30,951	109,049				
Repair/Maintenance Building	96,087	498	2,549	93,538				
Repair/Maintenance Equipment	3,983	-	307	3,676				
Property & Liability Insurance	60,250	2,364	6,520	53,730				
Parent Involvement / CWPC	33,268	1,490	1,842	31,426				
Other Costs*	35,081	1,788	4,689	30,392				
Staff & Parent Training	10,480	-	111	10,369	101,420	3,358	11,139	90,281
Total Direct Charges	7,688,710	373,893	1,143,606	6,545,104	159,056	3,358	11,139	\$147,917
Total Indirect Charges	\$691,984	\$33,651	\$102,925	\$589,059	\$14,315	\$303	\$1,003	\$13,312
Total Federal Expenditures	\$8,380,694	407,544	\$1,246,531	\$7,134,163	\$173,371	3,661	\$12,142	\$161,229
% of Annual Budget Expended to Date			15%				7%	
Non-Federal Share	\$2,103,842	\$110,732	\$428,553	\$1,675,289	\$34,674	\$915	\$3,036	\$40,307

*Other Costs Include:
 DEPRECIATION EXPENSE
 POSTAGE/EXPRESS MAIL
 FINGERPRINTING / BACKGROUND CHECK
 RECRUITMENT
 MEETING COSTS - INTERNAL
 EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Credit Card Expenses: Credit card statement dated 3/1/24-3/31/24		
March 2024 expenses:		
Staff Training	\$ 2,262	Marriott - Hotel for Education Conference
Program Supplies - Disposables	\$ 275	Target - Detergent, Supplies for Eric White
Telephone	\$ 126	Frontier Communication - Telephone Service
Program Supplies - Medically Prescribed	\$ 357	Manor Drug - Medically Prescribed Formula
Staff Training	\$ 820	Laura Fink - HS Coaching
Staff Training	\$ 216	Emily Juricek Coaching - HS Coaching
Car Seats	\$ 108	Walmart - Car Seat
Program Supplies - Disposables	\$ 180	Costco - Diapers
	\$ 4,345	

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: May 20, 2024	Program: Head Start 0 to 5
Agenda Item #: 13	Director: Rosa M. Pineda
Subject: Head Start 0 to 5 Change of Scope	Chief Executive Officer: Emilia Reyes

Recommended Action

The County-Wide Policy Council recommends ratification of the Head Start 0 to 5 Change of Scope for the current Five-Year grant #09CH012031

Background

On March 24, 2023, the program received a letter from the Regional Program Manager of Office of Head Start for Region IX letting us know that we are under enrolled under the criteria listed in the Head Start Act. Section 641A(h)(3) of the Head Start Act "requires the government to determine which Head Start agencies are operating with an actual enrollment that is less than full funded enrollment for at least four consecutive months". The program developed and implemented a plan to eliminate under enrollment. The plan was due and provided to the Regional Office on May 12, 2023. Which identified the following four (4) factors that contributed to the under enrollment:

1. Workforce shortage, due to primarily compensation.
2. Family needs and preference to keep children at home, due to the recent pandemic.
3. Lack of infrastructure and facilities, due to significant delays because of the pandemic.
4. Lack of marketing/advertisement and overall benefit packages.

The program was given 12 months, commencing ten (10) days following the date of the letter, to attain at least 97% enrollment. The 12-month period ended on April 12, 2024; at which time the program did not meet the 97% enrollment. As a result, staff recommend a Change of Scope to reduce the funded enrollment by approximately 20%. The enrollment reduction will result in a decrease of 402 center-based Head Start (HS) slots, 20 home-based Head Start (HS) and 48 home-based for Early Head Start (EHS). The recommendation includes the closure of three sites, Area II, Mosqueda, and Reedley Head Start. The reduction of program options consists of the following:

Program Option	Current Funded Enrollment	Proposed Funded Enrollment	Difference
Head Start Center Base	1992	1590	-402
Head Start Home Base	120	100	-20
Early Head Start Center Base	94	94	0
Early Head Start Home Base	384	336	-48
Totals	2590	2120	-470

In addition, the Change of Scope will result in the elimination of 36 vacant positions. To which, layoffs will not be necessary as vacant positions supersede the number of staff reduction. All staff hired for Fresno EOC Head Start are qualified and meet the minimum qualifications specified in the job descriptions and Head Start Program Performance Standards (HSPPS). Family service staff caseloads will remain at an average of 40 families.

If approved by the Office of Head Start, Fresno EOC HS will serve 1690 children using the HS center-based program (1590) and home-based program (100) options. EHS will also serve 430 infants and toddlers in EHS center-based (94) programs and home-based program (336) options.

Head Start 0 to 5 Director submitted a request for authorization of the Change of Scope for the current Five-Year grant #09CH012031, to the County-Wide Policy Council and Fresno EOC Board of Commissioners Chairperson on May 6, 2024, to which they both respectively authorized.

Fiscal Impact

Fresno EOC proposes to use funding from eliminating 402 center-based Head Start (HS) slots 20-home-base Head Start (HS) slots and 48 home-based Early Head Start (EHS) slots to increase and provide competitive staff salaries based on the 2024 comp study, inflation, and infrastructure costs due to the use of life of buildings/modulars. The adjustments will concurrently modify our program to better leverage the existing early learning system and meet the needs of families in the community. The table below provides a further breakdown of the proposed changes by program name and budget line item.

Category	Current Head Start Budget	Proposed Head Start Budget	Variance Change Head Start	Current Early Head Start Budget	Proposed Early Head Start Budget	Variance Change
Personnel	\$ 20,210,662	\$ 23,150,191	\$ 2,939,529	\$ 5,065,543	\$ 5,298,969	\$ 233,426

Fringe Benefits	\$ 8,468,009	\$ 6,810,376	\$ (1,657,634)	\$ 1,345,661	\$ 1,177,336	\$ (168,325)
Travel	\$ 12,928	\$ 12,928	\$ -	\$ 16,898	\$ 16,898	\$ -
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Supplies	\$ 690,867	\$ 568,875	\$ (121,992)	\$ 121,717	\$ 115,274	\$ (6,444)
Contractual	\$ 3,030,364	\$ 2,592,323	\$ (438,041)	\$ 651,842	\$ 651,792	\$ (50.00)
Construction	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other	\$ 5,531,146	\$ 4,809,283	\$ (721,863)	\$ 1,352,404	\$ 1,293,797	\$ (58,607)
Totals	\$ 37,943,976	\$ 37,943,976	\$ -	\$ 8,554,065	\$ 8,554,065	\$ -

Conclusion

If ratified by the full Board, Fresno EOC HS 0 to 5 will serve 2120 (1590- HS CB, 100- HS HB, 94 EHS CB, and 336 EHS HB) children using the HS center-based and home base program options. The ratios and group sizes meet the requirements of 1302 Subpart B. The program will also be in compliance with the Full Enrollment Initiative and requirements. If not approved, program funds will be reduced to reflect the current enrollment of children.



May 20, 2024

CEO REPORT

AGENCY-WIDE EFFORTS

Legislative Day in Sacramento

On May 1, 2024, more than 35 members of the Fresno EOC team went to Sacramento, marking the kick-off of Community Action Month alongside other Community Action agencies throughout the state. I along with directors representing Health Services, Food Services, and Energy Services, had the privilege to engage in discussions with Assemblywoman Esmerelda Soria and Assemblyman Joaquin Arambula. Throughout our meetings, we passionately shared the impact we're making throughout Fresno County.

Spring Family Fun Fest

On Saturday, April 27, 2024, Fresno EOC hosted a Spring Family Fun Fest at Mosqueda Park. The goal was to unite the community, providing them with resources, food, games, and music.

Health Services Clinic Day

On May 3, 2024, Health Services hosted their annual Clinic Day, a pivotal event for the community. Families gathered invaluable health resources and information aimed at enhancing their quality of life. The event also saw active participation from over a dozen Fresno EOC programs and local organizations, fostering enduring partnerships that promise sustained community support and collaboration.

Employee Service Awards

On Wednesday, May 15, 2024, over 200 Fresno EOC team members will be honored with awards for their dedicated service. These employee service awards recognize individuals who have been part of the agency for at least 5 years.

Fresno EOC Community Action Mixer

In celebration of Community Action Month, Fresno EOC will host a mixer in the courtyard on Thursday, May 30, 2024. This gathering will unite various CAP agencies from across the valley, along with other local organizations dedicated to community welfare.

Head Start 0 to 5 to celebrate 59th Birthday

On Friday May 17th Head Start will celebrate their 59th Birthday. Another year to celebrate as the program continues to give children in the community a head start in their education.

STATE AND NATIONAL EFFORTS

National Community Action Partnership Head Start Task Force

I attended the NCAP Head Start Task Force on Tuesday, April 23rd. The NCAP staff provided an update on the appropriations process, including final funding levels for FY24 as well as the President's proposed FY25 funding levels. Staff also discussed the House of Representatives' current prohibition on Congressional Directed Spending (CDS), i.e., earmarks, for nonprofits in FY25 funding bills. Community Action Agencies in nearly half the states/territories so the changes.

Central Valley Community Action Partnership Roundtable

Community Action Partnership of Kern County hosted a Roundtable discussion for the Central Valley CAP with Denise Harlow, Executive Director of National Community Action Partnership on Wednesday, April 24th. Both the Chief Operation Officers, Michelle Tutunjian and I attended a tour their CAP Kern's Community Food Bank and Homeless Shelter.

Quarterly California Community Services Department (CSD) Meeting

Both the Chief Operations Officers, Michelle Tutunjian and I attended the quarterly CSD meeting on Tuesday, April 30th in Sacramento, CA. CSD announce the retirement of Leslie Taylor, Director of CSD and shared updated deadlines.

Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Annual Report Advisory

The National Community Action Partnership convened a group of CAP CEO's and colleagues to review and respond to the proposed CSBG reporting changes recommended by Community Service Department. I was selected to participate in a series of meetings to represent CAPs for the state of California. The first meeting was held on Tuesday, May 7th which I attended.

Media Mentions

4/16/24

California Residents to Receive \$500 a Month Payments: Do you Qualify?

<https://www.newsweek.com/california-residents-500-month-direct-payments-1890392>

4/19/24

Californians in two cities will soon receive \$500 monthly payments thanks to an unusual program.

<https://www.the-sun.com/money/11130608/payments-guaranteed-income-fresno-huron-california/>

[4/23/24](#)

[Fresno EOC Advancing Fresno County Guaranteed Income on KMPH 9:30 AM Newscast](#)

4/26/24

Free Family Festival will be in Fresno This Weekend

[Free family festival will be in Fresno this weekend | YourCentralValley.com | KSEE24 and CBS47 Fresno CA](#)

4/26/24

[Spring Family Fun Fest Celebrates Community | YourCentralValley.com | KSEE24 and CBS47 Fresno CA](#)

5/1/24

Fresno EOC CEO discusses personal connection to agency

[Fresno EOC CEO discusses personal connection to agency - ABC30 Fresno](#)

5/4/24

California Residents Running Out of Time to Claim \$500 Monthly Payment

[California Residents Running Out of Time to Claim \\$500 Monthly Payment | Fresno Bee](#)

5/6/24

[California Residents Running Out of Time to Claim \\$500 Monthly Payment \(newsweek.com\)](#)

[California Residents Running Out of Time to Claim \\$500 Monthly Payment | Myrtle Beach Sun News \(myrtlebeachonline.com\)](#)