

2016-2017 Community Action Plan

**California Department of
Community Services and Development**

Community Services Block Grant



Purpose

The Community Action Plan (CAP) serves as a two (2) year roadmap demonstrating how Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) eligible entities plan to deliver CSBG services. The CAP identifies and assesses poverty related needs and resources in the community and establishes a detailed plan, goals and priorities for delivering those services to individuals and families most affected by poverty. CSBG funds may be used to support activities that assist low-income families and individuals, homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farm workers and elderly low-income individuals and families by removing obstacles and solving problems that block the achievement of self-sufficiency.

Community Action Plans must adhere to the following federal and state laws:

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL LAW

To comply with the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Act, [Public Law 105-285](#), Section 678B (11) eligible entities must complete a Community Action Plan (CAP), as a condition to receive funding through a Community Services Block Grant. Federal law mandates the eligible entities to include a community-needs assessment in the CAP for the community served.

COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW

To comply with [California Government Code 12747](#) pertaining to the Community Services Block Grant Program, Community Action Plans are to be developed using a processes that assess poverty-related needs, available resources, feasible goals and strategies, and that yield program priorities consistent with standards of effectiveness established for the CSBG program. The CAP should identify eligible activities to be funded in the program service areas and the needs that each activity is designed to meet. Additionally, CAPs should provide for the contingency of reduced federal funding.

COMPLIANCE WITH CSBG ORGANIZATIONAL STANDARDS

As described in the Office of Community Services (OCS) [draft Information Memorandum \(IM\) dated March 24, 2014](#), CSBG eligible entities will comply with implementation of the Organizational Standards effective January 1, 2016. Additionally, States will report on the development and implementation of the Standards to OCS beginning January 1, 2016.

STATE PLAN AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

As required by the CSBG Act, Public Law 105-285, states are required to submit a state plan as a condition to receive funding. Information provided in the CAP by eligible entities is included in CSDs State Plan.

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

Alongside Organizational Standards, the state will be reporting on State Accountability Measures in order to ensure accountability and improve program performance. Information provided in the CAP may be used to meet the requirements of the new measures.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT
2016/2017 PROGRAM YEAR COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN
COVER PAGE AND CERTIFICATION**

TO: Department of Community Services and Development
Attention: Field Operations Unit
2389 Gateway Oaks Drive #100
Sacramento, CA 95833

FROM:

Agency Contact Person Regarding Community Action Plan

Name: Rob Choate
Title: Administrative Services Associate
Phone: 530-265-1645 Ext: _____
Fax: 530-265-9860
Email: Rob.choate@co.nevada.ca.us

CERTIFICATION OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND ASSURANCES

The undersigned hereby certifies that this agency complies with the Assurances and Requirements of this 2016/2017 Community Action Plan and the information in this CAP is correct and has been authorized by the governing body of this organization. Per Organizational Performance Standards the Community Assessment, which is part of the CAP, must be formerly accepted by the governing board.

Board Chairperson

Date

Executive Director

Date



TABLE OF CONTENTS

The CAP is to be arranged in the order below. Please include the appropriate page numbers for reference. Additional attachments are to be added as appendices.

(Insert Page Numbers)

Cover Page and Certification	<u>1</u>
Checklist	<u>3</u>
Vision Statement	<u>4</u>
Mission Statement	<u>4</u>
Community Information Profile	<u>5-6</u>
Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment	<u>6-14</u>
Documentation of Public Hearing(s)	<u>15-21</u>
Federal Assurances	<u>22-28</u>
State Assurances	<u>29</u>
Individual and Community Eligibility Requirements	<u>30-31</u>
Monitoring and Evaluation	<u>31</u>
Data Collection	<u>32</u>
CSBG/National Performance Indicator CAP Projections	<u>32-33</u>
Appendices (Optional)	<u>N/A</u>

2016-2017 Community Action Plan Checklist

The following is a check list of the components to be included in the CAP. The CAP is to be received by CSD no later than **June 30, 2015**:

- Cover Page and Certification**
- Table of Contents**
- Vision Statement**
- Mission Statement**
- Community Information Profile**
- Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment**
- Documentation of Public Hearing(s)**
- Federal Assurances**
- State Assurances**
- Individual and Community Eligibility Requirements**
- Monitoring and Evaluation**
- Data Collection**
- CSBG/National Performance Indicators (NPI) CAP Projections**
- Appendices (Optional)**

VISION STATEMENT

Provide your agency's Vision Statement which describes your agency's values. The vision is broader than one any one agency can achieve; the agency collaborates with others in pursuit of this vision.

The Vision of Nevada County Health & Human Services Agency (HHSA) is: "We are dedicated to outstanding public service in furtherance of a healthy community where all residents thrive."

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement describes the agency's reason for existence and may state its role in achieving its vision.

The following Organizational Standard 4.1 references the Mission Statement for private and public entities.

Private Entities

The governing board has reviewed the Organization's mission statement within the past 5 years and assured that:

1. The mission addresses poverty; and
2. The Organization's programs and services are in alignment with the mission.

Public Entities

The tripartite board/advisory body has reviewed the Department's mission statement within the past 5 years and assured that:

1. The mission addresses poverty; and
2. The CSBG programs and services are in alignment with the mission.

Provide your agency's Mission Statement

Mission Statement (Insert Statement)

The Mission of Nevada County Health & Human Services Agency is: "We protect lives, promote health and wellness, and provide support and services to help Nevada County residents meet their basic needs."

COMMUNITY INFORMATION PROFILE

The Community Information Profile describes the CAA's service area, target population and current economic conditions (i.e., major business in the area closed affecting employment status of community members, or, destructive fires in the service area impacting business, health, water supply, etc.). The profile provides a summary of the most impactful conditions affecting the community and the conditions the community members are facing. In the space provided, describe the Community Profile in approximately 2 pages.

Community Information Profile (Insert Narrative)

Nevada County is a large, rural county, stretching from the Yuba County line and continuing over the Sierra Nevada Mountains to the State of Nevada as you travel west to east. Sierra County is the principal neighbor to the north while Placer County lies to the south of the Nevada County border. An hour drive northeast of Sacramento, Nevada County is home to three incorporated cities: Truckee, Grass Valley and Nevada City, and five unincorporated communities: Penn Valley, Lake Wildwood, Lake of the Pines, Alta Sierra and North San Juan. The landscape throughout the county is diverse with area ranging from an elevation near sea level to over 9,000 feet in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Nevada County's total land area is 957.6 square miles.

The economy is supported by a wide array of industries including manufacturing, retail, technology, agriculture, construction and health services. In the last 15 years, more of the growth has been in the unincorporated portion of the county. The incorporated areas of the county are home to 33% of the population, with 16% in Truckee, 13% in Grass Valley, and 3% in Nevada City. The remaining 67% of residents live in outlying, unincorporated areas. Nevada County has the highest average percentage of residents over 65 years of age in the State of California (22.5%), and also has less ethnic variation than comparison counties. There are fewer residents under the age of 30 in Nevada County (31%) than statewide (43%). Several factors make the region attractive to retirees: moderate climate, low crime and high quality of life. Total population is 98,251.

Nevada County does well in the area of morbidity; however, it has one of the lowest rates of children being immunized prior to kindergarten entrance and one of the highest rates of parents opting out for personal belief exemptions. The percentage of fully immunized kindergartens in Nevada County has declined from 78% in 2005 to 67% in 2013. The immunization rate for the state overall was 90% in 2012.

Among comparison counties, Nevada County ranks fourth in percent of population in poverty with 11.9% of Nevada County residents living at or below poverty level. One out of every four people is eligible for public assistance. In 2013, the federal poverty level for a family of four was \$23,550 for the same period; the median household income for Nevada County was \$57,382, which was slightly lower than the median statewide household income of \$61,400. People living at or below the poverty level tend to have a lower health status with fewer resources to get sufficient medical care and they incur other related expenditures.

Nevada County is the 15th smallest county measured in square miles. While population has increased in the county, the population density of 103 residents per square mile falls well below the state's average of 244 residents per square mile. Nevada County has a median home value of \$357,300, making

affordable housing a major challenge. Nevada County has an estimated 82% of dwellings being single family units and only 12% are multi-family units. The median gross rent in Nevada County is \$1,217 per month. This compares to the median of the state of \$1,224 and the national median gross rent of \$904. Furthering the dilemma of affordable housing, only 19% of the homes are connected to treated water systems.

Nevada County has approximately 1,204 miles of roads and highways including 154 miles of roads and highways in the unincorporated area. Nevada County has public transportation within the incorporated areas and more densely populated unincorporated areas; however, residents outside these boundaries have little to no access to major service areas. This lack of public transportation in these outlying rural areas leaves residents heavily dependent upon private transportation.

Nevada County's employment sector relies heavily upon the service industry with 72% of those employed working in this sector. Twenty-one percent of those employed in the county work for government and eight percent are employed in manufacturing. The average weekly wages range from \$375 in the leisure and hospitality industry to \$1,195 in manufacturing. This year, natural resources mining/construction declined from 2,292 jobs to only 245. The loss of these higher-paying positions and a rise in lower-paying service jobs also lead to a decline in average weekly wages. In January 2014, an estimated 3,630 workers in the county were unemployed making up 7.3% of the local labor force. This was an increase from 4.8% in 2005.

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Public law 105-285 requires the state to secure from each eligible entity, as a condition to receive funding, a CAP which includes a community-needs assessment for the community served. Additionally, state law requires each CSBG eligible entity to develop a CAP that assess poverty-related needs, available resources, feasible goals and strategies, and that yields program priorities consistent with standards of effectiveness established for the program (*California Government Code 12747(a)*).

Organizational Performance Standards

Eligible entities will comply with implementation of the Organizational Performance Standards set forth by OCS. Compliance with Organizational Standards will be reported to OCS. In the section below, agencies are asked to provide a narrative description on the Community Needs Assessment. In this section agencies should address how they will comply with the Organizational Standards, specifically those standards pertaining to the Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment, which are outlined here.

CSBG Organizational Performance Standards [click here](#)

CONSUMER INPUT AND INVOLVEMENT

Standard 1.2 organization/department analyzes information collected directly from low-income individuals as part of the Community Assessment.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Standard 2.2: Organization/department utilizes information gathered from key sectors of the community in assessing needs and resources, during the community assessment process or other times. This sectors would include at minimum: community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, private sector, public sector, and educational institutions.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT

Private Agency - Standard 3.1: Organization conducted a Community Assessment and issued a report within the past 3 year period.

Public Agency - Standard 3.1: Department conducted a Community Assessment and issued a report within the past 3 year period, if no other report exists.

Standard 3.2: As part of the Community assessment the organization/department collects and analyzes both current data specific to poverty and its prevalence related to gender, age, and race/ethnicity for their service area(s).

Standard 3.3: Organization/department collects and analyzes both qualitative and quantitative data on its geographic service area(s) in the Community Assessment.

Standard 3.5: The community assessment includes key findings on the causes and conditions of poverty and the needs of communities assessed.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Private Agency Standard 6.4: Customer satisfaction data and customer input, collected as part of the Community Assessment, is included in the strategic planning process.

Public Agency Standard 6.4: Customer satisfaction data and customer input, collected as part of the Community Assessment, is included in the strategic planning process, or comparable planning process.

The Needs Assessment captures the problems and conditions of poverty in the agency's service area based on objective, verifiable data and information gathered through various sources. Identified problems and conditions must be substantiated by corroboration through public forums, customer questionnaires, surveys, statistical data, evaluation studies, key informants, and/or other reliable sources. The Community Needs Assessment should be comprehensive and serve as the basis for the agency's goals, and program delivery strategies as reported on the CSBG/National Performance Indicators (NPIs). The Community Needs Assessment should describe local poverty-related needs and be used to prioritize eligible activities offered to low-income community members over the next two (2) years.

In the space below, provide a narrative description of the causes and conditions of poverty affecting the community in your service area such as: child care, community housing, crime, educational achievement, employment/unemployment, income management, healthcare, homelessness, nutrition, and other factors not listed. In particular, describe how the agency ensures that the Community Needs Assessment reflects the current priorities of the low-

income population in the service area, beyond the legal requirement for a local public hearing of the CAP.

Agencies should describe the methods and strategies used to collect the information and should include a use a combination of activities and tools such as: focus groups, surveys; community dialogue, asset mapping, interviews, and public records.

Helpful Resources		
United States Census Bureau Poverty Data click here	State of California Department of Justice Statistics by City and County click here	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Homelessness Assistance click here
Employment Development Department Unemployment Insurance Information by County click here	California Department of Education Facts about California Schools Using DataQuest click here	California Department of Public Health Statistical Data click here
Bureau of Labor Statistics Labor Data click here	California Department of Finance Housing Estimates click here	Community Action Partnership Community Needs Assessment Tool click here
A Community Action Guide to a Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment click here		

Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment (Insert Narrative)

Nevada County prides itself on connectivity and listening to the needs of all communities and their residents. Community focus groups are routinely held along with Community Development Block Grant public solicitation. Several local entities have undertaken needs assessments for their portion of the community within the past 15 months, including the First 5 Nevada County Commission; the Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee, the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Program of Nevada County Public Health and United Way of Nevada County. Community dialogues have been held and focused on topics such as child abuse prevention and intervention, strengthening families, food insecurity, reducing crime, wrapping services among at risk youth, suicide prevention, access to health care and insurance, homelessness, mental health, substance abuse prevention and intervention.

The Adult & Family Services Commission (AFSC), which serves as the CSBG tripartite board, with the assistance of staff, reviewed public records and various quarterly and monthly agency reports. Agency dashboards are published and reviewed by multiple organizations, collaboratives and the Adult & Family Services Commission (AFSC).

2-1-1 Nevada County publishes reports on community needs on a monthly basis. The 211 reports are a direct result of Nevada County residents seeking resources, information and assistance. This provides real time data. Current data and relevant factors are published and reviewed. The AFSC further reviewed numerous reports and statistical data concerning the low income sector of our community.

The United Way identified three priority areas that needed addressing in our community: Food, Emergency Shelter and Access to Healthcare.

The MCAH assessment identified four top problems for mothers and children in our community: an increasing number of women experiencing Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders; a high rate of substance and alcohol usage by pregnant women ages 15 to 44 (32.5 per 1,000 hospitalizations compared to a California average of 14.2); a continuing risk among the infant population of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome; and the lowest rate among California counties of childhood immunizations due to an extremely high rate of Personal Belief Exemptions.

The First 5 Nevada County Commission identified nine top needs of young children and their families: parenting support; behavioral health care access; support for children's social-emotional development; support for the development of children's school readiness skills; more exposure to pre-literacy activities; support for children's health and wellness, including dental, obesity prevention, developmental screening, immunization; higher quality child care; increased service coordination and collaboration; bilingual access to services for families.

The Community Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee identified the top human service needs of the Truckee region: an education gap between English speakers and English language learners; significant health disparities between Hispanic and non-Hispanic members of the community (with Hispanic members overall, compared to non-Hispanic residents, faring worse in overall ratings of general health; experiencing more days with poor physical and mental health; being unable to see a doctor due to cost or lack of transportation at higher frequency; being unable to seek dental health care due to cost); and they identified that the non-profit sector plays a crucial role in supplementing the public assistance safety net for residents. In nearly all of the above community assessments, the importance of mental/behavioral health is highlighted.

Community Recovery Resources (CoRR), conducted a recent community needs assessment, that found, while Nevada County is home to numerous high quality Community Action Agencies (CAAs), the most vulnerable population is not adequately accessing those CAAs. The reasons cited were: "lack of knowledge," "inadequate or complete lack of transportation to travel between CAA's," "lack of guidance" to name a few. Without sufficient knowledge of how to effectively navigate the CAA's in Nevada County, people are falling through the cracks. In support of this needs assessment, during Nevada County's recent Community Needs Assessment Public Hearing and held by the Nevada County's Adult & Family Services Commission, the public voiced similar needs. Based upon the input received by those in attendance, "access to services and lack of connectivity" scored high on the prioritization list. This fractured community service design is not currently equipped to address the overlapping needs of an individual or family that seeks stability through an effective continuum of care.

In Nevada County, the AFSC found that many people are experiencing multiple issues such as homelessness, unemployment, mental health struggles and hunger (as well as a lack of education and transportation) that they need to address to live healthy, happy lives. However, too many often find themselves feeling frustrated or overwhelmed about the many options available to seek help. While a number of agencies in Nevada County address specific needs, the consumer is left with a bewildering number of choices of organizations, each with its own focus. This decentralization of different services causes people in need to bounce to and from CAAs and Government Departments such as referral agencies, health clinics, food banks, employment agencies, drug treatment facilities, etc., with no clear direction or guidance. Many of these individuals are experiencing highly stressful crisis-type situations, which further compound their inability to make logical choices and navigate their way from one CAA to the next. Moreover, studies show that vulnerable individuals lack the skill sets to adequately advocate on behalf of themselves, and many expressed the need for a helping hand to not only connect them to

services, but to follow through and create an action-plan and attainable goals. When people do not get their basic needs met such as food, shelter, transportation and health care, the entire community suffers. Chronic homelessness, increased crime and unnecessary impacts on emergency services increase when the needs of this vulnerable population are not met.

Community Needs

Top Needs	Agency Priority (Yes/No)	Description of Programs/Services Directly Provided by Your Agency	Coordination Efforts	NPI(s)
Mental Health Assistance	Yes	The agency will partner with various community action agencies through its Behavioral Health Department to provide those clients seeking mental health services with the appropriate resources to assist those who cannot be involuntarily committed.	Continue to work with various wrap around providers such as: New Directions, Turning Point, SPIRIT Empowerment Center, NAMJ, Victor Community Support Services, EMQ Families First, Sierra Forever Families, etc.	1.2.G, 2.1.E, 2.2.C, 4.1.C, 6.2.E& F
Lack of Affordable Housing	Yes	The agency will continue to fund programs through its Housing and Community Services division along with partnering with local community action agencies to provide affordable housing assistance.	Continue to work with various wrap around providers such as: Emergency Assistance Coalition, Hospitality House, The Salvation Army (Booth Family Center), and State of California Housing & Community Development programs to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing and sustained permanent housing.	1.1.A&B, 1.2.A&H, 2.1.C&D, 4.1, 6.1, 6.2.C-E, 6.4.E
Achievement Gap in Education	Yes	The agency will continue to partner with the various school districts in eastern/western county to ensure students are engaged in learning and achieving educational goals.	Continue to partner with the community action agencies who promote educational achievement and mentoring services	1.2.B, 2.1.1, 4.1, 6.1, 6.3.I

Nutrition	Yes	The agency will continue to collaborate with local food distribution community action agencies to ensure that those who suffer from food insecurity receive assistance.	such as: Big Brothers, Big Sisters, The Friendship Club and the local police and fire associations.	1.2.1, 2.1.H, 4.1, 6.1, 6.2.D&I, 6.4.C
Lack of public transportation in rural areas.	Yes	The agency will continue to collaborate with local transportation commissions.	Continue to partner with government agencies and community action agencies like Gold Country Stage, to promote and create viable transportation alternatives for low income members of the community where public transit is not an option.	1.2.F, 2.1.H, 4.1, 6.1, 6.2.D&I, 6.4.C
Service Connectivity	Yes	The agency operates multiple programs that deliver basic need services such as CalWORKs, Cal-Fresh and Public and Behavioral Health services. In addition, the agency funds multiple nonprofits in the local community to assist in providing services to meet the basic needs of the community.	Continue to partner with government agencies and community action agencies with emphasis on service connectivity. Additionally, the agency is relocating to a centralized "One-Stop-Shop" to provide wrap around assistance.	2.2.B, C, E, 4.1.A – M, 5.1.E – H, 6.2.A, C, E, F, G, I, 6.3.A. B, J, K, 6.4.A, 6.5.E

Instructions:

Top Needs: list the top needs from your most recent Needs Assessment

Agency Priority: Enter a Yes or No in the box, to indicate if the need will be addressed directly or indirectly. If the need will not be met please provide explanation in narrative section below.

Description of programs/services/activities: Briefly describe the program, service or activity that your entity will directly provide.

Coordination: If your agency will address the need through coordination, describe what organizations and/or coalitions you will work with to meet the need, including the roles of each party.

National Performance Indicators (NPIs): List the NPIs that correspond with the services/activities

Insert Narrative (Explain why need will not be met.)

Not Applicable

DOCUMENTATION OF PUBLIC HEARING(S)

California Government Code 12747(b)-(d) requires all eligible entities to conduct a public hearing in conjunction with their CAP. In pursuant with this Article, agencies are to identify all testimony presented by the low-income and identify whether or not the concerns expressed by that testimony are addressed in the CAP.

Provide a narrative description of the agency’s public hearing process and methods used to invite the local community to the public hearing(s), and the methods used to gather the information about the low-income community’s needs. Examples include: Surveys, public forums, and secondary data collection.

Note: Public hearing(s) shall not be held outside of the service area(s).

Public Hearing Process (Insert Narrative)

Nevada County conducted a public hearing inviting interested residents, including representatives from community non-profits, to participate and share their views regarding the needs of low-income populations. Nevada County announced the event through a press release from the County Executive Office, which was published in the local newspaper and on a local community action group internet bulletin board. The Agency further posted the information on its website. The agency website and all notifications provided a link to a survey form for all interested parties and/or organizations to complete and submit whether or not they could attend the public hearing.

The public hearing was conducted by members of the tripartite board with staff available to provide support. The public hearing provided an overview of the Community Needs Assessment process and how it would be used to establish the Community Action Plan to be implemented during the 2016/2017 time period. The public hearing used an open forum setting in order to elicit views from all of those in attendance. Further, survey forms were made available and all attendees were encouraged to complete and submit a form along with any additional supporting documentation. As each interested party in attendance provided input, it was captured on a white board and all others were given the opportunity to provide additional facts and information. Photos of the white boards were taken and used to create the above list of community needs.

Below is an example of a diagram that can be used to capture and identify testimony of the low income.

Comment/Concern	Was the concern addressed in the CAP?	If so, indicate the page #	If not, indicate the reason
Job training needs	Yes	32	N/A
Transportation needs in ABC, CA	No	N/A	Due to limited funding, agency meets 50% of the transportation needs in ABC, CA.

Attachments

- Provide a copy of each public hearing notice published in the media.
- Provide a summary of all testimony presented by the low-income population:

Friday Memo for 4/10/2015

Published on: 4/10/2015 2:21 PM

Efficiently reading this in email? View the Friday Memo on www.fridaymemo.com



Contact Us | CEO News
Published 4/10/2015 2:21 PM



- Nevada County Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Treasury Report
- Community Services Block Grant Public Hearing
- MH & A-Funded Program Targets Suicide Prevention for Nevada County High School Youth
- Annual California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions Workshop to be Held in Nevada County
- National Campaign for Grade Level Reading Award
- Child Abuse Prevention Month

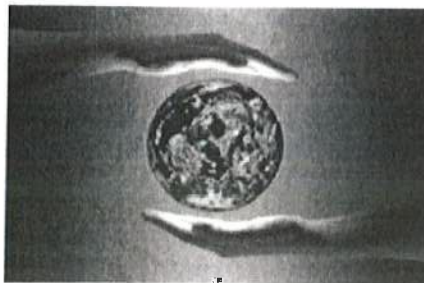
Nevada County Treasurer's 3rd Quarter Treasury Report



The Treasurer & Tax Collector, Tina Vernon, has released the Treasury report for the third quarter ending March 31, 2015. As required by Government Code, the treasury pool has sufficient funds to meet projected expenditures for the next six months, and all investments within the Treasury's portfolio are in compliance with the Treasurer's investment policy. The Treasurer's portfolio strategy continues to remain focused on the purchase of diversified high quality assets, with maturities that are properly laddered to meet cash flow needs and positioned to minimize interest rate risk. The Fed rate remains at 0.00% to 0.25%, with yields for fixed income securities again very low. Rates continue to remain on a roller-coaster ride fluctuating up and down slightly, with the five-year Treasury at 1.39% at month end. Due to these unstable times, the Treasurer continues to monitor interest rate risk closely and mitigate through the active ladder of investments which are set to mature each month for excellent liquidity and to allow for the potential reinvestment of higher yielding securities further down the curve. The market value of assets held at March 31, 2015 is \$179,583,191.88 with a yield to maturity at cost of .86%. The report in its entirety can be found [here](#).

[\(Back to the Top\)](#)

Community Services Block Grant Public Hearing



Nevada County Health & Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services and the Adult & Family Services Commission, will be convening a Public Hearing to solicit input on the needs of low-income populations in Nevada County. The hearing will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 from 1 pm-3 pm in the Empire Room, Second Floor, Eric Flood Administration Center, 950 Marko Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959.

Interested residents, including representatives from community non-profits, are invited to participate and share their views regarding the needs of low-income populations. Information gathered at this hearing will contribute to the needs assessment process required as a part of the 2016/2017 Community Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is part of the

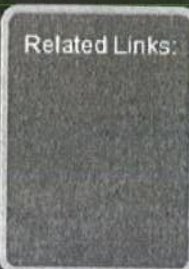
application process for ongoing Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding.

Comments may be directed to the broad issues of poverty, unemployment, educational attainment, health, nutrition, housing, homelessness and crime. Supporting data is encouraged.

A sign-up sheet for speakers will be provided at the door. The Department has requested that all who speak complete their information in writing by accessing the [Input Form](#) at the following link: www.nvcounty.org/commnsa055/Forms/Forms.aspx

Unable to attend? If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to share your input in written form, please complete the Input Form at the above link and email to rob.christie@co.nvada.ca.us. In addition, information may be obtained by contacting (530) 286-1969. All comments should be received no later than 6:00 p.m. April 20, 2015.

[\(Back to the Top\)](#)





COMMUNITY SUPPORT NETWORK OF NEVADA COUNTY

- Home
- Meetings
- Calendar
- Partners
- News
- Contact Us

SIGN UP FOR NEWS

SEARCH NEWS

search

RECENT NEWS

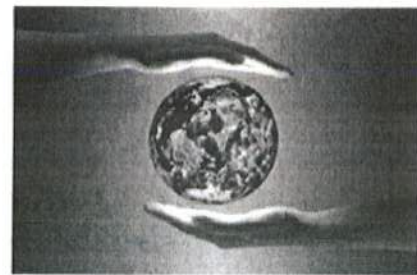
- [CSN & CCTT Presentation to Board of Supervisors ~ May 12, 10am-11am](#)
- [One-Stop's Online Job Search Workshop ~ May 15](#)
- [Fit for One Through spreading BERT's Mail 15](#)
- ["Above All Adventures" Endpoints Campaign ~ Will May 21](#)
- [APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING \(ASIST\) ~ June 11](#)
- [KID MAGIC TRIPS WHO'S YOUR FINEST](#)

COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PUBLIC HEARING ~ APR. 20 ~ ITEM FROM "FRIDAY MEMO"

April 19, 2015

Thanks to the April 10th "County of Nevada Friday Memo from Rick Halley, CEO to the Board of Supervisors" for this item. We are posting this event separate from other "Friday Memo" items in order to highlight the date and time. Monday, April 20, 2015 from 1 pm-3 pm.

Community Services Block Grant Public Hearing



Nevada County Health & Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services and the Adult & Family Services Commission, will be convening a Public Hearing to solicit input on the needs of low-income populations in Nevada County. The hearing will be held on Monday, April 20, 2015 from 1 pm-3 pm in the Empire Room, Second Floor, Eric Reed Administration Center, 950 Main

Avenue, Nevada City, CA 95959

Interested residents, including representatives from community nonprofits, are invited to participate and share their views regarding the needs of low-income populations. Information gathered at this hearing will contribute to the needs assessment process required as a part of the 2015-2017 Community Action Plan (CAP). The CAP is part of the application process for ongoing Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding.

Comments may be directed to the broad issues of poverty, unemployment, educational attainment, health, nutrition, housing, homelessness and more. Supporting data is encouraged.

A sign-up sheet for speakers will be provided at the door. The Department has requested that all who speak complete their information in writing by accessing the [Input Form](#) at the following link: <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/wp/hhsa/dss/Pages/Home.aspx>

Unable to attend?

If you are unable to attend this meeting and would like to share your input in written form, please complete the Input Form at the above link and email to rob.choate@co.nvada.ca.us. In addition, information may be obtained by contacting (530) 265-1645. All comments should be received no later than 5:00 pm, April 20, 2015.

For more information, contact:

Above, the County Executive Office announced the public hearing and published the announcement on the County's website. The public hearing was also published on a local CAA support website. Below, public comments were captured and recorded on a white board by the following photos:

Mental Health
 Gap for those who are not 500 eligible but experiencing MH challenges
 Need more Care management Services supporting those living in community
 Would be good to have 201 who Care coordinator can be adequate - those are people who have limited budget @ all - often care coordinator out of
 Homeless Prevention today is needed - pay off rent in future - bank
 *rent in issue (exp of agreement)
 Preceptor/Intervention discussion
 Access to legal aids for low income

Lack of
 ~80
 Conf
 home
 Sources
 Need for pro
 7% more
 GVPD
 Transportation
 serv

Nutrition [IFM screen 8,500 kids - 12% increase over last year] 20% @ FPL
 Access to healthy supplementary food
 Families have competing priorities for their limited \$
 In N.C. 13,560 food insecure individuals (US Gov) ~15% of population
 Causes education, jobs, circumstances (African American, increasing socio-economic gap) perceptions (negative stereotypes re. low income people)

Lack of Affordable Housing
 ~80% pay more than 30% of income on housing
 Continuation of housing support (emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, permanent supportive housing)
 Homeless count 244 as of 2013 (Holiday may be average 51 in Tractor in January (Phone records)
 Need more beds to address current
 Sources: MH, Physical health (including education) substance use disorder, HIV, sexually transmitted infections
 Need for more safe housing for those impacted by DV
 7% increase in Florida funding for our GVPD annual survey. Much a long done DV at top of concerns
 Transportation - huge problem for those who cars
 Very limited public transit

Lack of
 Sources
 Need for pro
 7% more
 GVPD
 Transportation
 serv

Achievement Gap in Education [8000 kids 40 %]
 40 million requested for Summer
 More for summer year of their lives
 Sources: Attendance issues, Summer learning loss, Lack of reading materials, Lack of 3rd grade
 The Sources: *20% of students in US (40% of students) are below 3rd grade level
 *The demographic shift in South Carolina is moving ELL - 50% of children - all 10 years
 *The 2013 survey 2013 - report on trends
 *Teacher workload
 Stigmatization of low income people (math proficiency test content)
 CCTF putting together housing study

Nutrition
 Access
 Families
 In N.C.
 Causes

Below, the local newspaper (The Union) published the public hearing announcement.

CORRECTION

In a submitted article titled "CSBG public hearing scheduled," on page A5 of the April 13 issue of The Union, a public hearing to solicit input on the needs

of low-income residents is set for Monday, April 20. The Union regrets the error.



Read local news online

TheUnion.com

LOCAL

CSBG public hearing scheduled

Submitted to The Union

Nevada County Health & Human Services Agency, Department of Social Services and the Adult & Family Services Commission will be convening a public hearing to solicit input on the needs of low-income populations in Nevada County.

The hearing will be held from 1-3 p.m. Monday in the Empire Room at the Eric Rood Administration Center, 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City.

In a press release, officials said interested residents, including representatives from community nonprofits, are invited to participate and share their views regarding the needs of low-income populations.

Information gathered at this hearing will contribute to the needs assessment process required as a part of the 2016/2017 Community Action Plan (CAP), the press release added.

The CAP is part of the application process for ongoing Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding.

Comments may be directed to the broad issues of poverty, unemployment, educational attainment, health, nutrition, housing, homelessness and crime. Supporting data is encouraged.

In a media release, county officials said a sign-up sheet for speakers will be provided at the door.

The Department has requested that all who speak complete their information in writing by accessing the Input Form at the following link: <http://www.mynevadacounty.com/nc/hhsa/das/Pages/Home.aspx>

Those who are unable to attend this meeting and would like to share their input in written form are encouraged to complete the Input Form at the same link and email to

rob.choate@co.nevada.ca.us.

In addition, information may be obtained by calling 530-266-1646. All comments should be received no later than 5 p.m. April 20.

MHSA-funded program targets suicide prevention for Nevada County high school youth

In 2013, responding to the need for suicide prevention efforts for county teens, "What's Up? Wellness Checkups" began providing mental health screenings at all Nevada Joint Union High School District and Tahoe Truckee Unified School District high schools.

In order to screen a youth, the parents have to

“I am so pleased to be able to show off our wonderful county to a new group of visitors. Hopefully they will come back and spend more time exploring the area.”

any student in need.

As of March 2015, the program has screened 742 students. Of these, 192 students have received case-management services resulting in treatment connections, crisis intervention or other help.

They have also been able to provide important mental health education to all students screened, thus facilitating increased awareness and stigma reduction among high school students.

Tackling an important program objective to increase the availability of the screens for high school youth, outreach efforts have resulted in more than twice the number of students to screen during this year.

Supervisor Hank Weston

"What's Up? Wellness Checkups" is funded from the Mental Health Services Act funds via Nevada County Behavioral Health.

Join "What's Up? Wellness Checkups" from 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday at Matteo's Public in Nevada City, where 15 percent of all dinner proceeds are donated to the program.

For additional information about the "What's Up? Wellness Checkups" program, visit: www.whatsup-wellness.com.

Annual California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions workshop to be held in Nevada County

Nevada County welcomes the California Local Agency Formation Commissions, which will hold its annual staff workshop here April 15-17.

The annual CALAFCO Staff

Read local news online
TheUnion.com

Workshop is attended by up to 100 LAFCo staff members from every county in California.

The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Express and at the Courtyard Suites in Grass Valley, with one evening banquet at the Miners' Foundry in Nevada City.

According to a press release, this is excellent news for Nevada County tourism venues, which will see business midweek during the pre-summer season.

Nevada County Director of Human Resources Charlie Wilson will serve as one of the education session presenters, sharing his perspective on how speakers can make effective presentations.

LAFCos are local agencies established in every California county by the State legislature to encourage the orderly formation of local governmental agencies, ensure efficient public services, preserve agricultural and open space land resources, and to discourage urban sprawl.

Founded in 1971, CALAFCO (<http://www.calafco.org>) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting its membership with educational and technical resources.

It also provides statewide coordination of LAFCo activities, serving as a resource to the Legislature and other bodies, and offering a structure for sharing information among the various LAFCos and other governmental agencies it serves.

Supervisor Hank Weston has served as chairman of the Nevada County LAFCo since June 2007.

"I am so pleased to be able to show off our wonderful county to a new group of visitors. Hopefully they will come back and spend more time exploring the area," he said.

FEDERAL ASSURANCES

Public Law 105-285 establishes programmatic assurances for the State and eligible entities as a condition of receiving CSBG funds. Provide a detailed narrative describing the activities your agency will conduct that will enable low-income families and individuals to achieve the programmatic purposes listed below. **(Federal Assurances can be found on Public Law pages 2736-2739)**

1. Programmatic Purposes

(A) to support activities that are designed to assist low-income families and individuals, including families and individuals receiving assistance under part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 601 et seq.), homeless families and individuals, migrant or seasonal farm workers and elderly low-income individuals and families, and a description of how such activities will enable the families and individuals—

(i) to remove obstacles and solve problems that block the achievement of self-sufficiency, (including self-sufficiency for families and individuals who are attempting to transition off a State program carried out under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act);

Within Nevada County and the Agency there are a number of Family Resource Centers, which are designed to provide an array of core services intended to remove multiple obstacles/barriers to self-sufficiency for low income individuals and families. The County of Nevada operates the CalWORKs, CalFresh and Medi-Cal programs that provide needed supports to families requiring safety net services. Nevada County supports Hospitality House, which addresses homelessness and hunger for Nevada County residents, and supports the Domestic Violence and Sexual (DVSAC) Assault Coalition, which addresses safety net services for domestic violence and abuse.

(ii) secure and retain meaningful employment;

Multiple partners are co-located and meet frequently to assist with securing and retaining meaningful employment. CalWORKs, Workforce Investment Act, and senior employment services are co-located at the local One-Stop. The Employment Resource Center is the economic development engine in Nevada County. All workforce development partners, including local education institutions meet quarterly to discuss employment trends, training needs of the community, and workforce preparation and development.

Multiple service providers meet monthly at FREED to enhance service provision leading to self-sufficiency for elderly and disabled clients in Nevada County. The programs promote independent living and effect systems change. Services include: independent living skills, training, peer support, advocacy, assistive technology, housing assistance, personal assistance referrals and information on obtaining and retaining employment.