

PUBLIC HEARING

Community Action Plan and Needs Assessment Report

June 13, 2023



BACKGROUND

- Nevada County's designated Community Action Agency- **Adult and Family Services Commission**
 - Administers Federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funds
- Resides within the County's Health and Human Services Agency
- Address locally identified issues of poverty
 - Direct services provided through contracts

National Vision of Community Action

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.

CAP Nevada County Mission

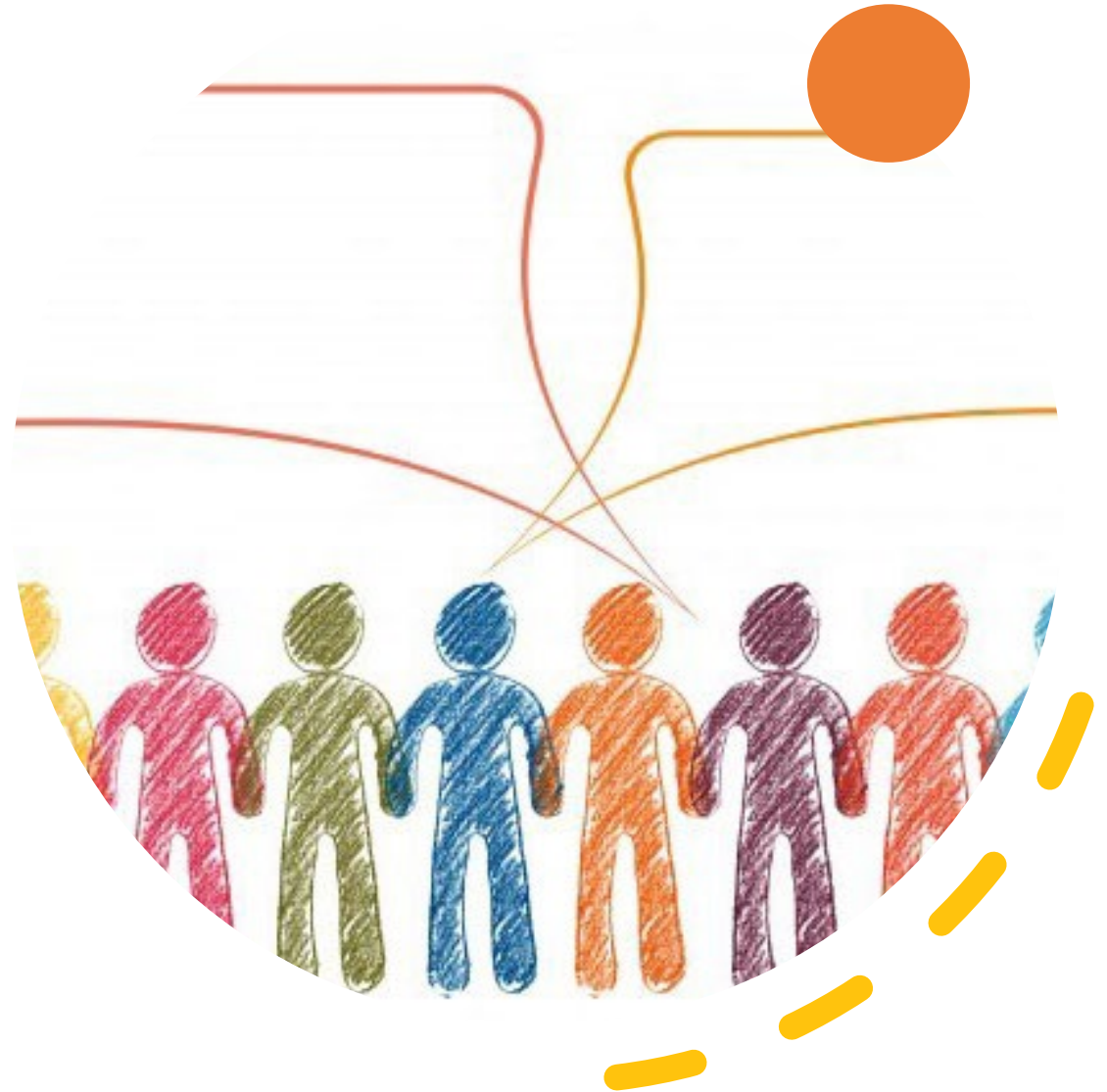
To engage and empower our community to eliminate poverty, to create equity and prosperity, and to assist people in achieving self-sufficiency through direct services, advocacy, and community partnership.

PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENT

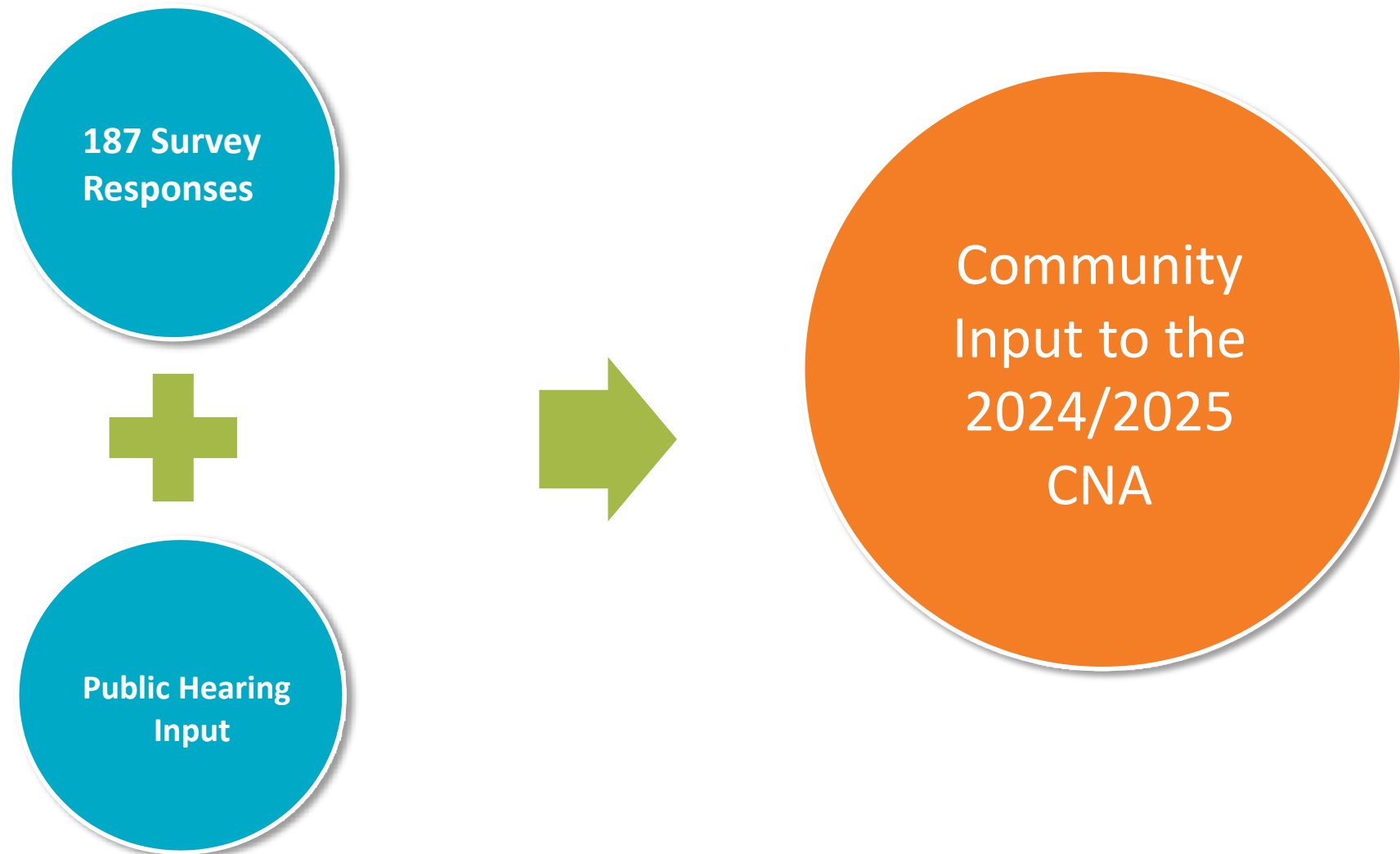
- As required by California Government Code Section 12747 (b)-(d), agencies are required to conduct a public hearing for the purpose of reviewing the draft Community Action Plan (CAP).
 - *All testimony presented during the public hearing shall be addressed in the final CAP*
 - *Agencies shall indicate whether or not the concerns expressed have been addressed in the plan*
 - *The draft CAP must be made available for public review and comment for a minimum of 30 days in advance of the public hearing (posting date was May 10, 2023)*
 - *Notice of the hearing and comment period must be published at least 15 calendar days prior to the public hearing (posting date was May 25, 2023)*

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Requirement for Community Service Block Grant (CSBG) Organizational Standards
 - Information collected directly from low-income individuals
 - Information gathered from key sectors in the community (CBOs, faith-based organizations, private sector and education)
 - Used to inform the two-year Community Action Plan for 2024 through 2025



Community Needs Assessment Qualitative Data





Identified Priorities



Top 5 Priorities identified through the Community Survey

1. Accessing mental/behavioral health services
2. Affordable housing and homeless services
3. Utility assistance
4. Increasing household income
5. Accessing health insurance

Identified Priorities

Priorities	Programs/Services
Accessing mental/behavioral health services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peer counseling through New Directions Program• SPIRIT Empowerment Center• Recovery services through Recovery International• Medication, psychiatric and mental health services through Behavioral Health Department
Affordable housing and homeless services	<p>The Housing & Community Services Division of the HHSA, and its partners, administer the following programs to support income eligible households who are at-risk of homelessness or are homeless</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tenant based rental assistance• Project based rental assistance vouchers• Space rental assistance• Utility assistance• HUD VASH vouchers for veterans• Down payment assistance, when available

Identified Priorities

Priorities	Programs/Services
Affordable housing and homeless services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Housing rehabilitation services, when available• Temporary emergency shelter• Case management, housing navigation, outreach and engagement, peer support, SUD services and BH services• Landlord liaison and recruitment services• Development of affordable housing units• Development of transitional and supportive housing beds• Capital development of additional affordable housing units
Utility assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Utility assistance provided by ProjectGO

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Increasing household income	<p>The HHSA Employment Services Program provides services that assist families receiving CalWORKs cash assistance in becoming self-sufficient. Services include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paid on the job training• Paid positions in private industry• Unpaid internships• Job search workshops• Child Care• Counseling• SUD and BH services• Housing assistance
Accessing Health Insurance	<p>The HHSA Department provides healthcare coverage through programs like Medi-Cal and other County Medical Services Programs like WIC; the department also determines eligibility for the Medicare program</p>

Public Comment

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When providing input, please state for the record:

- Your First and Last name
- Which of the following you represent:
 - Community Member
 - Recipient of CAP Services
 - Community Based Organization Staff/Volunteer
 - Faith-Based Organization Staff/Volunteer
 - Private Sector Organization Staff/Volunteer
 - Public Sector Organization Staff/Volunteer
 - Education Sector Organization Staff/Volunteer

- Feedback/Comments on the Community Action Plan

Feedback can also be provided electronically to suzi@silkconsultinggroup.com
through June 20, 2023