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SUMMARY REPORT 2016-2017

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR



I am pleased and humbled to share with you the successes of the Monterey County Community Partnership. I consider an honor to serve as Chair of the Community Action Commission. During the past year, the Monterey County Community Action Commission and staff continue working on the mission of providing supportive services to the low-income population in this county.

Community Action funded and non-funded programs continue to positively impact and improve the lives of individuals and families and the community. Some of the services provided are means for housing and shelter solutions, food access, counseling services, youth engagement activities and more.

I am honored to be part of this organization. In 2018 Monterey County Community Action Partnership, will continue providing services to fill the gaps identified by community members as service priorities. The Commission will continue bringing issues of poverty and need in our community to the forefront of people's minds by hosting public events to review the impact of poverty in our community and identify strategies to improve lives.

During Calendar Year 2016 the agency provided services to approximately 20,000 residents of Monterey County. 2016 also brought a lot of changes for community action agencies giving staff and the Commission the opportunity to participate in training focused on the role of a tripartite board and the commissioner's roles and responsibilities as representatives of the community. Additionally, the Commission and staff developed a 2016 Strategic Plan, which guided agency and commission activities for the year. The Commission also organized the revision of our Bylaws and worked closely with staff for the agency to adhere to the new mandated Organizational Standards. Looking forward, we are working on better methods of capturing data to adhere to the new annual report and Results Oriented Management and Accountability (ROMA) Next Generation requirements.

I am pleased to say that the Community Action Commission embraces the mission and story of Community Action.

Everett Sivils, Monterey County Community Action Commission Chair

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MCCAP'S SERVICE PRIORITIES

Food Access

Monterey County Community Action Partnership supports food access for low-income people and allocates funding to the Food Bank for Monterey County to contribute to the purchase of food for the agency Clearing House program. Food is distributed to needy families throughout Monterey County. Approximately 100 non-profit agencies and pantries rely upon Food Bank for low cost food supply. The Food Bank for Monterey County distributes 6,120,000 pounds of food per year.

"I come here every other week to collect food for my family. There's eight of us living in one home: my mother and sister-in-law, my four children and a family member's child who I am raising. I'm the only one who works so it's hard to keep food on the table and the lights on." ~Food Bank Story

Job Resources Support

Job resources and support services were funded by the Community Action Partnership in calendar year 2016. Service agencies provided low-income participants with tools to obtain and maintain a job. Services ranged from obtaining and retaining a job, obtaining a GED, assistance in enrolling children in after-school programs, obtaining and maintaining affordable housing, and obtaining food assistance. A total of 1,583 individuals were served with employment supports.

"Two guests of our shelter, a disabled senior citizen mother and her 28-year-old daughter have been accepted into the Section 8 program. The 28-year-old has secured employment and shelter. They are able to maintain their shelter placement so that they both have a safe place to sleep and the daughter can continue working the necessary hours to keep her employment secure while they are looking for housing." ~Emergency shelter services

Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention

The Community Action Partnership awarded funding to two agencies to provide Domestic Violence Prevention/Intervention Services to low-income individuals and families living in the Salinas, South County and Monterey Peninsula regions of Monterey County. Domestic Violence Prevention/Intervention Services include counseling services and temporary shelter. These agencies collectively served 500 families.

"This program really helped me transition to permanent housing. As a victim of domestic violence, the programs helped me save [money] for my new beginning. I'm now living in Salinas and got accepted to a senior transitional housing program offered by CHISPA. ~2016 Success Stories

Youth Engagement Activities

The Community Needs Assessment indicated one of the top priorities as Youth Engagement Activities. Six service providers were awarded CSBG funding to provide after-school mentor-tutor programs and recreational activities. In calendar Year 2016 these agencies assisted 13,529 youth to improve health and physical development, social/emotional development, avoid risk-taking behavior, reduce involvement with the criminal justice system, and increase academic, athletic or social skills for school success.

Monica volunteered to be a Safe Teen Empowerment Project in South County when her high school required her to complete 30 community hours. When she started, she had no idea where this volunteer job would lead to, at least not past high school. Three years later, she is now a Hartnell College pre-nursing student. ~Safe Teen Empowerment Project

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Activities for Youth

Youth Engagement Activities was the most requested service during the last community needs assessment. This includes educational and recreational activities. The balance between fulfilling youth needs for physical and mental stimulation is key to healthy development. Several agencies collaborated with Community Action to offer a wide range of activities, programs, and opportunities for children and adolescents.

"Ana enrolled in Turning Point Youth Services in January of 2016 at age 18. She was on Probation and presented with multiple barriers when entering the program. Turning Point provided her with pre-employment and life skills training, paid work experience, job resources, employment assistance, financial education, interview clothes, work attire and assisted her in obtaining her ID and driver's license. Community Action Partnership provided staff funding to support all program activities and the vital one-on-one mentoring at-risk youth need." ~Turning Point Youth Services

Housing Utility Support

The Community Action Partnership served low-income individuals with emergency assistance including emergency food, utility payments, rental assistance, emergency shelter, protection from violence, legal assistance, transportation, and clothing. In 2016, 5,462 individuals were served with emergency assistance in the Housing and utility category.

"Charlie calls me about once a month to tell me how he and the kids are doing. He has secured employment and successfully maintained safe housing. His daughters are doing well and thriving in their home. Charlie makes it a point to talk to others who may be homeless or in a precarious housing situation about local services and programs." ~Homeless Services

City Improvements

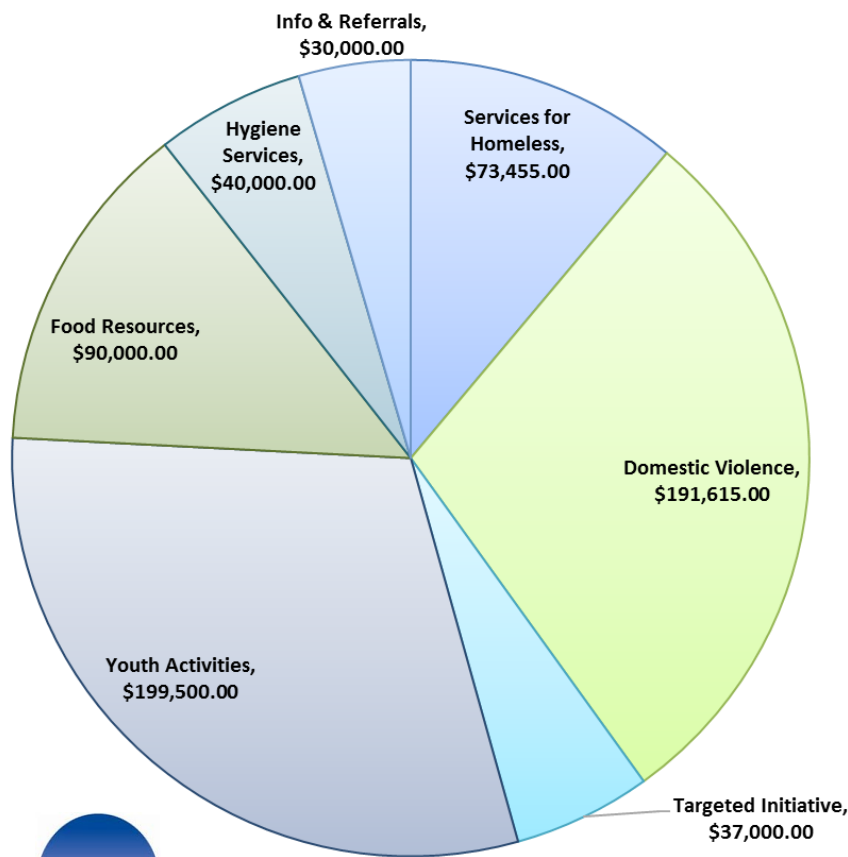
During the Community Needs Assessment, which determined the priorities for 2016, the community voiced the concern about lack of hygiene facilities for the homeless residents in Salinas among other needs. The Community Action Agency awarded funding to the lead agency in the launching of the Health Services Center in Chinatown. During Calendar Year 2016 over 49,000 units of sanitation and restroom use were provided.

"On our first day more than 50 people showered and an additional 30-used the restrooms even though rumors were dispelled that you had to pay" ~Chinatown Health Services Center



FINANCIAL REPORT

2016 Service Categories



In calendar years 2016 and 2017, Monterey County CAP funded twelve agencies over \$660,000 each year to services directly impacting needs expressed by the local community such as youth engagement activities, food resources, support for victims of domestic violence and homelessness. The Targeted Initiative funding received was used to support a transitional housing program for women that included transitional housing, case management, and counseling support.



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