

HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION
ANNUAL UPDATE TO CITY COUNCIL
January 23, 2017

Presented by Commissioner Sherry Ramirez

At the August 2016 Human Services Commission (Commission) meeting, all agencies funded through the City's Housing and Human Service Grant program process made a public presentation to the Commission detailing their accomplishments for the prior fiscal year.

Approximately 18 agencies provided presentations to the Commission.

Accomplishments reported include:

- Abode's Rapid -Housing First program targets the homeless and those at risk of homelessness assisted nine individuals by providing rental assistance and case management services.
- Meals on Wheels for seniors, provided over 16,000 meals to Livermore's frail and elderly seniors (seniors receive 2-3 meals per week annually).
- Child Abuse, Listening, Interviewing, and Coordination center (CALICO), conducted child abuse forensic interviews and provided guidance and referral services to approximately 50 children.
- Eden Council for Hope and Opportunity (ECHO) Housing, provided fair housing counseling and landlord tenant dispute resolution services to over 300 Livermore residents.
- Community Resources for Independent Living (CRIL), provided peer counseling, independent living skills, housing search assistance and travel training to 79 disabled Livermore residents.

These are just a few types of services that funded agencies provided to Livermore residents. Additionally, these funded agencies have organizational missions that are consistent with the established City Council Goals and Priorities as described in the 2015 to 2019 Consolidated Plan, which is to:

- Support and develop a continuum of housing resources that will increase access to low-income, seniors, disabled, and homeless persons.
- Provide assistance to all persons or households who are on the verge of becoming homeless and those who are currently experiencing homelessness.
- Support initiatives that increase a low-income individual's ability to increase their household income.
- Improve community health and access to basic and specialty care including dental and optometry care, substance abuse, behavioral and mental health care services especially for low-income, underinsured, and under-insured residents.
- Foster and encourage innovative programs that meet emerging community needs with emphasis on low-income and underserved populations.

Additional Commission activities included: A joint workshop that was held with the cities of Pleasanton and Dublin's Human Service Commissioners in September 2016 ; the three Commissions discussed how we can continue to work together on projects that affect the Tri-

Valley such as lack of dental clinics serving low-income residents and addressing homelessness.

The beginning of the Grants process for Fiscal Year 2017-18 commenced with grant workshops that were held on for December 9th in Pleasanton and December 14th in Livermore. Commissioners are looking forward to reviewing and ranking grant applications for recommended approval by the Council. The Human Services Commission typically recommends approval of approximately 18 – 20 agencies that implement between 28 - 30 programs.

The City Council accepted the update as presented.