

**CITY OF FAIRFIELD
HOUSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT
CDBG ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021, 1:00 P.M.
VIA TELECONFERENCE:**

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AGENDA

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ALL VOTES SHALL BE BY ROLL CALL DUE TO MEMBERS PARTICIPATING
BY TELECONFERENCE

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Member Chris Matthews

Member Sara Lodin

Member Melinda Nestlerode

Member Rheonna Reese

Member Harriet Stricklen

Member Alisia Thomas

Member Tina Werblin

MEMBER REPORTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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CONSENT

1. Approve Meeting Minutes from March 15, 2021 Meeting

NEW BUSINESS

1. Presentations from CDBG Applicants
CDBG Applicants will have an opportunity to present information on their application to the Advisory Committee

ADJOURNMENT

Any disclosable public records related to an open session item on a regular meeting agenda and distributed by the City of Fairfield to all or a majority of the CDBG Advisory Committee less than 72 hours prior to that meeting are available for public inspection at City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, Fairfield, California during normal business hours.

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

I, La Tanya Terrones, Management Analyst Senior, do hereby certify that I have caused a true copy of the above notice and agenda to be delivered to each of the members of the CDBG Advisory Committee, at the time and in the manner prescribed by law and that this agenda was posted at City Hall, 1000 Webster Street, Fairfield, California on Monday, March 15, 2021.



THE WAY HOME PROGRAM

Sullina Sanchez, Management Analyst

City Manager's Office

Homeless Services Division

Statement of Need

- **The Way Home** program will address critical needs that are preventing people from exiting homelessness by providing emergency assistance for needs that are not typically covered by regular program funding, tailored to meet their individual situation.
- Meets CDBG Consolidated Plan Goal: *Provide homeless shelters, permanent supportive housing and homeless assistance to the homeless community.*



Mission of Homeless Services

The mission of the Homeless Services Division is to permanently reduce homelessness in Fairfield. It aims to meet the mission through:

1. *Protect the Health and Safety of Fairfield Residents;*
2. *Increase Housing Opportunities & Displacement Support;*
3. *Strengthen System of Care Services & Programs;*
4. *Improve Public Policy and Community Engagement; and*
5. *Strengthen Regional Capacity to Address Homelessness.*



Meeting Fairfield Initiatives & Community Needs

- Meets the needs of City Council initiatives
 - *Aligns with the City's Homeless Plan adopted in 2015, revised 2020*
 - *Aligns with City's Homeless Gaps Analysis Report, 2021*
- Meets the CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan
- Meets the CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative Plan
- Meets the CAP Solano JPA Regional 5-Year Plan to Reduce Homelessness

PUBLIC SERVICE CATEGORY	CUMULATIVE
Homeless Services (40%)	25%
Drug/Violence Prevention (15%)	14%
Senior Services (15%)	15%
Youth Services (30%)	46%
TOTAL	100%

Use of Funds

- Goal: Assist 25 Fairfield Homeless Persons
- Basic Needs
 - *DMV/ID Documentation/Essential Items/Utilities/Etc.*
- Food Assistance
 - *Meals/Groceries/Etc.*
- Temporary Housing
 - *Emergency Hotel Vouchers*
- Travel
 - *Transportation/Bus Tickets/Small Vehicle Repairs/Etc.*

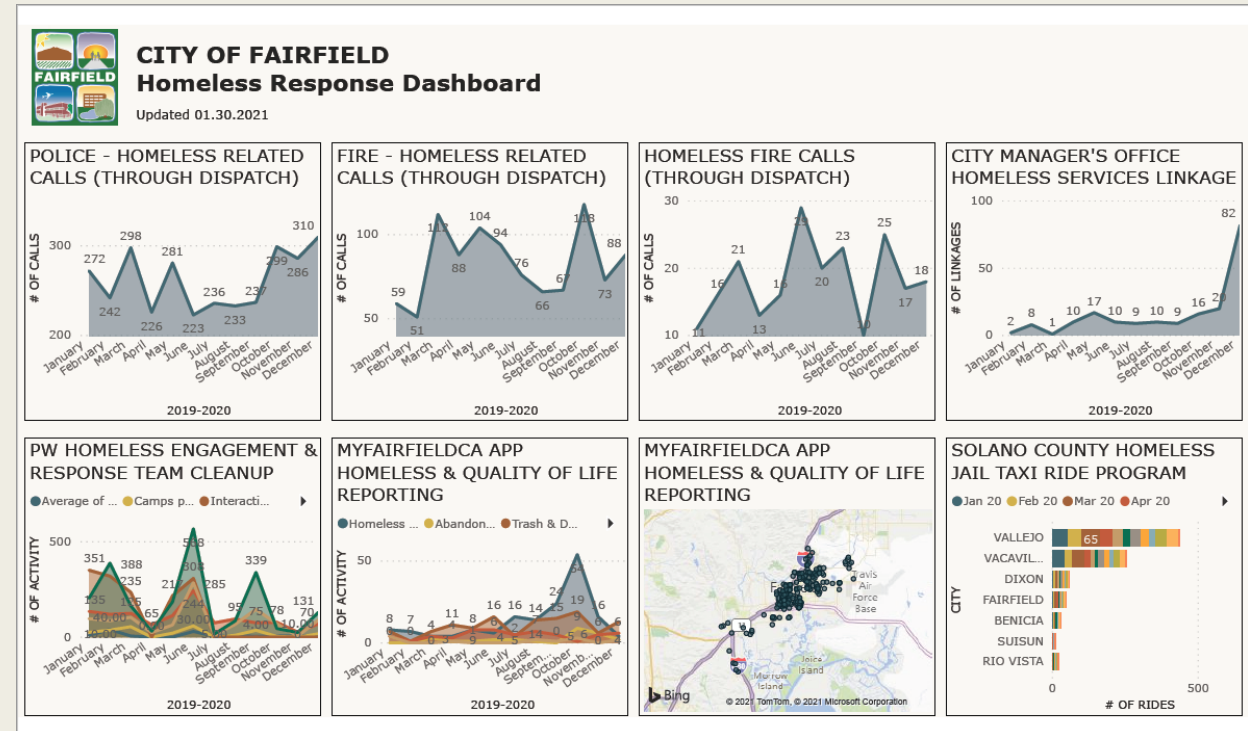


*Due to the various emergency needs of homeless, this list is not an exhaustive list

Meeting CDBG Program Requirements

- Robust client outreach
 - *English, Spanish, Tagalog, ASL languages spoken, additional services offered*
 - *Community Outreach Strategy*
 - *Works with HIT/HEART for on-the-ground outreach within NRSA*

- Client intake process
 - *Tailored to meet CDBG reporting requirements*
 - *Capture real time data for outcome/goal tracking*
 - *New Homeless Case Management System to track data/progress/outcomes*



Questions?



Additional Information:
Sullina Sanchez, ssanchez@fairfield.ca.gov
fairfield.ca.gov/thewayhome



SHELTER Solano

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CDBG Provider Presentation



Overview

- The Need in Solano County
- SHELTER Solano Overview
- Use and Impact of CDBG Funds

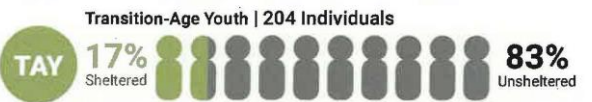
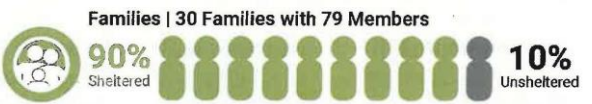
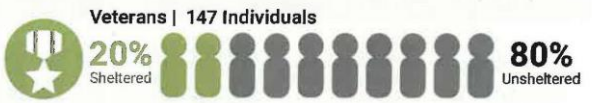


The Need

2019 Sheltered/ Unsheltered Population



Subpopulation* Data



- According to Solano County's 2019 Point in Time (PIT) Count, 1151 people were homeless in Solano County on any given night in 2019.
- When surveyed, the most common cause of homelessness was loss of employment – **19%** of individuals told surveyors that a lost job was the primary reason they became homeless, and **30%** said that **employment services** could have prevented their homelessness.



SHELTER Solano



The SHELTER Solano navigation center provides homeless individuals throughout Solano County with a safe place to live, three meals per day, and wrap-around supportive services designed to help them achieve long-term self-sufficiency.



Use and Impact of CDBG Funds

We are requesting CDBG funding to support the staffing costs of an Employment Specialist and Eligibility Specialist at SHELTER Solano.

- 1. Employment Specialist:** Employment specialists help participants work toward self-sufficiency by helping them find and maintain meaningful employment. This includes building an individualized employment plan and providing help with job searches, resume and interview preparation, job readiness training, job placement, and retention services.



Use and Impact of CDBG Funds (Cont.)

- 2. Eligibility Specialist:** SHELTER Solano's eligibility specialist works with participants to locate other sources of income besides employment. This might include unemployment benefits, disability benefits, SSI, Medicaid, Medical, Food Stamps, or other sources of income.

Together, these two staff members form a critical part of the SHELTER Solano team – they help shelter participants develop essential skills and access resources that will build a foundation for long-term housing success. CDBG funding for these positions will allow hundreds of vulnerable Solano County residents to obtain a steady income that will stabilize their lives and set them on the path to self-sufficiency.



Thank You



SHELTER Solano

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CDBG Provider Presentation



Overview

- **History of SHELTER, Inc.**
- **Services we provide in Solano County**
- **Use of CDBG funds**
- **Impact of the funds**



History

Began in 1986 after grass root community meetings had the desire to be organized and to tackle an increase in homelessness in Contra Costa. Since our inception in 1986, over 225,000 children, women and men have been helped through a three tier approach aimed at preventing homelessness, breaking the cycle of homelessness and providing affordable housing.

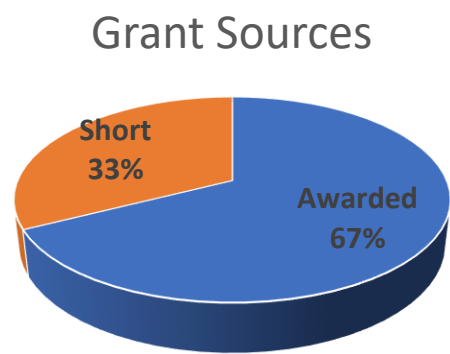
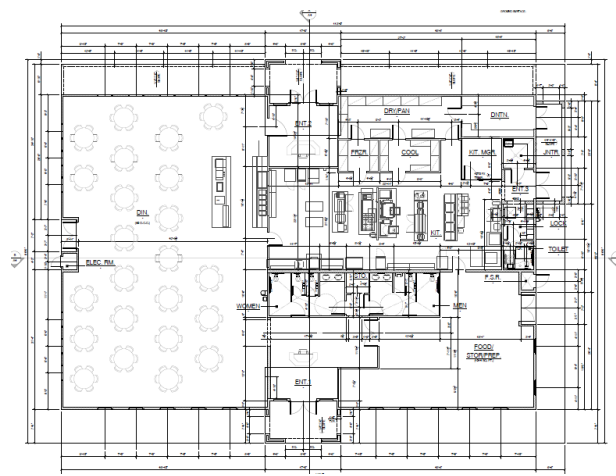


Services in Solano County

- Prevention/Diversion
 - Providing eligible participants emergency one time payments towards car breakdowns, utility bills, deposits, etc.
- Rapid Rehousing
 - Providing eligible participants move-in costs, deposits, short term rental payments.
- SHELTER Solano Navigation Center
 - Providing homeless individuals safe and secure emergency shelter with access to dog kennels, recreational areas, onsite case management and supportive services including primary care guidance and mental health accessibility.



Funding Use



Project Expenses	
Construction	\$3,650,000
Kitchen Equipment	\$500,000
Dining Hall Furniture	\$30,000
Security Cameras	\$10,000
ADA Security Doors	\$35,000
Parking Lot Repave and Stripe	\$75,000
Total:	\$4,300,000

3/18/2021





Dining Hall Use

- **Phase #1: Nutritional meals cooked in house and ability to provide meals for shelter at capacity**
- **Phase #2: Launch the Culinary Institute.....provides job skill training on site for all areas of the food industry**
- **Phase #3: Begin a Social Enterprise Program that will support the Culinary Institute and long term operational sustainability of the shelter.**



The Impact

- **Increased nutrition**
- **Ability to operate at capacity**
- **Participants taught a trade**
- **Employment opportunities**
- **Operational sustainability for SHELTER, Solano**
- **Community event and meeting space**



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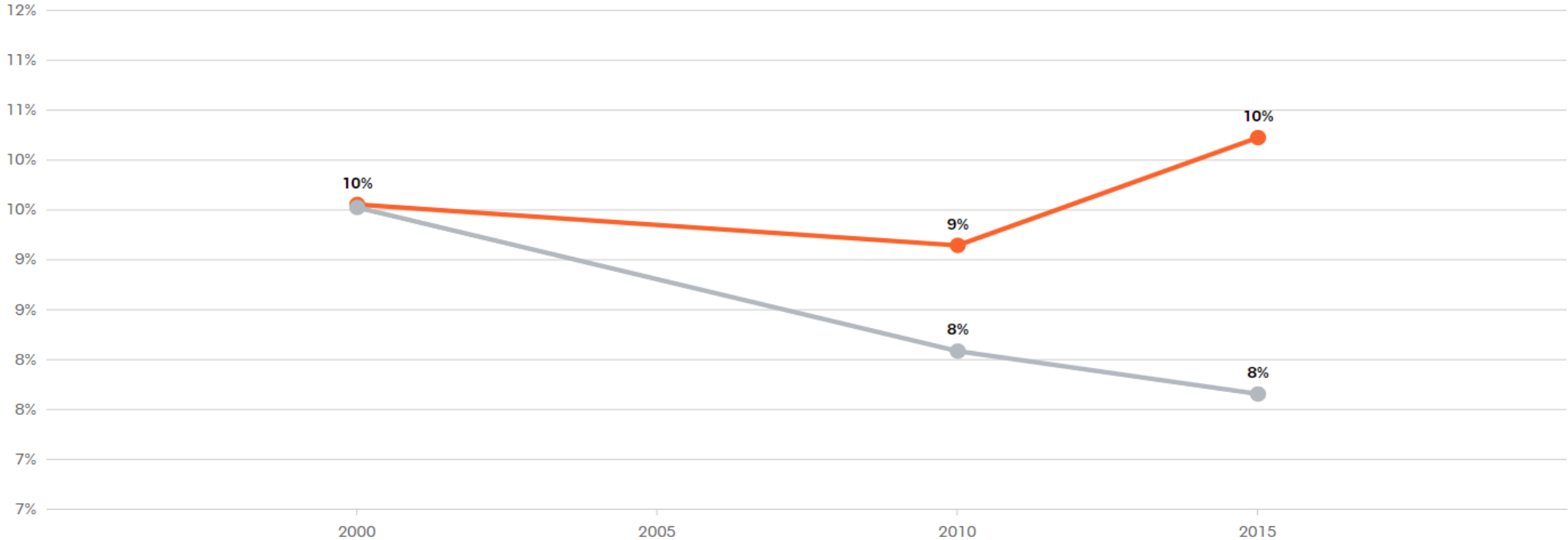
MOVE INTO addresses the needs of underserved youth in the Fairfield community by providing capacity building services to racially and ethnically diverse young people from low-income households who are placed at disproportionate risk of becoming disconnected from school and community to help them **move into** positions of leadership, decision-making, and power at organizational, community, and governmental levels through base-building, leadership development, personal **growth and transformation**.

- 5 LOW-INCOME YOUTH AGES 13-19 WHO ARE DISCONNECTED OR AT RISK OF BECOMING DISCONNECTED
- 16-24 HOURS A MONTH OF SKILL BUILDING AND NETWORKING
- \$200 MONTHLY STIPEND

Percent disconnected youth, ages 16 through 19: Fairfield City, CA vs. California; 2000-2015

Fairfield City, CA California

BREAKDOWN [Download] [Share] [Fullscreen]



WHAT IT SHOWS WHY IT MATTERS

Data source: American Community Survey; GeoLytics, Inc. | Bay Area Equity Atlas

Powered by the National Equity Atlas

Program Phases

- Using a strengths-based approach, work with participants to help them improve their sense of self and **identity**.
- Provide academic, social/emotional, and career **supports**.
- Establish mentorship and coaching **relationships** within each participant's interest area.
- **Skill building** and development.
- **Capstone** projects to synthesize learning and development.

Program Goals

When youth reconnect with work, school, or their community not only does spending on social service programs decrease but tax revenue and economic participation increases.

Short Term Goals

Increases in:

- **Knowledge and skills** necessary for participation in civic life by participants (critical thinking, interpersonal, communication, and introspective skills).
 - Higher **aspirations** for their future by participants.
 - Ability to navigate local support systems.
 - Creation of an individual empowerment plan that identifies academic and social challenges faced, outlines steps for improvement and clarifies what these steps mean to them.
 - Participants will report that there are issues in their community that they care about, that they believe they can make a difference (have **agency** over) and that they are connected to others working to improve their community.
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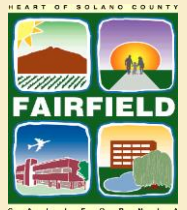
Long Term Goals:

- Deeper insight to **shape policy** designed to prevent and intervene disconnection.
- Participants will remain **civically engaged** beyond the program.
- Participants will be twice as likely as their peers to report participating in **decision-making** within organizations.

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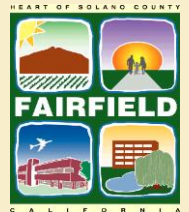
Downtown Sidewalk Gap Closure

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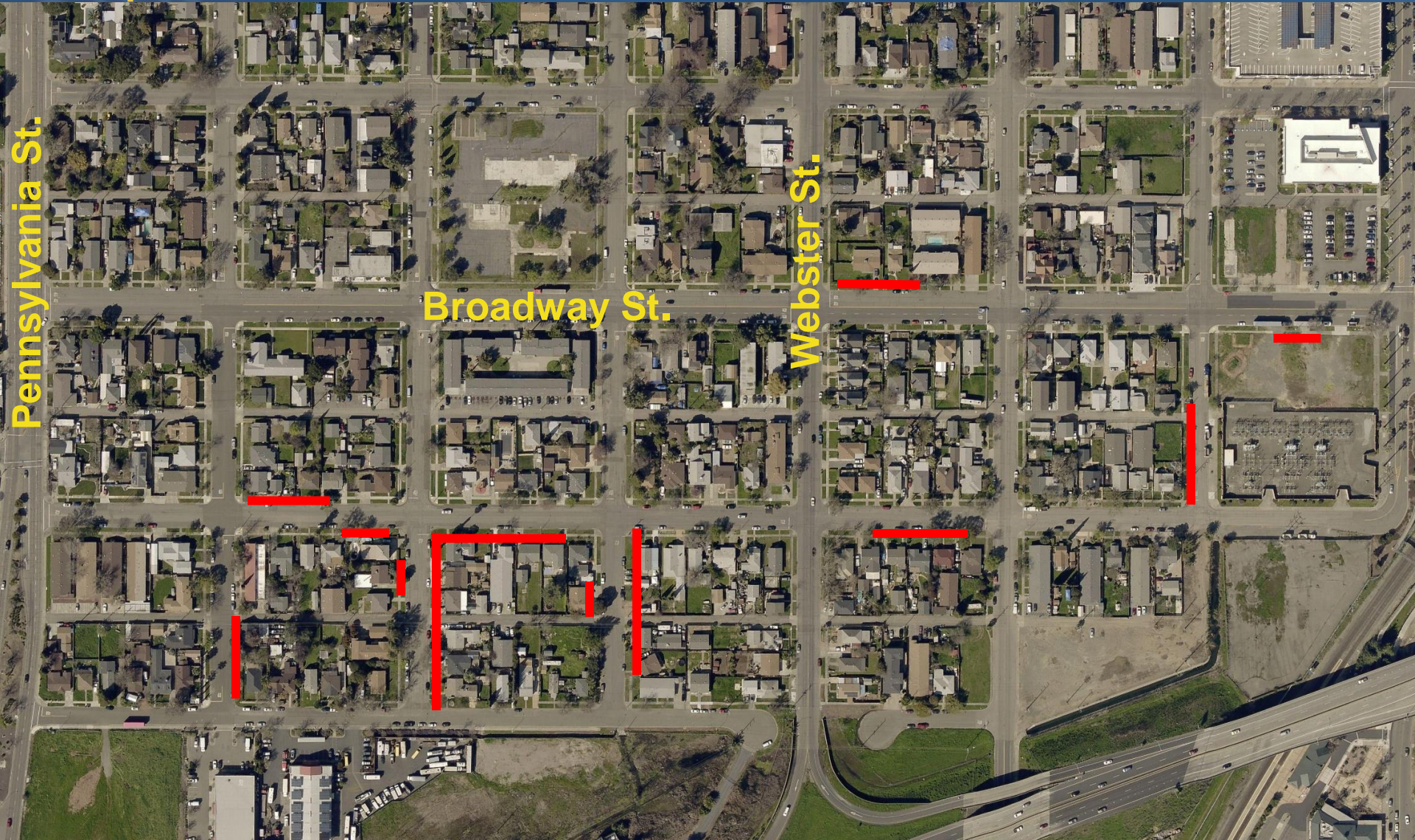


Why fill in the missing concrete sidewalk gaps?

- ❖ **Addresses community safety, walkability, accessibility and promotes active lifestyle**
- ❖ **Provides continuous routes between schools, residential, essential businesses and areas of employment**
- ❖ **Improve quality of life:**
 - ❖ **Fosters social interaction**
 - ❖ **Inspires civic responsibility**



Proposed Locations



Existing Conditions



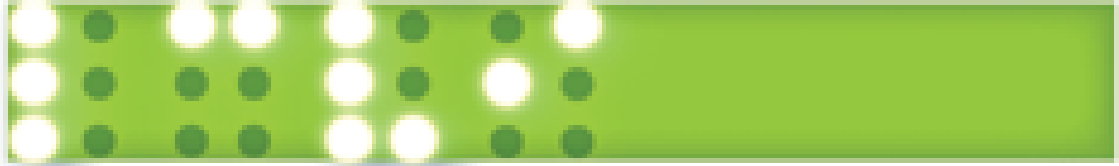
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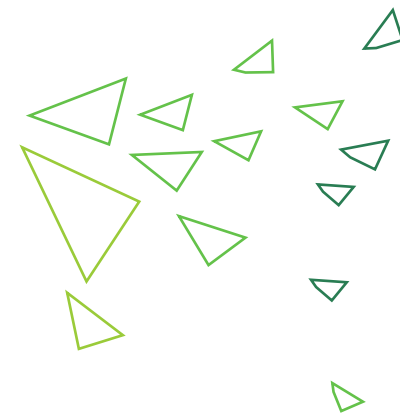
LIONS CENTER for the VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Serving Seniors who are Blind and Visually Impaired
in Alameda, Contra Costa, and Solano Counties



About Us

Lions Center for the Visually Impaired (LCVI) has served the Contra Costa County community for over 67 years, and the counties of Alameda and Solano for over 5-years.



Our Mission:

Our Mission is to preserve vision, foster independence and enhance the quality of life for adults who are blind or at risk for vision impairments and to serve as a trusted source of information and expertise on blindness in the community.



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How do we fulfill our Mission?



Early Detection

Free Eye Screenings for early detection of common eye diseases and referral to medical care



Vision Health Outreach

Free One-on-one consultation with a vision health specialist, assistive devices and training.



Orientation & Mobility

Free in-person training for more independently moving about one's home and community



Activities, Classes and Events

Free group activities, classes and events to foster independence and personal growth



Support Groups

Free virtual and in-person Blind and Low Vision Support Groups hosted by Low Vision experts

Information and Referral



Reliable, Expert Information

We serve as a trusted source of information and expertise on blindness in the community.



Referrals to other Providers

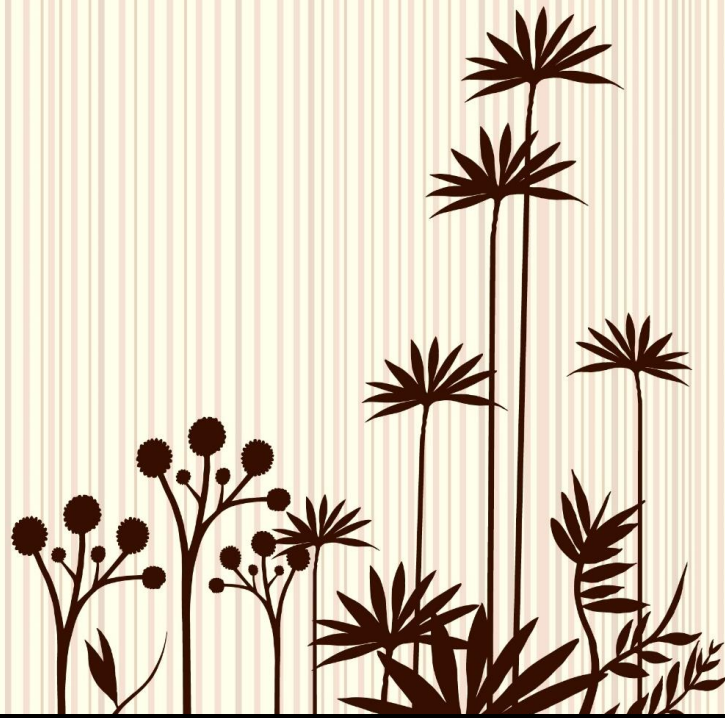
We assist clients to make contact with service providers in the community as needed.



Referrals from the Community to LCVI

We welcome referrals from physicians, eye care specialists, and other social service agencies.





Call us anytime.

Lions Center for the Visually Impaired.
We are here to help.

- Lions Center for the Visually Impaired
- Let others know that LCVI is here - working hard across Contra Costa, Alameda and Solano counties to actively serve seniors who are blind or visually impaired.
- Call 800-750-EYES (3937) or 925-432-3013
- info@lcvl.org
- Website: www.LCVI.org

Thank You

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