

BOARD OBJECTIVES MID-YEAR REPORT

This report marks the first comprehensive document outlining the various initiatives in progress that contribute to the achievement of the Board of Supervisors' 2019 annual priority objectives.





Message from the Chair

In January, when the Board of Supervisors identified our 2019 annual policy objectives, we recognized many challenges facing the County organization and our community, such as wildfire prevention and preparation, affordable housing and homeless needs, and evolving cannabis regulations. In addition, we continue as a board to prioritize maintaining core services and financial stability in changing economic times. With new leadership at the State, the longest economic recovery since post-World War II, and uncertainty with regards to the federal budget, the County must remain vigilant to protect its core mission of working with the community to develop sound and innovative public policy, provide strong leadership, and deliver excellent services in a fiscally responsible manner. The County also plays an important leadership role in the economic development of our communities, including expanding infrastructure and broadband access and supporting the growth of local businesses.

I am excited to present this first progress report on the specific initiatives that the County is focusing on to achieve our board's policy objectives. The report identifies 70 individual initiatives and includes performance measures and progress updates for each. I am proud of the work we have achieved so far and am encouraged by the breadth and depth of activity that is happening every day to improve the quality of life for our residents. I look forward to seeing this reporting mechanism grow and become more detailed and meaningful as it is utilized in the future.

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Richard Anderson, Chair
Board of Supervisors



2019 Board Objectives Summary



Maintain the County's financial stability and core services.

Reduce the risk of local **wildfire** and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment by providing leadership and support to community partners, pursuing State and Federal funding, implementing county policies and programs, and assisting the public to be “wildfire ready.” Explore other ways to reduce the threat and damage from wildfires.



In partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions, build an expanded system of coordinated care, outreach, transitional and permanent housing, and supportive services to address the needs of the **homeless** population and to mitigate impacts on the community.

Coordinate with local jurisdictions, developers and other partners to maximize leveraging opportunities with new state funding for **affordable and workforce housing** development.



Adopt a County **cannabis** ordinance and implement an effective cannabis compliance and permitting program to promote permitted cannabis activities.

Support job-enhancing **economic development** with an emphasis on infrastructure that expands or preserves commerce and provides leadership and coordination opportunities to bring funding sources and community partnerships together including ERC, SBC, RCRC, CSAC and USDA.



Increase public awareness and **civic engagement** by providing easy access to information on County-related services and to encourage citizens to participate in local government. Work with departments to implement new ways to engage with, and provide information to, citizens.

Complete the feasibility analysis of a potential reorganization of western county **park and recreation districts** for increased collaboration and efficient operation of facilities and administration of services.



Pursue the best use and maximum value for the **redevelopment of “Lot 6”** which may include a mix of aviation and commercial uses.



Board of Supervisors (BOS) Objectives Development Cycle



Intent of Report

This mid-year 2019 report is the first of its kind. Starting this year, following the Board's January planning workshop, performance management software was used to input and track initiatives across many departments that will contribute to the achievement of the Board's objectives. The plan is to generate this progress update report quarterly and make it available on the County's website for public review. In addition, the highlights of the report will be formally presented to the Board of Supervisors twice annually. First, at the Board's annual planning workshop in January each year, and second at a regular Board of Supervisors public meeting in July as a mid-year update. This report is intended to increase transparency and accountability of the County's work toward meeting the Board's objectives.

Any questions, suggestions, or requests for additional information regarding the information in this report should be directed to the County Executive Office at ceo@co.nevada.ca.us.

Status Symbol Key

Each objective and initiative is accompanied by a status symbol. The Key to the status symbols is below:

	On Target
	Caution
	Below Plan
	Not Started
	Completed



Description

Maintain County's financial stability and core services



Initiatives



Increase collection of delinquent taxes
Nevada County | 7/1/19 - 6/30/20



Implement technology, roads and facilities projects as identified in the County's financial management plans.
Information and General Services | 7/1/19 - 6/30/20



Maintain construction timeline for the Nevada County Operations Center (NCOC)
Information and General Services | 2/1/19 - 6/14/20



Adopt a pension management policy
County Executive Office | 1/1/19 - 6/30/19



Begin Development of a Formal Organizational Development Program
County Executive Office | 9/1/18 - 6/30/20



Control staffing levels and County costs by reviewing all requests for staffing changes and vacancies for revenue availability and s...
County Executive Office | 7/1/19 - 6/30/20



Increase countywide fiscal expertise through training, reporting and collaboration
County Executive Office | 2/1/19 - 6/30/20



Manage core services levels by reorganization or streamlining current resources.
County Executive Office | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19



Utilize the 2019 Nevada County Legislative Platform to Engage Legislative Advocacy Efforts
County Executive Office | 2/15/19 - 12/31/19



Description

Prioritize the implementation of existing County policies and programs to reduce the risk of wildfire and the effects of wildfire on life, property and the environment. Pursue hazard vegetation mitigation funding sources and support related community partners with their efforts. Explore other ways to reduce the threat and damage from wildfires.



Initiatives

- Reduce Hazardous Vegetation on County-maintained roads and County owned property**
Information and General Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Update the Safety Element of the General Plan**
Community Development Agency | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Continue facilitating the Yuba River Cohort to increase safety at the river for neighbors and visitors**
County Executive Office | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Advocate and partner for hazardous vegetation reduction on state and federal lands within Nevada County**
Office of Emergency Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Bring together community organizations with a shared wildfire prevention mission to establish ongoing coordinated approach to w.**
Office of Emergency Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Increase the number of county staff trained and responsible for responding to emergencies**
Office of Emergency Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Launch and maintain public awareness campaign to increase wildfire prevention, preparedness and personal responsibility**
Office of Emergency Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Provide information to citizens as to how to best solve neighborhood planning challenges such as vegetation management on resi..**
Office of Emergency Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Provide the community more convenient and affordable green waste disposal**
Office of Emergency Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Seek and secure funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness initiatives**
Office of Emergency Services | 7/1/18 - 12/31/19
- Update and enforce the County's Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance**
Office of Emergency Services | 1/1/18 - 12/31/19
- Utilize the Fire Safe Council to deliver vital fire preparedness and prevention services to the community**
Office of Emergency Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
- Complete the Ponderosa West Fuel Break Project**
Office of Emergency Services | 6/1/19 - 12/31/20



Description

Implement the Homeless Services Plan utilizing Coordinated Entry, a 24/7 service pilot program and a housing first model to identify and offer services to the most vulnerable homeless population in Nevada County through partnerships with other jurisdictions, law enforcement and community providers.

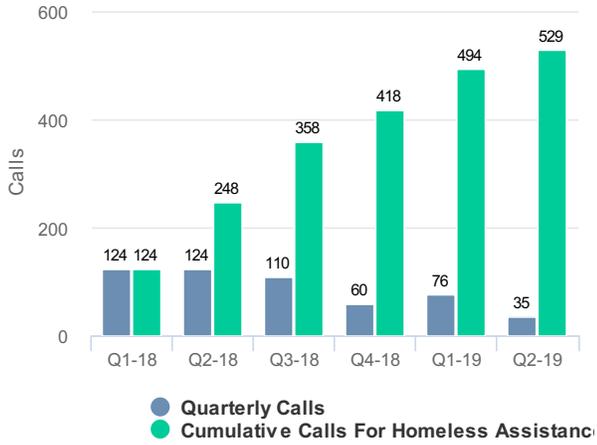


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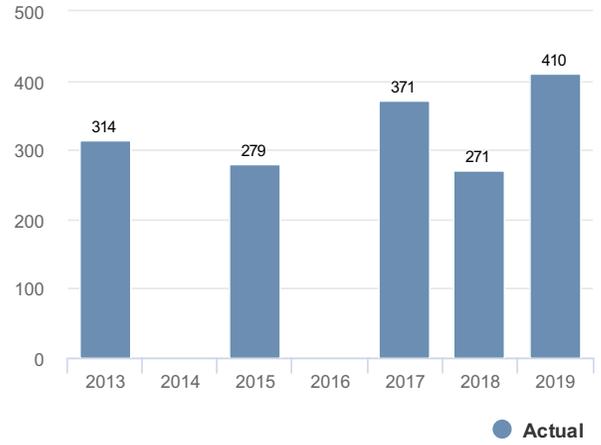
-  **Apply for grants/funding opportunities for homeless services**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Communicate regularly with the public about resources and initiatives to address homelessness in Nevada County**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Complete renovation of Odyssey House mental health residential treatment center**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 7/1/20
-  **Ensure community and regional collaboration and access to funding by providing leadership to the Nevada County Continuum of C...**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Expand access to homeless services in North San Juan**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Expand Bridge Housing capacity through community partners with master leases**
Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Expand coordinated entry effectiveness and utilization by all partner agencies**
Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Expand permanent supportive housing in Truckee through partnerships with other jurisdictions and community providers**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Leverage new grants and existing programs to implement a unified homeless outreach program with county departments, other j..**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Move more people into permanent housing**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Partner with cities to coordinate emergency homeless shelters during extreme weather events**
Housing and Community Services | 7/1/18 - 6/30/20
-  **Work with hospitals regarding discharge planning for homeless individuals**
Housing and Community Services | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Expand access to residential substance use treatment and options for post-treatment housing**
Behavioral Health | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Increase coordination with the jail regarding connecting homeless individual to community based services upon release.**
Behavioral Health | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19



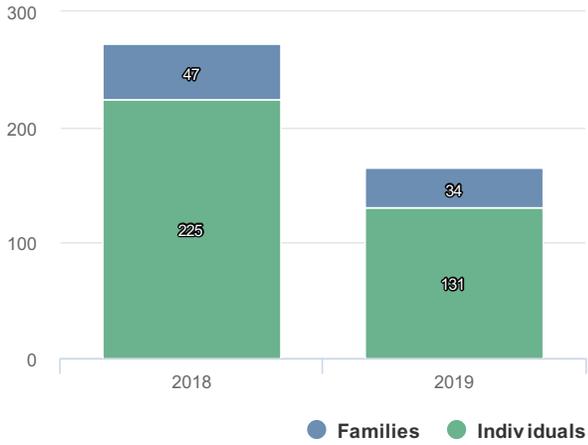
Coordinated Entry Calls for Homeless Services 1



Point in Time Homeless Count



Homeless people housed



Description

Leverage County resources to expand opportunities to address housing affordability issues for all target populations in Nevada County through partnerships with other jurisdictions, potential developers and the housing authority.



Initiatives



Truckee Lofts Project

Board of Supervisors | 7/1/18 - 7/1/19



Update Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations

Community Development Agency | 1/1/17 - 3/26/19



Expend \$1million per year of HOME funding for first time, low income homebuyer down payment assistance

Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19



Explore creating a landlord risk fund to encourage landlords to rent to homeless individuals and families

Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19



Facilitate a housing development summit

Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19



Identify and prepare shovel ready projects for future Community Development Block Grant funding

Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 12/31/19



Penn Valley Senior Housing Project

Housing and Community Services | 7/1/18 - 1/1/20



Prepare and apply for Round 2 of No Place Like Home funding, targeting an eastern county project

Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 11/1/19

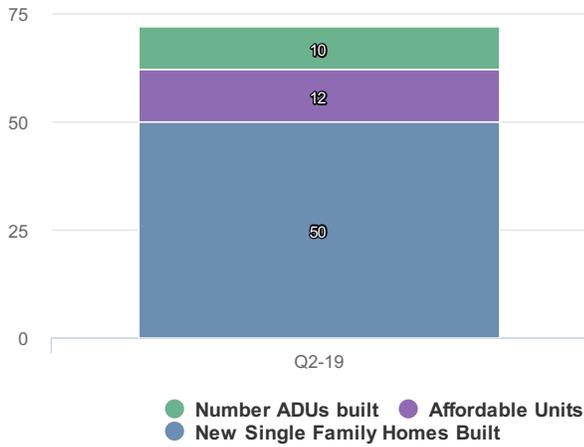


With Hospitality House and Regional Housing Authority, maintain the construction timeline for the Brunswick Commons housing d..

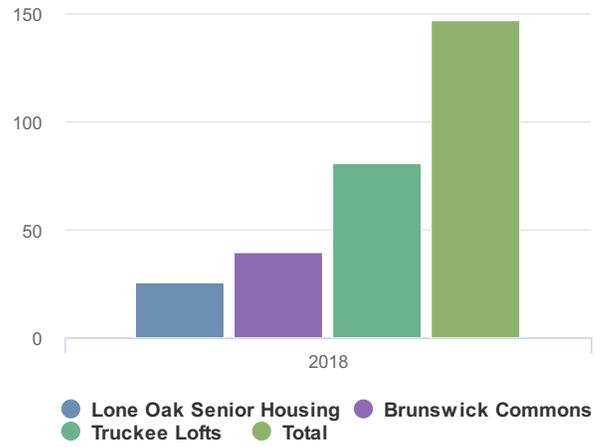
Housing and Community Services | 3/1/19 - 4/1/22



New Housing Units Built



Housing Projects in Planning



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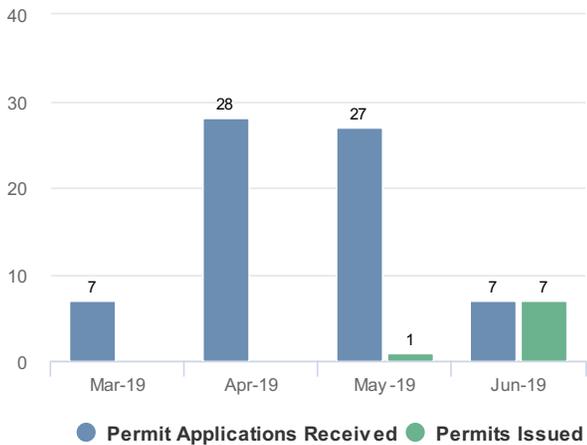
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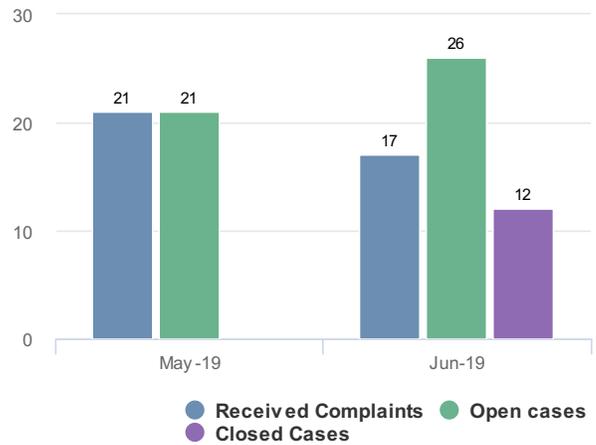
Initiatives

- **Collect quarterly cannabis business taxes**
County Executive Office | 7/1/19 - 6/30/20
- ✓ **Develop a long-term cannabis land use ordinance**
Cannabis Division | 1/1/18 - 6/30/19
- **Implement a Cannabis Permitting Program**
Cannabis Division | 2/1/19 - 12/31/19
- **Implement collaborative enforcement program with the Community Development Agency and the Sheriff's Office**
Cannabis Division | 5/14/19 - 12/31/19

Cannabis Permits



Cannabis Enforcement Complaints



Description

Support job-enhancing economic development with an emphasis on infrastructure that expands or preserves commerce and provides leadership and coordination opportunities to bring funding sources and community partnerships together including ERC, SBC, RCRC, CSAC and USDA.



Initiatives

- ↑ **Assist Race Communications to Build the Bright Fiber Broadband Project**
Information and General Services | 1/1/19 - 6/30/21
- ↑ **Develop a Program to Expand Broadband Services in Unincorporated Nevada County**
Information and General Services | 3/1/19 - 6/30/20
- ↑ **Partner with Gold Country Broadband Consortium to Complete Nevada County Broadband Plan**
Information and General Services | 8/1/18 - 8/1/19
- ↑ **Complete Combie Road Improvements Including Expanded Sewer Service to Support Future Commercial Growth Opportunities.**
Community Development Agency | 3/1/19 - 6/30/21
- **Seek United States Department of Agriculture, Economic Development Administration, California Public Utilities Commission and...**
Community Development Agency | 7/1/18 - 6/30/20
- ↑ **Update Penn Valley Area Plan**
Community Development Agency | 3/1/19 - 12/31/20
- ↑ **Work with partners to provide workforce development programs to local businesses**
Health & Human Services Agency | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
- ✓ **Adopt Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to Qualify for Regional Funding Opportunities**
County Executive Office | 3/1/19 - 3/31/19
- ↑ **Assist local businesses through technical and coaching services via a contract with the Nevada County Economic Resource Council**
County Executive Office | 7/1/19 - 6/30/20
- **Conduct a Request for Proposal for Economic Development/Tourism services**
County Executive Office | 8/1/19 - 4/30/20
- ↓ **Develop Grant Information Database**
County Executive Office | 1/1/19 - 6/30/20
- **Implement integrated tourism marketing strategies including GoNevadaCounty.com via a contract with NCERC**
County Executive Office | 7/1/19 - 6/30/20
- ↑ **Partner with the Donner Summit Association and Placer County to develop a Soda Springs Visitors Center**
County Executive Office | 3/1/19 - 4/1/20
- ↑ **Utilize the 2019 Nevada County Legislative Platform to Engage Legislative Advocacy Efforts**
County Executive Office | 2/15/19 - 12/31/19



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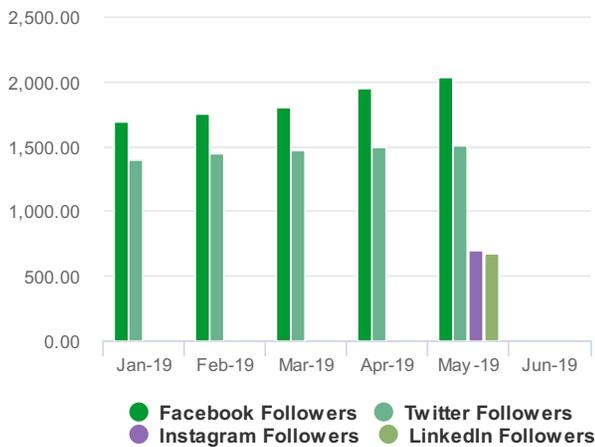
Increase and improve public awareness and civic engagement through educational information programs.



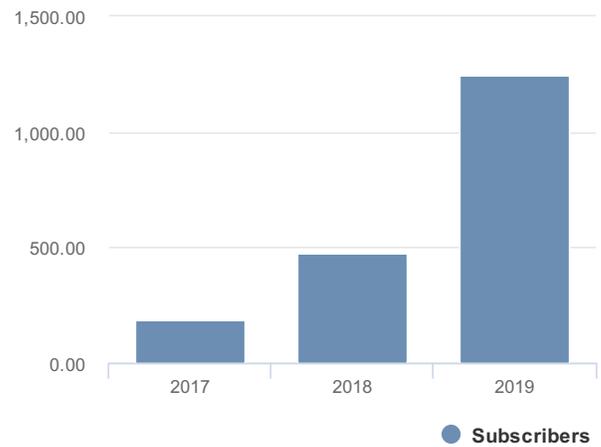
Initiatives

-  **Coordinate Town Hall and Community Meetings**
County Executive Office | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Expand Media Outreach, Public Relations and Community Education Campaigns**
County Executive Office | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Host Annual Citizens Academy**
County Executive Office | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Increase transparency and access through the utilization of website and social media E-tools**
County Executive Office | 7/1/19 - 6/30/20
-  **Promote Citizen Involvement on County Committees and Commissions**
County Executive Office | 1/1/19 - 12/31/19
-  **Promote Youth Participation in Local Government**
County Executive Office | 2/1/19 - 2/28/19

Social Media Followers

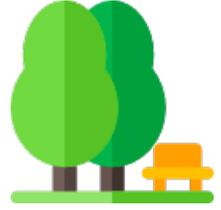


Nevada County News Subscriptions



Description

Complete the feasibility analysis of a potential reorganization of western county park and recreation districts for increased collaboration and efficient operations of facilities and administration of services.



Initiatives

 **Complete Western Park District Consolidation Feasibility Study**
Community Development Agency | 8/1/18 - 12/31/19



Description

Pursue the best use and maximum value for the redevelopment of Lot 6 which may include a mix of aviation and commercial uses.



Initiatives

-  **Conduct Highest and Best Use Study for redevelopment of Lot 6**
Information and General Services | 2/1/19 - 7/31/19



Board of Supervisors Objective Progress Update Summary Table

Board of Supervisors

Vision

We are dedicated to outstanding public service.

Mission

To work with the community to develop sound and innovative public policy, provide strong leadership and deliver excellent services in a fiscally responsible manner.

Objective	Initiative	Progress Update
 Financial Stability and Core Services	 Adopt a pension management policy County Executive Office	Pension policy was presented to the BOS on 6/18/19 for adoption
	 Begin Development of a Formal Organizational Development Program County Executive Office	The CEO, Assistant CEO and HR Director have begun research into how to best embark on a formal organizational development program. Research included a site visit to Marin County, four staff completing Lean training, identification of and preliminary conversations with potential professional consultants. In addition, the Employee Survey Results were shared with all County staff on May 25th and follow up action items have been started.
	 Control staffing levels and County costs by reviewing all requests for staffing changes and vacancies for revenue availability and staffing alternatives. County Executive Office	Between January 1 and June 7th, 137 vacancy review requests have been submitted for approval. For each vacancy, the department is asked to analyze if the position is still needed, if the duties could be filled in another way, and what would happen if the position was not refilled. In addition, departments assess whether the current job classification is still the most appropriate or if the FTE should be reclassified to perform different work, to fill the department's business needs.
	 Implement technology, roads and facilities projects as identified in the County's financial management plans. Information and General Services	<p>The Information and General Services Agency continues to make progress on the projects and initiatives listed in the Information and Communication Technology Strategic Plan. Recent progress includes cybersecurity awareness, implementation of the new property tax system Megabyte, and the IGS Billing system rewrite.</p> <p>The major updates for progress on the Capital Facilities Master Plan include mobilization of the Nevada County Operation Center contractor and progress on the Lot 6 feasibility study.</p> <p>The Department of Public Works continues their work on the projects listed in the Capital Improvement Plan. This last quarter included progress on hazardous vegetation reduction along Dog Bar Road and stripping on part of North Bloomfield.</p>



<p> Increase collection of delinquent taxes Nevada County</p>	<p>Using the new Megabyte software system, Treasure / Tax Collector staff are preparing for the first complete year in order to identify delinquent accounts. After July 1, improved reporting will allow the department to identify and focus on collecting on delinquent accounts.</p>
<p> Increase countywide fiscal expertise through training, reporting and collaboration County Executive Office</p>	<p>Two interim budget analysts were trained in the CEO office during the 2019 budget season. In addition, two interim administrative analysts assisted with the budget process.</p>
<p> Maintain construction timeline for the Nevada County Operations Center (NCO) Information and General Services</p>	<p>The Nevada County Operations Center Project is on time and moving ahead. The Tree Harvest has been completed and the contractor has begun mobilization and excavation of the work site. Staff have been working with the contractor to submit the proper applications and documents to PG&E and NID for utilities to the site. Staff is holding weekly progress meeting with the contractor.</p>
<p> Manage core services levels by reorganization or streamlining current resources. County Executive Office</p>	<p>The following has been completed in 2019 in pursuance of this initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Reassignment of Captain Jeff Pettitt to oversee the Office of Emergency Services ● Cross training of Human Service Specialists to serve in the Veterans Services Office ● Conclusion of Juvenile Hall Re-use study and identification for cost savings including elimination of Cook position at juvenile hall and contract with SO to provide meals.
<p> Utilize the 2019 Nevada County Legislative Platform to Engage Legislative Advocacy Efforts County Executive Office</p>	<p>Our legislative advocates have been busy this quarter. Shaw / Yoder / Antwih, Inc assisted the County with the following legislative issues specific to Nevada County:</p> <p>In Home Supportive Services funding ratio; presumptive transfer of behavioral health services to foster youth; cannabis regulations; Low Income Tax Credit scoring formulas, securing timely grant payment for a local non-profit; fire insurance; as well as keeping us informed of dozens of other bills that could impact County funding, mandated programs or policy issues.</p>
<p> Wildfire Preparation and Prevention</p> <p> Advocate and partner for hazardous vegetation reduction on state and federal lands within Nevada County Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>OES drafted letter that was approved by the Board of Supervisors and sent to Governor Newsom, state legislators, CA Natural Resources, State Parks, CalTrans and CAL FIRE advocating for increased fuels reduction on State Park lands and state maintained highways.</p> <p>OES is working with BLM to include fuels reduction work on BLM maintained lands in the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project.</p>
<p> Bring together community organizations with a shared wildfire prevention mission to establish ongoing coordinated approach to wildfire prevention, plans and projects. Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>Nevada County has held three quarterly stakeholder meetings to date with the fourth scheduled for August 2019 and implemented an online stakeholder collaboration platform for stakeholders to share and communicate between meetings. Currently there are 35 organizations involved.</p>



<p> Complete the Ponderosa West Fuel Break Project Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>The County is finalizing a contract with Cal Fire for \$1 million to start the project in 2019. The initial project will cover 300 acres of the project site and include outreach to property owners, environmental review, grant management, and fuels reduction. Additionally, staff is working to accept the project funds in the form of a Cal Fire Grant in the amount of \$2,536,277 for the additional outreach, grant management and fuel reduction on the remaining 900 acres outlined in the project scope. The total project time line will continue until March 2022.</p>
<p> Continue facilitating the Yuba River Cohort to increase safety at the river for neighbors and visitors County Executive Office</p>	<p>The Cohort has continued to meet monthly since March 2019. The Cohort continues to work on a number of initiatives that include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Joint Agency Taskforce 2. River Safety Press Event 3. Marketing Campaign to promote river safety 4. Working with BLM to identify prefrontal property areas for parking at the river and vegetation management 5. Working to identify potential areas for Call Boxes 6. IGS MOU with Nevada County for River Ambassador SAT Phone Project 7. River Safety Bandanna Project
<p> Increase the number of county staff trained and responsible for responding to emergencies Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>OES launched a training and development program to cross train county staff for the Emergency Operations Center. Nine staff members were selected and have begun training and learning their respective areas of focus.</p>
<p> Launch and maintain public awareness campaign to increase wildfire prevention, preparedness and personal responsibility Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>The County has launched the Ready Nevada County outreach and education campaign which provides resources and information regarding wildfire prevention, preparedness, and personal responsibility. This campaign includes the Ready Nevada County mailer which was sent to all residents in the unincorporated area of the County, the city of Grass Valley and Nevada City, as well as OES' updated website, ReadyNevadaCounty.org. The County has held and attended several town halls, produced the Wildfire Preparedness Speaker Series, and participated/organized a number of community events to increase public awareness.</p>
<p> Provide information to citizens as to how to best solve neighborhood planning challenges such as vegetation management on residential properties and private roads, private gates, etc. Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>OES contracted with Nevada County Media for professional marketing and public outreach services. With this contract a new website ReadyNevadaCounty.com was launched, the Ready, Set Go Handbook and was also designed and mailed both of which provide information and resources on wildfire preparedness. Staff has attended several meetings with HOA's, Firewise Communities, and other communities to discuss issues around vegetation management and evacuation planning. Outreach included a four-part educational Wildfire Prevention Speaker Series where experts have presented and answered the public's questions.</p>



<p> Provide the community more convenient and affordable green waste disposal Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>Staff partnered with Fire Safe Council and Waste Management to deliver a free green waste disposal program for the month of May. The program ran each weekend at six different locations where residents disposed of approximately 1 million tones of green waste. The program will continue in Eastern County for a month during the summer.</p>
<p> Reduce Hazardous Vegetation on County-maintained roads and County owned property Information and General Services</p>	<p>Facilities has completed hazardous fuels reduction at the Eric Rood Administrative Center and began reduction work at the Juvenile Hall property. The Department of Public Works has continued their efforts of fuels reduction on county maintained roads, most recently hazardous fuels reduction along Dog Bar Road. These efforts towards fuel reduction will continue on County roads and property.</p>
<p> Seek and secure funding for wildfire prevention and preparedness initiatives Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>County staff have aggressively applied for grant funding from both state and federal sources. To date over \$10 million in grant applications have been submitted. County staff is currently writing a grant to apply for \$5,905,750, of FEMA funds for hazardous fuel reduction on county roads, defensible space chipping program, green waste disposal and more. The grant was approved for submission by the Board of Supervisors on June 25th.</p>
<p> Update and enforce the County's Hazardous Vegetation Ordinance Office of Emergency Services</p>	<p>Staff brought forward an update to the Nevada County General Code regarding Hazardous Vegetation Abatement to the March 26, 2019 Board of Supervisors meeting. This amendment included numerous administrative updates and principally addressed clarification on abatement of adjacent parcels, abatement process, cost recovery, and administrative enforcement of the ordinance. This update is providing clarification and guidance to fire departments and county staff. There has also been a recent agreement reached between the County and the Nevada County Consolidated Fire Chiefs arranging for supervision of County Defensible Space Instructors by the Fire Chiefs.</p>
<p> Update the Safety Element of the General Plan Community Development Agency</p>	<p>A draft of the Safety Element has been completed. The draft is being reviewed by the Department of Forestry, as required by Government Code. Once the review is complete, the Safety Element will be scheduled for Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors hearings for adoption.</p>



<p>  Utilize the Fire Safe Council to deliver vital fire preparedness and prevention services to the community Office of Emergency Services </p>	<p>OES is partnering closely with the Fire Safe Council to bring additional resources to the community. This past six months Nevada County has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provided funding to certify 10 additional FireWise Communities ● Partnered to provide free residential green waste disposal for the month of May in Western Nevada County ● Produced the Children's Health & Wildfire Safety Carnival ● Produced the 2019/2020 Wildfire Guide ● OES has written Fire Safe Council into latest HMGP FEMA grant which would provide resources for chipping, Access & Functional Needs, and additional green waste disposal sites ● OES is looking to hire FSC to manage the Ponderosa West Grass Valley Defense Zone Project
<p>  Address Homelessness </p> <p>  Apply for grants/funding opportunities for homeless services Housing and Community Services </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NPLH: was awarded 1.6 million dollars. ● MHSA: approval for the proposed innovation project, Homeless Outreach and Medical Engagement (HOME) Team was received on February 28, 2019, which allows the county to take advantage of the innovation portion of the MHSA funding. ● GBHI: \$2 million in funds received in 2018. GBHI funds are being braided with MHSA innovation funding to create and fund the HOME team, which launched on June 24, 2019. ● California Emergency Solutions Housing (CESH): the County submitted a Request For Proposal to be ready for the application process once it begins. Appropriations have not yet been established for the next round of funding. ● Housing for a Healthy California (HHC): Final program guidelines for the new Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) program established by AB 74 became available May 2019. The application deadline for this program is in August. Application planning is currently underway and is on target to be completed for the August deadline. The program provides funding for acquisition, new construction, rental assistance and rental subsidies ● CDBG: funding was not awarded for the current period. An appeal was filed and was denied. Nevada County's CDBG application will be ready for submittal for the next January 2020 deadline.
<p>  Communicate regularly with the public about resources and initiatives to address homelessness in Nevada County Housing and Community Services </p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Public meeting held in April to inform the public of and consider public comment to the Brunswick Commons project. ● Nevada County news releases on Friday which contain information such as housing project updates, the Point in Time Count, and other information relevant to homelessness. ● More can be done to communicate with the community through community meetings, social media, news articles, and the county website.
<p>  Complete renovation of Odyssey House mental health residential treatment center Housing and Community Services </p>	<p>The Request for Qualifications was released, and the County is currently soliciting an architect. Architects reviewed the site in early June. Once an architect is selected, the project will advance.</p>



<p> Ensure community and regional collaboration and access to funding by providing leadership to the Nevada County Continuum of Care (NCCC) Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>Placer and Nevada counties have demerged into the CA 515 and CA 531, respectively. We continue to share HRCS as a collaborative applicant. The Nevada County CA 531 has a governing board with a governance charter that meets monthly. Bylaws are being worked on now.</p>
<p> Expand access to homeless services in North San Juan Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>The County awarded \$15,000 from the Community Initiative Fund (CIF) for FY 19/20 to support efforts to address homelessness in the North San Juan area. The target for the funding is currently for improvements to the North San Juan Community Center, which acts as the community run extreme weather shelter when needed.</p>
<p> Expand access to residential substance use treatment and options for post-treatment housing Behavioral Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exploring expanding capacity at Lovett Center/Bost House residential treatment facility beyond 19 beds ● The Request for Qualification has been released and the County is currently looking for an architect to begin the remodeling and construction/expansion of Odyssey House, which will expand residential treatment from 12-18 beds ● Added a contract with another residential provider in Marysville to expand residential capacity ● Implemented the walk-in clinic for assessments to streamline access to residential care in March, providing SUD assessments for 108 Nevada County residents since that time ● Added full time SUD care coordinator position in May of 2019 ● Stabilized funding for Bridges to Housing for the next few years through Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals funding and Mental Health Services Act innovation funding ● Added Recovery Residence for 8 women in May of 2018 ● Added Recovery Residence for additional 6-8 men in June of 2018
<p> Expand Bridge Housing capacity through community partners with master leases Housing and Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expanded Bridges to Housing to be financially stable for the next years through Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals funding and Mental Health Services Act innovation funding. ● Increased capacity to 16 tenants.
<p> Expand coordinated entry effectiveness and utilization by all partner agencies Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>This year, Homeless Management Information System(HMIS) utilization was expanded. HMIS is now used by all County departments who provide services to the homeless. This includes: Adult Protective Services, Nevada County Behavioral Health, CalWORKs/HSP, HHSA-Housing Resource Manager, DSS eligibility and Veteran's Services. Most local nonprofit services have HMIS as well: Communities Beyond Violence, FREED, Hospitality House Shelter, Connecting Point, and NCHDC.</p> <p>The Housing Resource Team (HRT) will complete a by-name list review by June 30th. The team will work together to remove individuals who have been housed, move out of the area, or self-resolved. The team will ensure that vulnerability scores are accurate. This will reduce the size of the list and allow the for implementation of Coordinated Entry 2.0</p>



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<p> Leverage new grants and existing programs to implement a unified homeless outreach program with county departments, other jurisdictions and community partners. Housing and Community Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expansion of Homelessness Management Information Systems to be used by all county departments providing services to the homeless. ● Data clean up and implementation of Coordinated Entry 2.0 ● Program guidelines for the new Housing for a Healthy California (HHC) funding have been released and discussions have begun on how to leverage this funding. ● Implementation of the HOME team to provide outreach and medical care in homeless camps.
<p> Move more people into permanent housing Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>To date 131 individuals and 34 families have been moved into permanent housing.</p> <p>Other progress includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Researching and applying for grant funding to support housing options ● Progression of Entitlement Planning for Brunswick Commons project, which is on track ● Odyssey house is currently looking for an architect to begin construction and remodeling ● Nevada County has allocated \$1.2 million in county funds as a deferred loan to support Penn Valley Senior Housing ● \$1 million in HOME grant funding awarded for rental and down payment assistance ● Development of master lease program ● Expansion of Bridges to Housing program from 12 to 16 tenants ● Exploring options with Regional Housing Authority for prioritizing clients for housing choice vouchers



<p> Partner with cities to coordinate emergency homeless shelters during extreme weather events Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>Current contracts for extreme weather shelters expire June 2019. The county is in the process of working out the details to renew contracts for next winter season. The contract with Salvation Army is in process. Meetings have taken place with Nevada City to discuss contract details. A meeting with Sierra Roots is pending. A full plan is anticipated to be in place by August with contracts in process to meet the needs for emergency shelters for the coming winter.</p>
<p> Work with hospitals regarding discharge planning for homeless individuals Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>HOME team is currently actively working with Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital (SNMH) for discharge planning and prioritizing with Bridges to Housing to meet the housing needs of homeless individuals that are discharged. SNMH currently participates in multi-disciplinary team meetings to address discharge needs and strategies.</p>
<p> Housing</p> <p> Update Accessory Dwelling Unit regulations Community Development Agency</p>	<p>Complete</p>
<p> Expend \$1million per year of HOME funding for first time, low income homebuyer down payment assistance Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>Nevada County has been awarded \$1 million in HOME grant funding to provide down payment assistance for first time, low income homebuyers but has not yet received the award letter informing the county of the conditions for spending the funds. The award letter is expected soon, at which time the contract with the state can begin. Once all is finalized, the County can advertise to the public for the program.</p>
<p> Explore creating a landlord risk fund to encourage landlords to rent to homeless individuals and families Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>The county has been awarded \$50,000 from the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) funds to develop flexible housing resources, such as the landlord recruitment and retention program and risk mitigation fund. These funds are on a timeline to be expended by June 2021. The County has completed technical assistance through Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) to develop a landlord recruitment and retention tool kit to be shared by all housing service providers in the county. To develop the toolkit, CSH utilized the Housing Resource Team (HRT) comprised of all local housing providers and input from landlords to formulate specific, regional strategies, marketing materials, and tools to unify landlord recruitment and retention work across service providers.</p>
<p> Facilitate a housing development summit Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>The County has included in the 50601 Budget Narrative an objective to formulate a standing workgroup with Housing and Community Development (HCD) that would explore internally housing development and funding options with the goal of identifying housing project sites throughout the county.</p> <p>In line with recommendations in the Grand Jury Report and the Homeless Strategic Plan, the County is researching the efficacy of establishing a regional entity that could work between jurisdictions to address barriers to building housing.</p> <p>Completion of these steps will proceed a Housing Development Summit.</p>



<p> Identify and prepare shovel ready projects for future Community Development Block Grant funding Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>CDBG funding for the Brunswick Commons Resource Center was not approved and the appeal was denied. The county will reapply for CDBG funding in the next round of funding with an application deadline in January. In addition, the county staff are exploring interim solutions and contingency plans for the resource center.</p>
<p> Penn Valley Senior Housing Project Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>In May the Board of Supervisors allocated \$1.2 million in county funds as a deferred loan to improve the tax credit application for July and make the project financially viable.</p>
<p> Prepare and apply for Round 2 of No Place Like Home funding, targeting an eastern county project Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>Application planning and discussions are in progress for the next round of No Place Like Home funding.</p>
<p> Truckee Lofts Project</p>	<p>Low Income Tax Credits were awarded on June 12, 2019.</p>
<p> With Hospitality House and Regional Housing Authority, maintain the construction timeline for the Brunswick Commons housing development Housing and Community Services</p>	<p>Entitlement Planning for the Brunswick Commons project is on track. All documents will be presented to the Board of Supervisors meeting for approval on June 25 and the application for tax credits will be submitted in July. Tax Credit Allocation Committee awards will be announced in September and will determine if construction begins as planned.</p>
<p> Cannabis Regulations</p> <p> Collect quarterly cannabis business taxes County Executive Office</p>	<p>This activity will begin once Cannabis businesses begin to sell their harvest in the fall. The Treasurer Tax Collector has put systems in place to collect cannabis taxes, and is working with the Cannabis Division to build a reporting system for tracking cannabis businesses that should report to the TTC.</p>
<p> Develop a long-term cannabis land use ordinance Cannabis Division</p>	<p>CDA has collaborated with various stakeholders and County agencies to develop a long-term commercial cannabis ordinance. CDA completed over 110 formal meetings with stakeholders and held 6 formal workshops during and after hours when developing the long-term cannabis land use ordinance. On May 14, 2019, the Board of Supervisors adopted the County's Commercial Cannabis Cultivation ordinance.</p>
<p> Implement a Cannabis Permitting Program Cannabis Division</p>	<p>Over the past quarter, CDA collaborated to implement a pre-application period, which allowed cultivators to apply for cultivation permits and begin going through the review process in preparation for board adoption of the ordinance. As part of this process, a complete application packet, as well as other various documents were created. A cannabis specific land-use permitting software module was also created and implemented to process applications, collect fees, and route them to various CDA departments. Additionally, a Cannabis Compliance Division website was created as a source for applicants to obtain information regarding cannabis cultivation. In an attempt to educate the cultivation community, CDA held numerous workshops covering compliance and application process.</p>



	<p>Implement collaborative enforcement program with the Community Development Agency and the Sheriff's Office Cannabis Division</p>	<p>The Cannabis Compliance Division has held numerous meetings with the Sheriff's Office to establish a collaborative approach to illegal cannabis enforcement. The Cannabis Compliance Division assumed management of public complaints, and created various ways in which to receive those complaints. A cannabis complaint process was implemented in the AskNevadaCounty portal, as well as a paper complaint form. The division worked with County Counsel to create enforcement related forms and procedures on addressing illegal cannabis enforcement cases. Recently, the division established a weekly collaborative enforcement inspection schedule with the Sheriff's Office.</p>
<p>Economic Development</p>	<p>Assist local businesses through technical and coaching services via a contract with the Nevada County Economic Resource Council County Executive Office</p>	<p>The ERC is currently contracting with Sierra Business Council (SBC) to provide local businesses with technical and coaching services. They will be submitting their year-end report to the Board of Supervisors in August 2019. In 2018, between January to June, SBC provided approximately 250 local business with technical assistance with an economic impact of \$2 Million.</p>
	<p>Assist Race Communications to Build the Bright Fiber Broadband Project Information and General Services</p>	<p>The Board of Supervisors approved a contract for a ground lease at the Nevada County Airport with Race Communications for equipment housing.</p>
	<p>Adopt Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to Qualify for Regional Funding Opportunities County Executive Office</p>	<p>The Sierra Business Council (SBC) provided a draft copy of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for County review in the spring. Included in the CEDS were the list of economic development projects that the County is current working on and future projects identified thus far. The CEDS is now being submitted to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA).</p>
	<p>Complete Combie Road Improvements Including Expanded Sewer Service to Support Future Commercial Growth Opportunities. Community Development Agency</p>	<p>The project was awarded to a contractor at the 5/28/19 Board of Supervisors meeting. Staff continue to be actively engaged with the developer to support the current Higgins marketplace project.</p>
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	<p>Develop a Program to Expand Broadband Services in Unincorporated Nevada County Information and General Services</p>	<p>The County has met with the Sierra Business Council (SBC) and developed scope of work for SBC to develop and administer the broadband grant program. A contract is scheduled to be brought to the BOS in July 2019.</p>
	<p>Develop Grant Information Database County Executive Office</p>	<p>This project is intended to be integrated into the Cobblestone contract management system in a later phase. Currently, grants are tracked in the Auditor Controller office but the future management program will make this information more readily available for all county staff and the public.</p>



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Work with partners to provide workforce development programs to local businesses

Health & Human Services Agency

Meet with Alliance for Work Force Development (AFWD) and set strategies and create statistical analysis of number of Social Services customers that have participated with AFWD services.

Meet with Connecting Point 211 to develop self-sufficiency goals and training for Social Services customers.

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<p> Host Annual Citizens Academy County Executive Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● With the last Citizen's Academy wrapping up in November, the last quarter has been coordinating the upcoming Fall 2019 recruitment and program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Applications for Fall 2019 are open to the public through July 19th. ● Staff is currently conducting outreach through earned media coverage and County information distribution platforms. ● Over 20 residents are on the outreach mailing list and have expressed interest in participating in the next Citizen's Academy before applications have opened to the public.
<p> Increase transparency and access through the utilization of website and social media E-tools County Executive Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased followers and consistent posting on social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn. ● Continue and expand use of e-tools like Accela (or Ask Nevada County) to make it easy for residents to submit service requests and interact with County staff.



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Complete the Ponderosa West Fuel Break Project

Office of Emergency Services

Description

Nevada County applied for and received funding from CalFIRE to complete a fuel break vegetation management project that extends west and south of Grass Valley. The project was prioritized as one of 35 most important fuel reduction projects in California for 2019.



Objectives



Wildfire Preparation and Prevention
Board of Supervisors

Progress Update

Q2-19

The County is finalizing a contract with Cal Fire for \$1 million to start the project in 2019. The initial project will cover 300 acres of the project site and include outreach to property owners, environmental review, grant management, and fuels reduction. Additionally, staff is working to accept the project funds in the form of a Cal Fire Grant in the amount of \$2,536,277 for the additional outreach, grant management and fuel reduction on the remaining 900 acres outlined in the project scope. The total project time line will continue until March 2022.

Next Steps

Q2-19

The following items will be brought to the Board of Supervisors for approval in July:

- Acceptance of funding
- Emergency declaration
- Contract with CalFIRE
- Contract with Fire Safe Council

Owner



Steve Monaghan (IGS)





Coordinate Town Hall and Community Meetings

County Executive Office

Description

Town hall and community meetings are an important component to how the public interfaces with the County and local governance, because it allows for face-to-face discussion, questions and answers outside of formal mechanisms like voting. This includes formal public hearings, informal town hall meetings hosted by local elected officials and community meetings on important topics like wildfire preparedness.



Objectives



Civic Engagement

Board of Supervisors



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Q2-19

District II Supervisor Ed Scofield will be holding a Town Hall meeting sometime in the end of summer that will be focused on wildfire and the availability and affordability of homeowners wildfire insurance.

Owner

AL Alison Lehman (CEO)





Description

Nevada County will develop a program to recruit and retain landlords willing to rent to individuals and families that are homeless and in need of supportive services to maintain permanent housing. The program seeks to address concerns by landlords that service providers all offer different services and can be hard to reach when needed by providing landlords with a clear and defined baseline of services and a single point of contact with a same day or next day response. The program includes a risk fund to offset potential costs involved in renting to high needs or highly vulnerable clients, such as double deposits, funding for damages, and funds to offset potential eviction costs. The risk fund would be available to landlords signing 24-month leases and agreeing to allow service providers managing placement and screening to place clients directly in units and to provide some function of property management.



Objectives

 **Housing**
Board of Supervisors

Progress Update Q2-19

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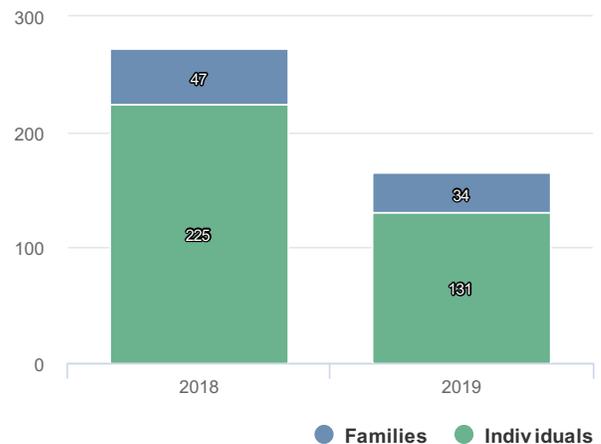
Next Steps Q2-19

Take to realtor associations to begin recruitment.

Owner

 Mike Dent

Homeless people housed



Implement a Cannabis Permitting Program

Cannabis Division

Description

The Community Development Agency (CDA) will collaborate with all CDA departments to implement a Commercial Cannabis Cultivation ordinance to allow cultivators to legally obtain a permit. This process will include the creation of a land-use development permit process and annual license. Departmental forms and procedures will be created to manage and process applications.



Objectives

Cannabis Regulations
Board of Supervisors

Progress Update

Q2-19

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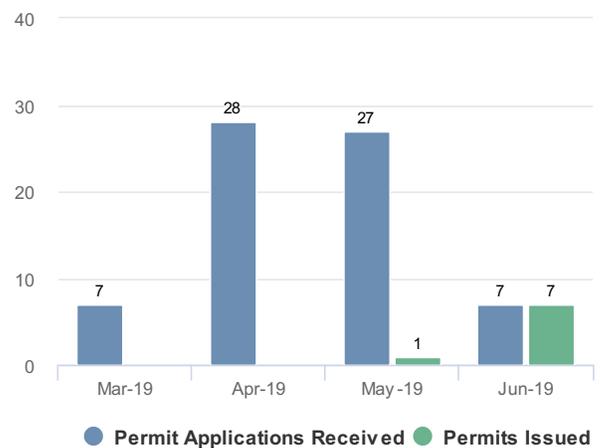
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The Community Development Agency will continue to work with applicants, design professionals, and stakeholders to streamline the application and review process. The agency will also continue to make modifications to existing documents to increase efficiency and consistency. Additionally, the Cannabis Compliance Division will begin performing site inspections as part of the Annual Cannabis Permit.

Owner

CG Craig Griesbach (CDA)

Cannabis Permits





Increase coordination with the jail regarding connecting homeless individual to community based services upon release.

Behavioral Health

Description

As homeless individuals leave jail, there is a critical need and opportunity to connect them with community resources and services. Often, underlying mental health and substance use disorders create a need for connecting these individuals to community services. Through the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) and initiatives such as Stepping Up aim to address the need to provide services to community members upon release from jail and connect them with housing opportunities through Bridges 2 Housing. Strategies to increase coordination include holding monthly meetings with key partners such as the Sheriff's Office and Probation and quarterly community meetings on the Stepping Up initiative.



Objectives

Address Homelessness
Board of Supervisors

Progress Update Q2-19

- Monthly meeting with between the county and stakeholders to discuss the Stepping Up Initiative. Participants include Behavioral Health, the jail Commander, the jail Medical Contractor, the District Attorney, Probation, and the Public Defender.
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- Monthly workgroups exploring the options for Medical Assisted Treatment (MAT) are being coordinated.

Next Steps Q2-19

- Partnering with Sheriff's Office and community partners to hire additional therapist in the jail to assist with services and warm handoffs for those in jail with mental illness, funded by the Department of Justice (DOJ) Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant
- Partnering with Sheriff's Office and community partners to implement Substance Use Disorder education program and warm handoff procedure for those in jail with substance use disorders, funded by the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) Expanding MAT in Jails grant
- Applying for additional Department of Justice (DOJ) Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Grant to expand diversion options for those with serious mental illness and increase service delivery and warm handoffs.

Owner

Phebe Bell (Behavioral Health)



 **Manage core services levels by reorganization or streamlining current resources.**
County Executive Office

Description

The County continuously looks for opportunities to streamline resources in order to gain efficiencies, navigate changing priorities and adjust to new information. The County is organized into three main agencies: Community Development, Health and Human Services, and Information and General Services in order to facilitate efficient use of resources and a "one-stop shop" service experience to each agency's customers. As programs evolve, additional opportunities are identified to share staffing, facilities or other resources in order to maximize tax-payer dollars.



Objectives

 **Financial Stability and Core Services**
Board of Supervisors

Progress Update

Q2-19

The following has been completed in 2019 in pursuance of this initiative

- Reassignment of Captain Jeff Pettitt to oversee the Office of Emergency Services
- Cross training of Human Service Specialists to serve in the Veterans Services Office
- Conclusion of Juvenile Hall Re-use study and identification for cost savings including elimination of Cook position at juvenile hall and contract with SO to provide meals.

Next Steps

Q2-19

- Continue developing plans for the Youth Center (formerly Juvenile Hall) per direction received by the Board of Supervisors on 6/25/19.
- Continue implementation of the Human Services Specialist (HSS) series in Child Support Services and cross train DSS and CDSS HSS staff.
- Continue to monitor Cannabis division staffing needs and leveraging opportunities with other CDA departments.

Owner

 Alison Lehman (CEO)





Partner with Gold Country Broadband Consortium to Complete Nevada County Broadband Plan

Information and General Services

Description

The mission of the Gold Country Broadband Consortium (GCBC) is to increase digital access and use of broadband in designated counties in the Sierra Nevada. Sierra Business Council (SBC) has taken over a \$150,000 grant to launch public-private partnerships aimed at increasing internet access and use in Nevada, Placer, El Dorado, Sierra, and eastern Alpine counties. GCBC is one of 14 regional consortiums in California funded by the California Advanced Services Fund Rural and Urban Regional Broadband Consortia grant program. GCBC was formed to leverage regional, state and natural resources as an investment in improving and expanding broadband access. Moreover, SBC partnered with the Civic Spark Fellows program and was able to obtain a one-year temporary full-time employee with the specific goal to develop Broadband Plans for Nevada and Sierra Counties. Board of Supervisors' staff, Jeff Thorsby, is the active employee mentor and has pulled together an advisory team on the Fellows work, that includes the CEO, and IGS. Any plan will ultimately be approved the Board of Supervisors.



Objectives



Economic Development
Board of Supervisors

Progress Update

Q2-19

Sierra Business Council (SBC) is currently finalizing the draft Nevada County Broadband Plan which will be routed for internal comments from County Departments at the end of June. The final Plan will be presented to the Board on July 23, 2019.

Next Steps

Q2-19

The Nevada County Broadband Plan will be coming to the Board on July 25, 2019.

Owner



Jeffrey Thorsby (Board of Supervisors)

