

GET INVOLVED

The Community Action Commission (CAC) is a great place to get involved to serve your community by advocating for services that help people living at or below the federal poverty limit achieve self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.

Commissioners participate in monthly meetings and have opportunities to volunteer for a variety of committees and public councils as their personal schedules allow. The CAC is advisory to the Monterey County Board of Supervisors and is comprised of 15 members. Each of the five supervisorial districts is represented by three Commissioners; one from the public sector, one from the private sector and one from the low-income sector of the community, which reflects the race, economic status, and gender of the county.

Commissioners will partner with the Monterey County Community Action Partnership staff, community members, and local service agencies to promote activities that lead to growth and self-sufficiency for the most vulnerable populations within Monterey County.

Serving individuals, families, and the community by funding local non-profit agencies that provide resources and services that promote self-sufficiency.



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FUNDING

Community Service Block Grants (CSBG) are federally funded allocations which provide base contributions for our programs. Other funding sources utilized are: Domestic Violence Trust Fund (DVTF), Homeless Fund (HF), and Monterey County Department of Social Services support. CSBG funding comes from the federal government via the State of California. DVTF allocations are generated by marriage license taxes. HF funds are generated by County hotel taxes. Although funding remains generally consistent, there are fluctuations from year to year as tax levels increase and decrease.



ENGAGEMENT

We believe that citizens are most engaged when they speak on behalf of their own experiences and needs. Every two years, MCCAP conducts a Community Needs Assessment. This collaborative effort between community members, Commissioners, service providers and staff, provides opportunities to identify and understand the current causes and conditions of poverty and prioritize the resources needed to overcome them.

ABOUT MCCAP

In Monterey County, Community Action is operated publicly under the Department of Social Services as the Monterey County Community Action Partnership (MCCAP) and serves to improve lives and strengthen communities. The Community Action Commission and MCCAP staff meet monthly to support engagement in three main activities: contract with local nonprofit agencies for services, engage in collaborations with community stakeholders, and advocate and participate in community activities that support the low-income community. Our overall mission is to develop, maintain, and evaluate community services that empower low-income individuals and families to improve their quality of life.



HISTORY

Community Action Agencies (CAA) are non-profit private and public agencies established under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as part of President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty." There are approximately 1,000 CAA's nationwide which serve as focal points to coordinate and plan for the provision of community services that assist and empower people living at or below the federal poverty limit so they can improve their quality of life.



SERVICES

- Youth Education & Recreation
- Mental Health Support
- Food Access and Meals
- Domestic Violence Prevention & Intervention
- Homeless/Housing Services
- Life Skills Training for Parents
- Employment & Financial Education
- Information and Referral Services