



South Eastern Idaho Community Action Agency

Helping People. Changing Lives.

2005 ANNUAL REPORT

“The test of our progress is not whether we add more to the abundance of those who have much; it is whether we provide enough for those who have too little.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

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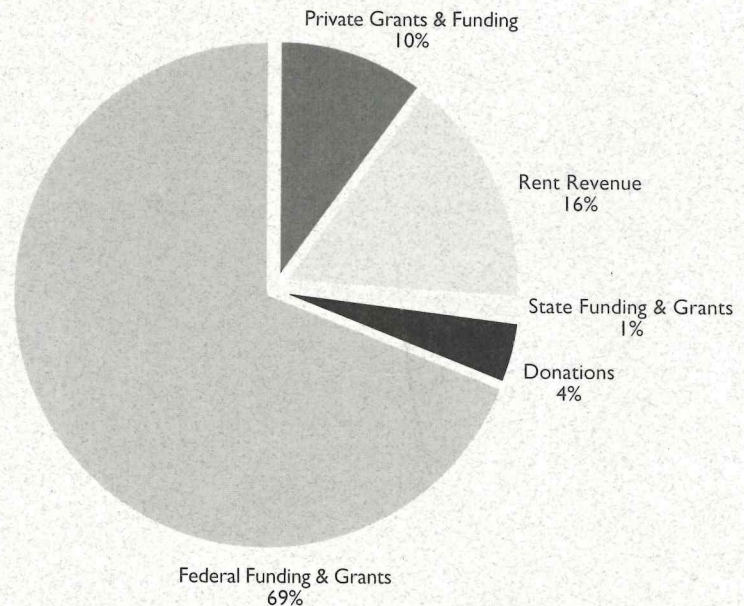
SEICAA incorporated as a private, nonprofit entity in 1969. It is a locally governed organization whose purpose is to advocate for and serve the economically disadvantaged, empowering them to become as self-sufficient as possible.

For more than three decades, SEICAA has administered a variety of anti-poverty programs to Southeastern Idaho. Today SEICAA continues to develop programs responsive to the needs of elderly, disadvantaged and low-income people.

Mission Statement

SEICAA is dedicated to strengthening individuals and communities through services, education, and training while promoting human potential.

SEICAA Funding



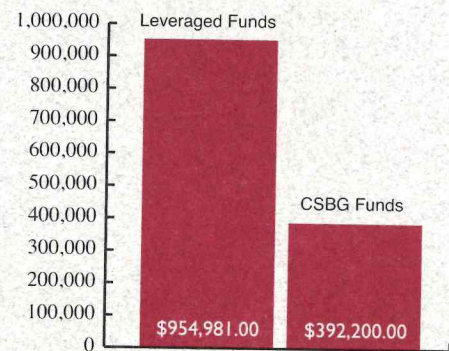
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Community Action Agency's Core Funding

Core funding for Community Action Agencies (CAAs) across the United States comes from the federal Community Services Block Grant (CSBG). CSBG supports the unique mission of CAAs by funding anti-poverty services in local communities. Due to the flexible nature of CSBG funding, CAAs are in a unique position to fill the needs of each community they serve. CSBG provides the funding that allows Community Action leaders the time, facilities and staff to mobilize resources and to plan and implement those programs that best meet community needs. By coordinating multiple programs and leveraging additional funds, CAAs achieve their mission of creating opportunities for low-income people to overcome the barriers of poverty.

SEICAA utilized the Community Service Block Grant to leverage \$954,981 in additional funds, donations and services to assist participants in 2005.



“Volunteers contributed 90,923 hours to SEICAA in 2005.”

SEICAA Coverage Area



Community Action Agencies Represent Their Communities

CAAs across the nation are governed by a tri-part Board of Directors made up in equal parts by low-income people, members of the business community and local elected public officials. This unique mix of board members assures that the specific needs of each community are met.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS

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“Census data shows over one in three homes in rural Southeastern Idaho are 45 years old or older.”

Mutual Self-Help Housing

Mutual Self-Help Housing is a unique home building program: pre-qualified participants work together to construct homes for themselves and each other. The program is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development. Under the direction of qualified construction staff, participants supply 30-35 hours a week of labor, while qualifying for mortgage financing to purchase land, materials and subcontract work on more technical items.

Under the direction of SEICAA staff, an association of 8 to 10 households is formed. They select lots, house plans, and apply for individual mortgage loans through USDA Rural Development. While participants await loan approval, the participants receive education concerning home ownership. The average construction time to complete the homes is 12 months.



Mutual Self-Help Housing participants work together for home ownership.

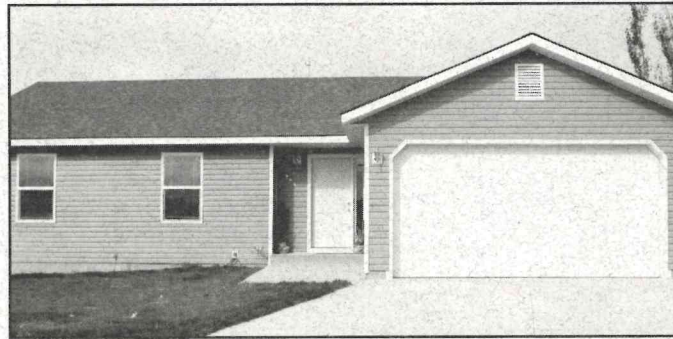
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Mutual Self-Help Housing Completed in American Falls

In 2005, MSHH participants built 6 homes under SEICAA's supervision in American Falls, Idaho. These homes include:

- 1400 sq. feet
- Double car garage
- 3-4 bedrooms
- 2 bathrooms
- Fenced perimeter
- Personalized interiors and exteriors



Home built in American Falls, Idaho by Mutual Self-Help Housing Participants

Construction Rehabilitation Program

SEICAA's Construction Rehabilitation Program promotes a healthy, safe and secure living environment for low- to moderate-income homeowners. Rehabilitation services improved 20 homes in 2005 by building or repairing:

- Accessibility ramps and accessories
- Remodels & additions
- Doors and windows
- Finish carpentry
- Cabinetry
- Porches, decks, and awnings
- Insulation
- Outbuildings & sheds
- Mobile Home water line repair
- Heating & Cooling system diagnostics

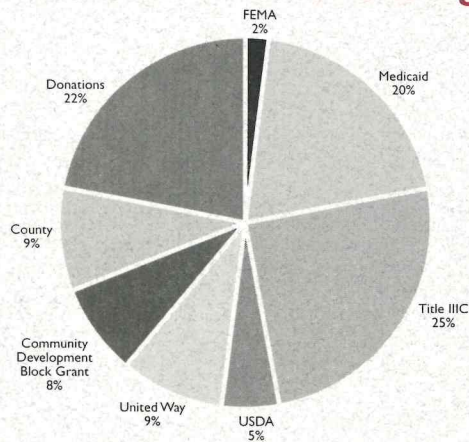


Kitchen remodeled by SEICAA Construction Rehabilitation

SENIOR PROGRAMS

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Meals On Wheels Funding



Meals on Wheels

SEICAA's Meals on Wheels® Program provides both nutritious meals and emotional support for homebound seniors in Bannock County. Dedicated staff contributes to the overall health and safety of clients by delivering a hot meal that provides 1/3 RDA nutritional requirements.

- Meals on Wheels® provided over 60,000 meals during 2005

Retired Senior Volunteer Program

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is a unique volunteer program that provides a way for retirement-aged individuals to give something back to their community.

- 657 volunteers served 85,562 hours
- Volunteer hours equate to \$1,509,315 to the local community

"We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." —Winston Churchill

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Health Promotion Program for Seniors

The Health Promotions Program promotes a healthier quality of life for Southeast Idaho seniors. The program prevents premature institutionalization in nursing homes and assisted living centers by providing health services and education that keeps seniors active and living independently. The program is funded by the Southeast Idaho Council of Governments.

- 868 seniors participated in exercise classes
- 186 were assisted with free prescription drugs and Medicare enrollment
- 987 individuals participated in health fair and other informational booths

Living Will & Durable Power of Attorney

The Idaho Living Will and Durable Power of Attorney for health care is a legal document which states what a person requests if they are medically unable to speak for themselves.

- 142 Living Wills and Durable Power of Attorney documents were created

“10.5% of Idahoans, or over 150,000 people, live below the national poverty guideline.”

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“In the United States, over 2 million children have at least one incarcerated parent.”



Family Development

Family Development provides low-income families with one-on-one case management from nationally certified staff members. By helping with budgets, goal setting, and educational opportunities, the Family Development program empowers families to self-sufficiency.

- 8 families became self-sufficient in Southeast Idaho as part of the Family Development Program

Mentoring Programs

The Mentoring Program lets adults help children one-on-one in the elementary school system. In addition, the Mentoring Children of Prisoners Program provides mentors to children ages 4-14 who have a parent incarcerated in a state or federal correctional facility. Mentors meet with the children for one hour each week.

- 49 mentors served 87 children through the public school system
- 37 mentors served 42 children who had one or more parents incarcerated

Food and Nutrition Programs

- U.S.D.A. Commodities distributed necessities on 11,831 occasions
- 4,841 food boxes were distributed to low-income people
- Area businesses distributed food on 7,054 occasions through the Market Salvage program

“A family of four needs to earn \$16.84 an hour for a livable wage in Idaho.”

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Energy Programs

- Fuel Funds –The community donated \$28,794 to Lend-a-Hand and Project Warmth energy programs.
- The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program distributed \$1,182,085.00 in benefits from December 2004 to June 2005.
- SEICAA helped people with energy costs outside of LIHEAP 249 times



\$28,794.00
TOTAL FUEL FUNDS
DONATED

Working Closet

Donated professional work clothing is available to eligible participants to attend job interviews or clothing specific to their employment positions.

- 486 individuals utilized the Working Closet in 2005.

Mental Health Program

SEICAA's Raymond Lodge offers semi-independent living for chronically mentally ill individuals. Tenants at Raymond Lodge receive hands-on education about everyday living and are empowered to live as self-sufficiently as possible.



Case Manager Teaches Life Skills Training at Raymond Lodge

HOUSING SERVICES

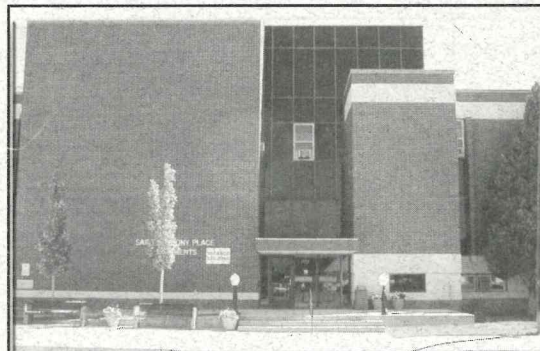
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“Housing prices rose faster in Idaho during 2005 than in the rest of the nation.”

—The Idaho Statesman

SEICAA continues to expand and develop affordable housing in Southeastern Idaho. Through the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA), Housing and Urban Development (HUD), USDA Rural Development and other funding streams, SEICAA continually provided safe and affordable housing for low-income and elderly community members, during 2005.

- Affordable rental units
- Mobility impaired housing
- Multi-family and Senior Housing



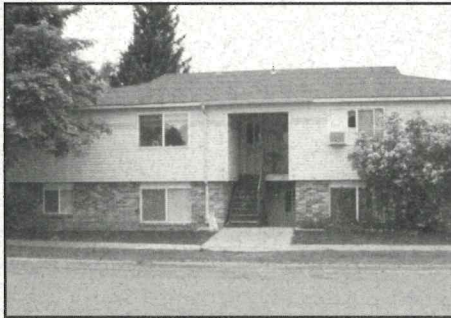
St. Anthony Place

St. Anthony Hospital was converted to 88 studio/one-bedroom units for affordable senior housing in 1985. St. Anthony Place features many amenities:

- Off-street parking
- Access to public transportation
- Tenant transportation provided by SEICAA
- Open common area
- Close access to other SEICAA services.

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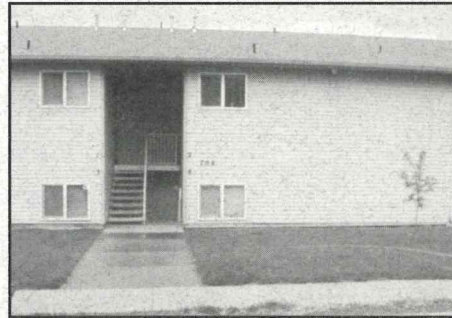
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South Oak Apartments, Blackfoot

South Oak, in Blackfoot, has eight 1-bedroom apartments, twelve 2-bedroom apartments, and four 3-bedroom apartments. The complex features:

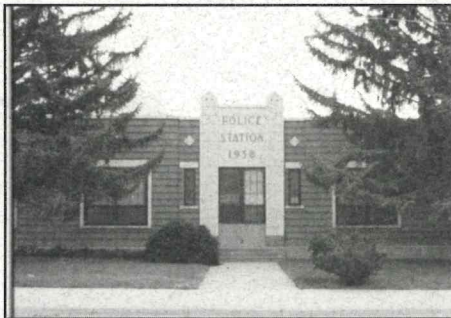
- On-site laundry facilities
- Playground
- Off-street parking



Fountain Courts, Pocatello

Fountain Courts in Pocatello has seven 3-bedroom apartments and one 2-bedroom mobility impaired apartment. The site includes several amenities:

- Washer & dryer hook-ups
- Playground
- Off-street parking



Station 1938, Pocatello

The former Pocatello Police Station was remodeled to become Station 1938. The complex celebrated its 10th year in 2005.

- 12 semi-furnished studio apartments
- Utilities are paid



Lilac Street, Blackfoot

In 2005, SEICAA acquired a house on in Blackfoot to rent to low- or moderate-income families.

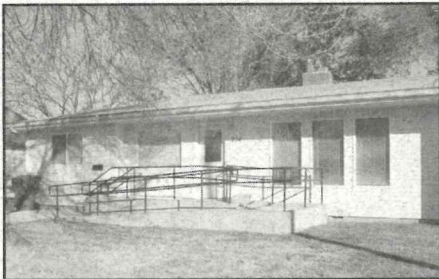
- 3 Bedrooms
- 2-Car Garage
- Fenced backyard

VETERAN'S SERVICES

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Veterans' Services Program is available to military veterans who are homeless or are in danger of becoming homeless. SEICAA offers case management to veterans who are working toward self-sufficiency. Case managers are trained extensively in recognizing veterans' issues and works with them by making referrals to appropriate services.

- 19 veterans secured permanent housing in the community.



Jefferson House offers transitional living quarters for up to 24 months to qualified military veterans.

Jefferson House

Jefferson House is a transitional living facility for veterans who have successfully demonstrated the ability to live outside the structured environment of intense case management. The facility has been remodeled to accommodate mobility-impaired individuals. During a maximum 2-year stay at Jefferson House, veterans acquire independent living skills and work toward living in the community's mainstream population.

Freedom LZ

SEICAA's Freedom LZ shelter is available to homeless military veterans. Crisis intervention and case management are provided on-site to assist the veterans to find employment, make referrals to appropriate community resources, and otherwise assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

"With more than 500 veterans returning to Southeastern Idaho from Iraq and other places in 2005, military veterans now total over 16,000 in the region."

WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM

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The Weatherization Program provides assistance to economically disadvantaged individuals, particularly the elderly, disabled and those with children, through funding from the Department of Energy. Weatherization's goal is to reduce energy consumption by making homes more energy efficient with attic floor and wall insulation, weather stripping, energy efficient furnaces, storm windows and education to reduce energy costs.

- 170 homes were made more efficient.

SEICAA Partners with Utility Companies

Idaho Power, Utah Power and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) provides power in the counties SEICAA serves. The utility companies refer participants to the Weatherization program in addition to contributing financially to the program's success.

In 2005, the utility companies played a role in weatherizing the following number of homes:

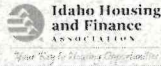
- Idaho Power 60 homes
- Utah Power 2 homes
- BPA 22 homes

“Average savings to homeowner after weatherization is \$193 per year.”

Community Partners



United Way
of Southeastern Idaho



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