

Southeastern Idaho Community Action Agency, Inc.

2017 COMMUNITY REPORT



From the Executive Director:



Debra R. Hemmert,
Executive Director, CEO

Dear Friends,

For nearly 50 years SEICAA has developed essential programs to increase self-sufficiency for individuals living in Bannock, Bear Lake, Bingham, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, and Power counties.

SEICAA started in Bannock County in 1969 with a meal delivery program for seniors and has adapted to meet the needs of the communities. SEICAA is able to identify and meet these needs through flexible funding, especially through the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG).

SEICAA is one of over 1000 Community Action Agencies receiving Community Services Blocks Grant (CSBG) funding through the Department of Health and Human Services. The flexibility of CSBG allows SEICAA to add programs that are identified by low-income households as crucial to attain economic independence.

SEICAA received \$385,430 in core Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) funding which empowered the agency to leverage an additional \$1.3 million for participant programs and services.

As highlighted in this 2017 Community Report, SEICAA administered programs ranging from emergency services to home ownership. SEICAA provided 130,000 units of services to 15,531 individuals. Local businesses and individuals volunteered 38,548 hours to SEICAA for an economic impact of \$850,000.

SEICAA understands that it takes a community-wide effort to address the issues of poverty and is grateful for the tremendous support of our communities in southeastern Idaho.

SEICAA is planning and developing new, innovative approaches to combating poverty in 2018 and is excited to share those success with you in the 2018 Community Report!

Warmest Regards,

Debra R. Hemmert



Kathy Anderson,
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President

What Is A Community Action Agency ~Helping People. Changing Lives.~



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Community Action

“Community Action’s effectiveness is measured not only by the services which it directly provides but, more importantly, by the improvements and changes it achieves in the community’s attitudes and practices toward the poor.”

~Office of Economic Opportunity,
Instruction 6320-1, 1970

Why Community Action Agencies are Unique

Most poverty-related organizations focus on a specific area of need, such as job training, health care, housing, or economic development. Community Action Agencies reach out to low-income people in their communities, address their multiple needs through a comprehensive approach, develop partnerships with other community organizations, involve low-income participants in the agency’s planning, and administer a full range of coordinated programs designed to have a measurable impact on poverty.



“Helping People. Changing Lives.”

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Mission Statement

“SEICAA is dedicated to providing opportunity and support for individuals and communities to thrive and reach their fullest potential, promoting self-sufficiency and greater economic independence through services, education, affordable housing, and training.”

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66 Individuals Reduced/Eliminated Barriers to Employment



**\$514,800 increase in annual
income through employment
services*



**\$54,605 to support continued employment*

SEICAA Participants Gain Financial Management Skills and Achieve Their Asset Goals Through Education and Asset Development



Tax Preparation

136 Households with low-income received free tax assistance

\$34,000 Saved in tax preparation fees

\$227,000 Tax credits received

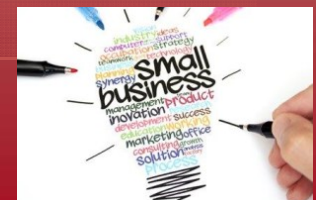


Individual Development Accounts (IDA)

An IDA is a special savings account for people with low-to moderate-low incomes. When participants save in an IDA, their savings are matched through SEICAA's IDA program at an eight-to-one match. SEICAA's IDA participants save \$500 over the course of two years and their savings are matched with \$2,000 federal dollars and \$2,000 SEICAA unrestricted funds for a total amount of \$4,500 that participants can apply towards first time home purchases, creating or enhancing a microenterprise, or post-secondary education.

**6 Households with low-income increased savings by \$20,000*

**3 Households with low-incomes increase assets by \$1 million through purchasing a home or starting a small business*



SEICAA Improves and Revitalizes Communities Through Increasing or Safeguarding Threatened Opportunities



Job Creation or Preservation

*30 jobs created or saved in southeastern Idaho

*30 living wage jobs created or preserved in southeastern Idaho

New Housing

*3 affordable homes constructed and purchased in southeastern Idaho

*\$480,000 increase in tax value for the communities.

Improved or Preserved Housing

*483 units of safe and affordable housing were preserved or improved in southeastern Idaho

Transportation

*1,155 units of transportation created or expanded in southeastern Idaho

Educational Opportunities

*27 educational and training placement opportunities created or preserved in southeastern Idaho

Youth Increase Academic, Athletic, and Social Skills for School Success

*312 school-aged youth increased skills for school success through SEICAAA's youth initiative programs.

Low-Income Individuals Invest in the Success of Their Community and Peers



Community Enhancement

*\$130,000 Leveraged through 5,851 volunteer hours

*7 Individuals participated in formal community organizations, government, boards, or councils that provide input to decision-making and policy setting as a result of SEICAA's efforts.

Community Involvement

*42 People with low-incomes engaged in non-governance community activities or groups created or supported by SEICAA.



SEICAA's goal focused programs encourage individuals to utilize agency and community resources to achieve a more stable, independent life through permanent housing, one-on-one case management, and goal setting.

SEICAA's Veteran Services provides bridge and permanent housing coupled with intense case management for homeless United States Armed Services Veterans and Veterans with families.

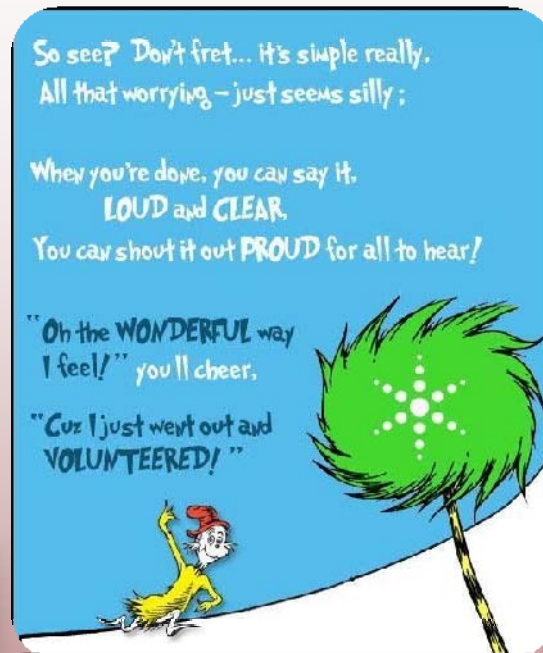


Achieving Goals



- 60% of all Veterans in SEICAA's transitional or emergency housing moved into permanent housing
- 58 households participated in Case Management
- 145 units of affordable rental housing provided to elderly, disabled, economically disadvantaged, and /or chronically homeless individuals and families.





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a difference

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Senior Services



SEICAA's Senior Services includes home delivered meals, volunteer opportunities, and youth mentoring.

SEICAA's Senior Services receives support from various organizations and donations from the community that make it possible.

Meals on Wheels

\$8,112,000 in savings to families and care takers for 338 vulnerable individuals that were able to remain independently housed as a direct impact of receiving Meals on Wheels

*Every dollar contributed to the Meals on Wheels program provides a complete meal and a health and safety visit to an elderly and/or disabled neighbor for 4 days

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)

*35,253 hours donated; an economic impact of **\$775,000**

*173 at risk school-aged youth were mentored and/or tutored; an economic savings of **\$2 Million dollars to families and communities when youth avoid risk taking behavior.**

Fundraisers



SEICAA plans and hosts a variety of fundraisers in southeastern Idaho with volunteer assistance to raise funds that help provide assistance with non- grant supported needs: GED Testing fees, minor medical and dental expenses, minor educational and work related expenses, utility assistance and some housing expenses.

The partnerships that have developed along-side each of the fundraising activities has unified and built stronger communities in southeastern Idaho.

Thank you southeastern Idaho!



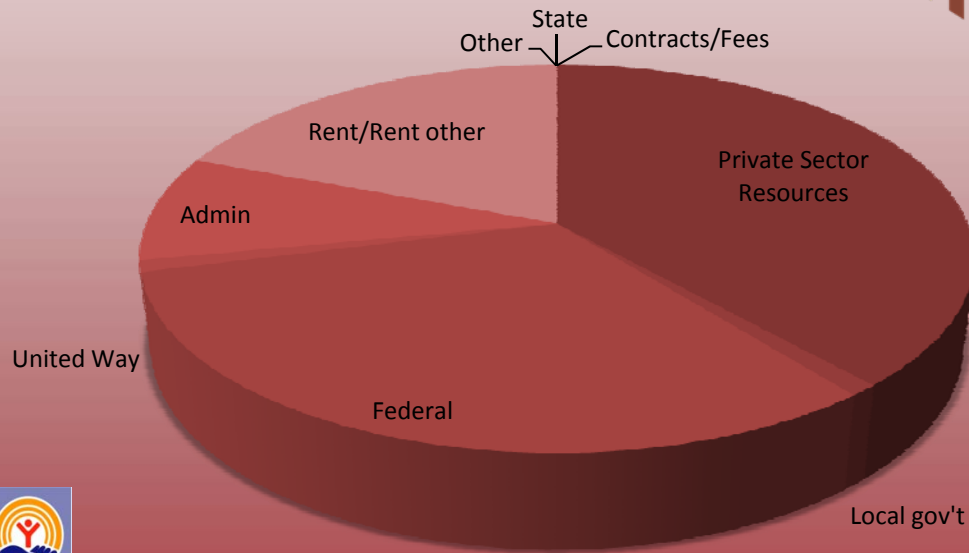
**SEICAA raises
\$60,000
through
fundraising
efforts.**

The Promise of Community Action



Community Action changes people's lives, embodies the spirit of hope, improves communities and makes America a better place to live.

We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other.



SEICAA Funding



SEICAA utilizes Federal grants, grants from private and local foundations, donations, and fundraisers to administer and implement the programs and services that are vital to obtaining self-sufficiency for the southeastern Idaho community.

SEICAA rises to the needs of each community it serves through administering a variety of anti-poverty and asset development programs and continues to develop proactive programs to help alleviate the devastating affects of poverty.

Poverty Simulation

Why have a Poverty Simulation?

Have you ever wondered why it seems so difficult for some people to escape poverty? Have you ever wanted to help but not know how? Understanding the day-to-day reality of poverty is important for everyone involved in fighting poverty - from policymakers to service providers. The COMMUNITY ACTION POVERTY SIMULATION (CAPS) is a unique tool that helps people begin to understand what life is like with a shortage of money and an abundance of stress. Advocate from a place of knowledge as well as compassion.

What choices would you make if you had little time and little money to spare?

If you are interested in having SEICAA host a Poverty Simulation for your organization or business please contact SEICAA's Operations Director @ 208-232-1114 x113 or information@seicaa.org



Thank you!



SEICAA could not accomplish the great things it does without the continued support and partnerships from the great southeastern Idaho community!

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