

Sandra Nava

From: Sandra Nava
Sent: Tuesday, February 22, 2022 8:41 AM
To: Sandra Nava
Cc: Crystal Zamora; Bryce Atkins
Subject: Re: Response to HNRC Meeting Inquiries
Attachments: SVILC Gilroy CDBG HNRC follow up.docx

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To HNRC from Angelica Holguin of Silicon Valley Independent Living Center.
Response to inquiries which she said he would provide to members.

From: Angelica Holguin [mailto:angelicah@svilc.org]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:23 PM
To: Sandra Nava
Cc: Grants
Subject: Re: EXTERNAL - Re: HNRC Meeting
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Good Evening Sandra,

Please find attached my follow up to the HNRC inquiries. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

~Angie

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SVILC is a cross-disability, intergenerational, and multicultural disability justice organization that creates fully inclusive communities that value dignity, equality, freedom and worth of every human being.



Last fiscal year Silicon Valley Independent Living Center was able to assist 33 unduplicated consumers in the community with assorted services such as housing services, benefits and cal-fresh assistance, emergency food pantry, Independent Living and life skills training as well as linkage to several community partners.

There were 6 consumers that needed more intensive assistance. These Consumers were able to attend our housing workshop that addresses budgeting, searching for affordable and accessible housing as well as educating the attendee of the current available resources. SVILC was able to provide 3 Consumers with intense preventive services from and a SVILC South County Case Manager to be able to maintain/obtain housing to prevent homelessness.

Silicon Valley Independent Living Center Housing Program Overview

SVILC offers housing services, which are unique to our independent living center. Our Specialists obtain and present updated information on the available wait lists and open housing opportunities to our members at our weekly workshops and during 1-on-1 appointments. SVILC works with other housing organizations to better understand and address the concerns of each member seeking housing. Each member is receiving coaching and resource information available to equip one for their housing search journey better.

People with disabilities experience more significant discrimination around housing than any other minority population. With an inflated cost of living rises in Santa Clara County, finding suitable and permanent housing can be a challenging journey. Our Housing Specialists may assist in developing housing search strategies, research up and update current Section 8 and other subsidized / low-income housing options, provide information and referrals to other community housing resources, provide information regarding your housing rights as a person with a disability, and assist in applying for emergency financial assistance for rent, security deposit, or application fee (RESTRICTIONS APPLY).

Individual Appointments

Our Housing Specialists provide 1-on-1 housing consultation appointments to better address the needs and concerns when searching or retaining housing. Some topics discussed during these appointments include housing programs available, redefining what the individual's ideal living conditions based on accommodations, finances, and location, and referrals. Lastly, our offices obtain current applications for low income or subsidized housing for our members to fill out and submit, and assist in applying for 1st month and deposit assistance to partnered third party financial organizations.



Housing Workshops

SVILC is the only community organization with a workshop that discusses how to find and obtain low-income accessible housing in all of Santa Clara County (SCC). Our workshops focus on educating our community on what is currently available in SCC, how to apply for housing vouchers, how to advocate for yourself, where to go when facing discrimination, and where can one find financial assistance upon moving in.

We hold our weekly workshops online, please visit our events calendar for upcoming dates and times. During each workshop, our Housing Specialists provide up to date waiting lists opportunities and a resource guide to agencies who may help in the following areas: housing discrimination, homeless resources, food pantries, financial assistance network, tips when talking to potential property owners, and more.

Also, our housing workshops held in the community at local homeless shelters, community centers, nonprofit organizations, and school districts. For more information, contact our San Jose office.

Housing Resource List

Our Housing Specialists have created a current listing of upcoming and available low-income / subsidized wait list and section 8 opportunities in and outside of Santa Clara County. This list is updated monthly with the property name, price range, contact information, eligibility criteria, and application process information.

Financial Assistance

SVILC works with third-party financial organizations to assist those who have fallen behind on their rent or needing help finding their 1st month and deposit upon securing their new housing unit. Our staff will assist you in completing an application for funds and provide a list of personal documents needed for the third-party organization requests to begin processing. A submission is not guaranteed, or funding may run out for the month of your request has been sent in.