

Chico Rancheria Housing Corporation Newsletter

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April to June 2023 ISSUE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Inspections for the Low Income Rental Program & the Lease to Own Program are under way. A notice to enter unit will be posted on your door prior to your units scheduled inspection. Please keep an eye out for this notice if you would like to be present for the inspection.

Annual Re-Certifications for all CRHC Programs are required, if you have received a letter and re-certification packet, make sure to submit your documents by the deadline listed. If you need assistance in completing the re-certification packet, please contact our office.

Upcoming CRHC Board Meetings

May 02, 2023 at 4 p.m.

June 06, 2023 at 4 p.m.

July 11, 2023 at 4 p.m.

The CRHC Board meeting agenda is available for review, by request, one week prior to the scheduled meeting.

REMINDERS

Student Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA): participants must submit recertification packets for the Fall 23' semester. A reminder email will be sent out. Contact our office if you have questions.

Low Income Rental Program: Before anyone can move into a unit they must have an application on file and be approved to move-in to a unit. Failure to comply may result in a policy violation for the current tenant. Our office is committed to keeping our community safe.

UTILITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

CRHC tenants and program participants are eligible to receive up to \$100 in utility assistance per month for 4 months. Bring in a recent utility bill to our office and complete the application. Payments will be made directly to the utility company. Please call our office to schedule an appointment to submit your application at 530-343-4048.

Office Closure Dates

May 29th in observance of Memorial Day

June 19th in observance of Juneteenth

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Resident Opportunity Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) Program

Who is eligible?

Any resident participating in Chico Rancheria Housing Corporation Low-Income Rental Program, the Lease-to-Own Program or the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program.

College Preparation Assistance

Do you have a child who is ready to go to college? Are you considering college for yourself? The ROSS Program can help you navigate the college application process including applying for financial aid, scholarships, selecting schools and assessing interests and skills.

Financial Literacy/ Homeownership

If you are interested in starting a business or purchasing a major asset such as a home, the ROSS Program can help. Workshops are available for money management, credit repair, starting a business and other topics of interest.

Youth Services

A wide variety of youth activities are scheduled throughout the year. Partnerships with youth organizations provide afterschool tutoring, recreational activities, educational programs and summer camp opportunities.

Employment Assistance

Entering the job market can be a scary task. The ROSS Program can help you prepare your resume, search for a job, secure a professional interview outfit and prepare for your successful interview.

HOW CAN I ACCESS SERVICES?

Contact ROSS Coordinator Nikia Huitt
530-343-4048 Ext. 104

Services Available Include:

- *One-on-One Case Management*
- *Job Training*
- *Resume Development and Job Search Assistance*
- *Transportation Assistance*
- *Afterschool & Summer Programs for Youth*
- *College Preparation Assistance*
- *GED and Literacy Training*
- *Financial Literacy & Homeownership Preparation*
- *Life Skills Workshops Including Money Management, Credit Repair, Parenting, Personal Development*

NATIVE LEARNING CENTER

FINANCIAL LITERACY AWARENESS MONTH

To register visit www.nativelearningcenter.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: APRIL 2023



APRIL 11, 2023 - WEBINAR - 2 PM EST

Financial Wellness for Tenants: Credit Score and Fraud Prevention

APRIL 13, 2023 - WEBINAR - 2 PM EST

Credit 101

APRIL 18, 2023 - WEBINAR - 2 PM EST

Financial Wellness for Tenants: Budgeting and Saving

APRIL 20, 2023 - WEBINAR - 2 PM EST

Organizing Your Finances With a Budget

APRIL 25, 2023 - WEBINAR - 2 PM EST

Financial Wellness: How to Create Generational Wealth For You and Your Family

APRIL 27, 2023 - WEBINAR - 2 PM EST

Wills and Trust 101: Planning For The Future

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PG&E's Income Qualified Programs

Tribal E-Newsletter

March 2023

In this issue:

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- **Financial Assistance**
- **Community Outreach Contractors Needed**

Tribe Assistance

Are you interested in helping your Tribe members save energy and money?

Financial Assistance and Support programs can be found [here](#).

Also, you can contact us to meet and learn about the residential programs that can help tribal members.

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Closure of PG&E Local Offices

The California Public Utilities Commission approved the permanent closure of the PG&E Local Offices as of December 15, 2022. PG&E has partnered with over 550 neighborhood payment centers to accept customer payments in the absence of our local offices. Ten of our neighborhood payment centers are community-based organizations. PG&E would love to engage new community-based organizations to provide payment support for our customers. If you are interested in participating in this program, please reach out to Kelly Hairston (Kelly.hairston@pge.com) or Veronica Garcia-Barriga (veronica.garcia-barriga@pge.com) for more information.

Winter Bill Increase Outreach

Residential customers may be expressing concern as colder than normal temperatures and increased natural gas prices cause increases in their PG&E bills in recent months. As trusted advocates, you may be asked direct questions about bill increases or asked for support to help customers manage these costs.

For information on additional financial assistance programs and ways to save energy this winter visit pge.com/winter.

If you have questions, or if you need guidance to amplify the outreach messages, please contact Perla.Barrientos@pge.com

Call 211 for Essential Community Services

Thousands of staff and volunteers across the country make sure 211 is available 24/7 to help finding emergency services, food, housing, and health services.



Cannot call us? [Find a local 211](#)

Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

LIHEAP provides financial assistance for eligible household energy costs. Check the income guidelines at pge.com/liheap

Marketing Support for Tribes

We have developed several new resources such as social media guides, applications, and fact sheets for you to use and share in your newsletters or other social media outlets. These materials can be accessed [here](#).

NEW Advocate Decision Tree

The new Advocate Assistance Decision Tree can support your staff or an advocate doing outreach through conversations with customers. It is a tool that can help guide the conversation by mapping out appropriate program options based on leading questions and may be used as a resource to better qualify customers for programs.

- [Download the Advocate Decision Tree](#)

Financial Assistance through the Relief for Energy Assistance through Community Help (REACH)

The REACH program provides financial assistance for customers who are struggling with a past-due bills. Dollar Energy Fund, a nonprofit organization, operates the REACH program from 170 offices in Northern and Central California. REACH is only available once within 12 months and customers must qualify for the program.

To qualify for the program, customers may be eligible if they:

- Have had a residential account with the utility company in the name of an adult living in the household.
- Have not received REACH assistance within the past 12 months.
- Income must not exceed the REACH income guidelines, which are currently 200 percent above the federal poverty guidelines. The same income guidelines are used for the CARE program.
- Have received either a 15-day or a 48-hour disconnection notice.

To enroll in the REACH program, customers must:

- Determine whether you qualify, [Visit REACH Criteria and Guidelines](#)
- To apply, [find an agency in your county to contact](#).
- Contact the REACH program at [1-800-933-9677](tel:1-800-933-9677)

Community Outreach Contractors Needed

PG&E Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) program is seeking organizations who are interested in becoming a FERA Community Outreach Contractor (COC). The program pays each COC \$30 per approved application. If you are interested and to get more information, contact Helen Davydova at Helen.Davydova@pge.com.



Public

Spring Home Maintenance Checklist

Keep your home safe and comfortable inside and out with a few simple to-dos.



Prepare your yard for the season
<i>Do a spring clean-up to remove debris, rake leaves, and apply mulch to garden beds</i>
Replace storm windows and doors
<i>Patch any holes in the screens or replace with new screens</i>
Make a plan for lawn mowing
<i>Tune-up your lawn mower or hire someone to mow for you regularly through the summer</i>
Inspect your windows and doors
<i>Check for any gaps in the seals and replace caulk as needed</i>
Repair cracked or peeling paint
<i>If any of your trim or siding has begun to rot, replace and repaint it to prevent more damage</i>
Check your attic and basement for mold or pests
<i>Call a professional if you see mold (typically black or gray stains) or tunneling in any wood framing, which could indicate termites</i>
Clean your deck and fence
<i>Use a power washer to remove dirt — make sure your gate latch is working properly, if you have one</i>
Replace HVAC air filters
<i>If you have an air conditioning unit, change the filter, check hose connections for leaks, and make sure the drain pans are draining freely — consider scheduling a tune-up to keep it running efficiently</i>
Inspect under eaves and gutter downspouts
<i>Look for water stains and if you find them, have your gutters cleaned and repaired</i>
Check your roof for damage from the ground
<i>Shingles in your yard or visible “eyebrow” shingles that pop up from the roofline are signs you may need repairs — call a professional if you notice either</i>
Test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors
<i>Be sure to check every room in your house and replace the batteries</i>

Helpful Tips

- ✓ **Time to De-Winterize.** Remove any insulation off windows and reattach hoses or pipes you disconnected from outdoor water lines. Turn your water back on if you shut it off. If you have one, check to make sure your sump pump is functioning and there isn't any dampness or water pooling in your basement.
- ✓ **Maximize Your Tax Return.** You may be surprised to learn that many states offer some sort of property tax relief program, where homeowners receive money back on their property taxes in the form of tax credits and refunds. Learn more [here](#).
- ✓ **Save Money.** With household expenses going up, now may be the time to [see how you can save](#) on having a smartphone.

Sources: <https://www.wikihow.com/Dewinterize-a-House>

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Medical Assistant

Program Information Sheet for 2023-2024

Program Description

This 36-week program prepares students with the necessary manipulative skills, technical knowledge and experience for entry-level employment as an Administrative Medical Assistant and a Clinical Medical Assistant in a doctor's office, medical clinic or health care agency.

Through a combination of lecture, laboratory and clinical experience, students will receive skills training in the following: health care systems, ethics and law for the Medical Assistants, necessary skills to interact with patients and families, introduction to anatomy and physiology, introduction to computer literacy, telephone techniques, medical records management, introduction to medical coding and medical insurance, infection control, assisting with the physical examination, assisting with minor office surgeries, performing EKGs, pharmacology and administration of medications, basic laboratory skills, assisting with diagnostic and therapeutic procedures, specialized medical practices and Basic Life Support certificate and First Aid. This program also provides students with the technical knowledge required to work in the "front and back office." Each student will also participate in non-paid clinical training through our "community classroom," which includes instruction in a medical office working side by side with an Administrative Medical Assistant and a Clinical Medical Assistant.

Program Objectives

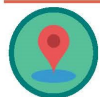
Students successfully completing this program are eligible to sit for the California Certifying Board of Medical Assistants exam in Administration and Clinical areas.

Application Process: Apply online at cte.bcoe.org

Application acceptance window:	March 10th, 2023 - April 19th, 2023		
Program Dates:	August 17, 2023 - May 22, 2024	Interviews by appointment on:	June 7, 2023
Orientation notification made by:	May 3, 2023	Acceptance notification made by:	June 14, 2023
Mandatory orientation by appointment:	May 17, 2023	Program Fee due by close of business:	July 12, 2023
Interview notification by:	May 24, 2023	Apply online at:	CTE.bcoe.org



This course is approved for federal financial aid.



Location

Butte County CTE/ROP
2491 Carmichael Drive, Suite 200, Chico CA



Prerequisites

- High school diploma or equivalent
- At least 18 years of age
- Ability to read and write at a 10th grade level and perform math at an 8th grade level
- **TB clearance** – two tests required: 1st test prior to the first day of class, 2nd test assigned by the instructor after classes begin
- **Hepatitis B immunization** (verification of first immunization or completed series prior to first day of class)



Schedule

- Thursday, August 17, 2023 - Wednesday, May 22, 2024
- Community Classroom begins February 12, 2024
- Days/Hours: Monday-Thursday 7:30AM - 2PM;
Fridays 7:30AM - 11:45AM (*schedule may vary during community classroom*)
- Fall Break: November 20, 2023 - November 24, 2023
- Winter Break: December 25, 2023 - January 5, 2024
- Spring Break: March 11, 2024 - March 15, 2024



Estimated Cost

- Program Fee: **\$7,140** (includes registration, uniform, materials, CPR, 1st Aid, and supplies)
- Variable Expenses: up to \$770 (TB clearance, Hepatitis B, Influenza immunizations, shoes, study materials and state exam)
- This course is approved for federal financial aid.

Contact us!

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Our Mission: Deliver high quality career education and employment training that provides students the skills, knowledge and experience that leads to career success.



Butte County CTE Professional Welding Academy

Program Information Sheet for 2023-2024

Program Description

Our eight-week academy provides students with the opportunity to learn basic welding skills while preparing for welding-related employment. The curriculum combines classroom instruction, hands-on application and internship opportunities through our "Community Classroom."

- » Students must be age 18 or older
- » Application packets can be obtained at <https://cte.bcoe.org>
- » Applications accepted at the Butte County CTE main office
- » Program fee is due one week before you begin class (see schedule below)



Important Dates

Session	Program Dates:	Application Due By:	Interview Notification by:	Interviews Held On:	Payment Due By:
1	Monday, August 7th, 2023 – Friday, September 29th, 2023	Friday, July 14th, 2023	Friday, July 14th, 2023	Friday, July 21st, 2023	Monday, July 31st, 2023
2	Monday, October 16th, 2023 – Friday, December 15th, 2023	Friday, September 22nd, 2023	Friday, September 22nd, 2023	Friday, September 29th, 2023	Monday, October 9th, 2023
3	Monday, January 8th, 2024 – Friday, March 1st, 2024	Friday, December 1st, 2023	Friday, December 1st, 2023	Friday, December 8th, 2023	Monday, December 18th, 2023
4	Monday, March 11th, 2024 – Friday, May 3rd, 2024	Thursday, February 15th, 2024	Thursday, February 15th, 2024	Friday, February 23rd, 2024	Monday, March 4th, 2024



Location

- Butte County CTE - Park Avenue Campus
- » 2145 Park Avenue, Unit 7, Chico, CA 95928
 - » Smoke Free & Drug Free Zone



Schedule

- Program Length: 8 weeks
- Classroom Instruction (4 weeks): **Monday - Thursday, 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM (must arrive by 8:15 AM)**
- Community Classroom (4 weeks): **Monday - Friday** (times vary)



Prerequisites

- Students must be at least 18 years of age



Estimated Cost

- Program Fee: **\$1,500** (includes registration, materials and supplies)
- Variable Expenses: Work boots (estimated \$120); Long denim work pants (estimated \$60); Internship equipment, such as welding hood and gloves (estimated \$100)

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