

Community Focus Statement A: Improve housing options for Baker residents.

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Action Statement A.4: Work with San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency, San Bernardino County Department of Human Services and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Rural Development to better understand grant and loan programs available to provide for and improve housing in Baker.

Benchmark: Baker annually meets with entities offering housing assistance programs, and advertises available programs to the community.

Champion: Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

Estimated Cost: Volunteer time

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Establish a core of community representatives to serve as a liaison between San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency, San Bernardino County Dept. of Human Services and USDA/Rural Development.	Champion	Month 1	USDA Programs and Services https://www.rd.usda.gov/pr ograms-services
2. Connect with representatives from each entity.	Promotions Committee, San Bernardino County EDA, San Bernardino County Dept. of Human Services, USDA	Month 2 – 6	San Bernardino County Economic Development Agency, Housing Assistance Programs http://www.sbcountyadvantage.com/Community-Development-Housing/Housing-Assistance-Programs-(1).aspx
3. Coordinate an annual meeting where each organization is represented. Focus discussions on how programs available from each entity could improve Baker’s housing stock.	Promotions Committee, San Bernardino County EDA, San Bernardino County Dept. of Human Services, USDA	Month 6 – 12	San Bernardino County Department of Human Services https://hss.sbcounty.gov/HS S/default.asp
4. Relay information from the meeting to appropriate groups in Baker; continue to publicize existing housing assistance programs.	Promotions Committee	Annually	USDA Office Contacts https://www.rd.usda.gov/pr ograms-services/single-family-housing-guaranteed-loan-program/ca
5. Continue coordination between the County and USDA, to determine the best solutions and options for improving Baker’s housing stock.	Promotions Committee	Annually	