

WHAT DOES BRAG DO?

2016 Summary of Services by Department

• BEAR RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS •

Aging Services

- Fund and assist four senior centers (2,116 seniors served)
- Keep frail elderly and the disabled independent in their homes (194 people)
- Support caregivers (354 directly assisted plus media information)
- Recruit and train volunteers to help seniors and disabled adults (23 volunteers helped 145 people)
- Be an advocate for seniors
- Provide on-site services to senior apartment complex in Brigham City (35 residents)
- Outreach veterans to provide information and assistance in obtaining V.A. benefits (326 veterans)
- Counsel seniors regarding health insurance (1,468 counseled and 2,171 participated in presentations)

Community Development & Planning

- Help plan and fund community projects (7 projects)
- Provide community planning technical assistance to local governments (9 local governments)
- Coordinate planning efforts among Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties
- Conduct general transportation planning in Box Elder County
- Coordinate transportation services for seniors, persons with disabilities, and low-income families and individuals
- Help local governments with trails, bike, and pedestrian planning
- Develop regional plans for mobility management, housing planning, and economic development

Economic Development & Job Creation

- Help start and expand businesses through the Cache Business Resource Center (2,675 individuals served)
- Help local businesses obtain government contracts (184 companies)
- Promote heritage tourism and products in seven-county area through bearriverheritage.org and business contacts
- Help plan and fund job creation projects [Business Expansion and Retention (BEAR), and Kitchen Incubator]
- Contact businesses to assess needs and offer assistance (430 businesses)

Housing

- Provide on-going rental assistance to low-income households (656 households)
- Inspect dwelling units to ensure housing quality standards (646 units)
- House and support the homeless (23 families, 63 individuals)
- Provide funding for 26 emergency home repairs and 32 furnace replacements
- Weatherize homes of lower-income families to reduce utility bills and conserve energy (61 homes)
- Provide financial assistance to first-time home buyers (26 home buyers)
- Own and manage affordable housing in Tremonton City (28 units)

Human Services

- Provide crisis assistance to low-income households (145 households)
- Help low-income families pay winter utility bills (2,220 households)
- Provide operational funds to 3 food pantries
- Provide funding to 12 human service agencies
- Volunteers (103) prepare income tax returns for lower income families (1,435 returns)

In General

- Facilitate intergovernmental cooperation and collaboration
- Provide an efficient shared regional staff
- Bring state and federal resources to the area to meet local needs