



**The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)** is a block grant from US Department of Health and Human Services. CSBG provides a flexible funding source to HSD for local communities through a network of community action agencies for the reduction of poverty.

## 1. Funding

### ► Federal Funding

- 2009--\$3,963,326
- 2008--\$3,703,671
- 2007--\$3,573,164

### ► Required Allocation of Funds

- 90% Eligible Entities--Community Action Agencies (CAAs)
- 5% HSD Administrative Expenses
- 5% Discretionary Spending

### ► Federal Funding ARRA

- FFY 2009-2010--\$5,695,092

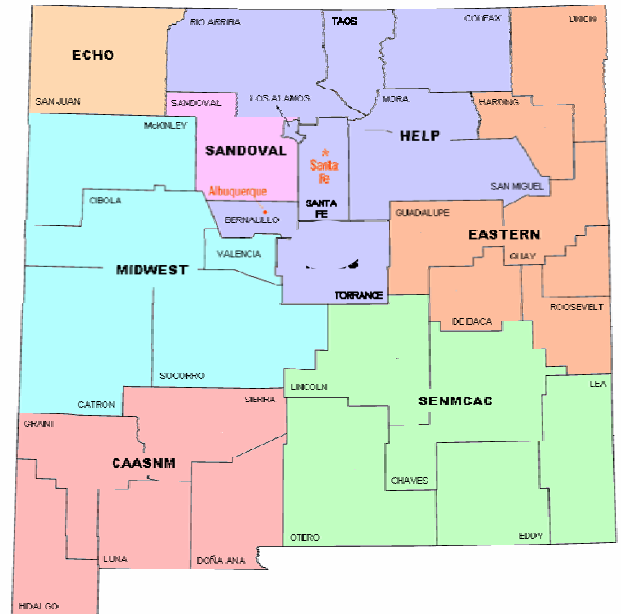
### ► Required Allocation of ARRA Funds

- 99% Eligible Entities—CAAs
- 1% Benefit enrollment and coordination

### ► Four Year Sole Source Professional Services Contracts (amended each year)

- A base allocation of \$50,000 to each CAA for regular CSBG funding
- A base allocation of \$100,00 to each CAA for ARRA CSBG funding
- \$79,515 to HELP NM for state-wide seasonal and migrant farm workers services
- Remainder apportioned by county poverty census data to CAAs

### ► Eligible Entities – Designated by the Governor or the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 on September 30, 1981:



Community Action Agencies (CAAs)	SFY 2010 Funding	CSBG ARRA Funding
Community Action Agency of Southern NM	\$666,428	\$1,015,917
Eastern Plains Community Action Agency	\$215,250	\$337,763
Economic Council Helping Others, Inc.	\$270,261	\$419,831
HELP New Mexico	\$1,407,043	\$2,135,482
HELP New Mexico - Migrants	\$79,514	
Mid-West Community Action Program	\$469,233	\$694,279
Southeastern NM Community Action Corp	\$506,230	\$761,836
RFP in process (Sandoval County)	\$166,801	\$273,033

- Two agencies make up the Community Action NM Association



## 2. Program Elements

### ► Benefits

1. Examples of CAA Services Include:
  - Food Distribution
  - Employment – On the Job Training (OJT), work experience, job placement, counseling, self-employment
  - Education – Head Start, Pre-K, before and after school programs, vocational training, post secondary, GED, pre-employment certification training, literacy, school supplies
  - Emergency Services – rental/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, emergency medical assistance, food vouchers and/or boxes, disaster relief, information and referral
  - Nutrition – Food Banks, food pantries, food boxes, children and senior meals, summer food program, child back-pack program, and delivery of food to home bound seniors and disabled individuals
  - Income Management – Free tax preparation services, Individual Development Account (IDA), financial counseling and financial literacy classes
  - Housing – Rehabilitation and weatherization, construction of new homes, homeless prevention programs, low-interest USDA mortgages
  - Health Initiatives – Prescription assistance, Adult Day Services, Covering Kids program, and Head Start—children immunization, medical and dental check-ups information and referral
  - Build Partnerships – To expand resources and opportunities for low-income individuals and families
  - Promote Self-Sufficiency – Case management services, financial counseling and budgeting, childcare services, employment and training services, parenting classes
2. FFY 2008 Program Outcomes Excerpts
  - Funds Leveraged - \$54,258,208 of federal, state, local and private funding using CSBG funding
  - Families Served – 76,394
  - 5 CAAs reported
    - 12,429 tax preparation assistance program participants
    - \$4,518,516 in federal and state tax credits realized
  - 8 CAAs reported
    - 465,223 emergency food boxes distributed
  - 6 CAAs reported
    - 2,949 children enrolled in pre-school activities to develop school readiness skills

## 3. Current Events

- HSD has not provided funding to Community Action NM (CANM)--association for the past several years.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) for Sandoval County is in progress.