

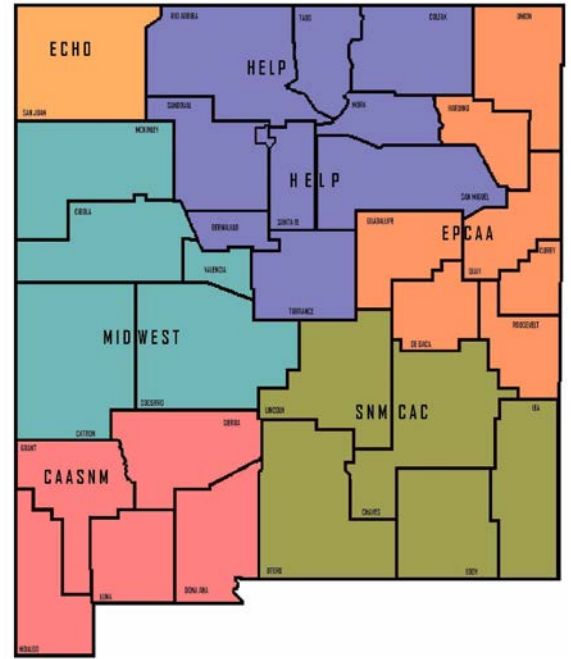


## Community Services Block Grant Fact Sheet

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a formula grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS). CSBG provides a flexible funding source to HSD for the reduction of poverty in local communities through a network of Community Action Agencies (CAAs). The six-agency network covers the entire state. Within HSD, CSBG is administered by the Income Support Division's Work and Family Support Bureau.

### 1. Funding and Service Delivery

- ▶ **CSBG is 100% Federally Funded**
  - 2015--Annual appropriation pending
  - 2014--\$3,644,891
  - 2013--\$3,467,113
  - 2012--\$3,696,732
  - 2011--\$3,853,550
  
- ▶ **Allocation of Funds is set by Federal Statute**
  - 90% to Community Action Agencies (CAA).
  - 5% for HSD Administrative Expenses.
  - 5% for Special Purpose Spending.
  
- ▶ **HSD signs Professional Service Contracts with the CAAs**
  - Yearly base allocation of \$50,000 to each CAA.
  - \$79,516 yearly to HELP NM for statewide seasonal farmworker services.
  - Remainder apportioned annually to CAAs by county poverty census data.
  - CAAs provide place-based services as determined by Community Needs Assessments.
  
- ▶ **Community Action Agencies**
  - CAAs can be designated under the provisions of the federal CSBG Reauthorization Act of 1998, or by the Governor under the New Mexico Community Action Act of 1983.
  - All CAAs currently operating in New Mexico are designated under the federal provisions.



Community Action Agencies	SFY 2015 Compensation
Community Action Agency of Southern NM (CAASN)	\$549,897
Eastern Plains Community Action Agency (EPCAA)	\$170,513
Economic Council Helping Others, Inc. (ECHO)	\$216,424
HELP New Mexico - 10 Counties (HELP)	\$1,273,022
HELP New Mexico - Migrant	\$ 79,516
Mid-West Community Action Program (MIDWEST)	\$369,960
Southeastern NM Community Action Corp (SNMCAC)	\$407,754

## 2. Program Services and Outcomes

- ▶ **Services.** CAAs use CSBG funds to provide direct services and for administrative support of programs funded by other federal, state, and local government agencies.
- ▶ **Examples of CAA Services and Program Supports:**
  - Employment – On the job training, work experience, job placement, counseling, self-employment, related support services;
  - Education – Before and after school programs, vocational training, post-secondary, GED, pre-employment certification training, computer skills training, Head Start;
  - Emergency Services – Rent/mortgage assistance, utility assistance, emergency medical assistance, food vouchers, information and referrals;
  - Nutrition – Food Bank, food pantries, food boxes, children and senior meals, child back-pack food program, delivery of food to home-bound seniors and disabled individuals;
  - Income Management – Free tax preparation services, Individual Development Accounts, financial counseling and financial literacy classes;
  - Housing – Repair and weatherization, administrative expenses related to the construction of new homes, homebuyers education classes;
  - Health Initiatives – Prescription assistance, Adult Day Services;
  - Building Partnerships – To expand resources and opportunities for low-income individuals and families;
- ▶ **FFY 2013 Program Outcome Excerpts**
  - The six-agency CAA Network received \$3,222,078 from CSBG, and \$48,392,163 in other federal, state, local and private funding.
  - Families Served:
    - 51,083 families received services from the CAA Network
  - 6 CAAs provided employment assistance:
    - 429 unemployed participants obtained a job,
    - 2,464 obtained skills/competencies required for employment
  - 3 CAAs offered free tax preparation assistance:
    - 6,691 participants were served
    - 3,507 participants qualified for tax credits
    - \$2,057,621 in federal and state tax credits were realized
  - 5 CAAs offered asset development services:
    - 9 individuals started small businesses through accumulated savings
    - 15 individuals pursued post-secondary education through accumulated savings
    - 10 families purchased homes through accumulated savings
  - 3 CAAs offered home weatherization/rehabilitation services:
    - 22 homes were improved

► **FFY 2013 Program Outcome Excerpts (cont'd)**

- 6 CAAs offered assistance to vulnerable individuals to help them maintain an independent living situation:
  - 21,188 seniors received services
  - 5,099 disabled individuals received services
- 6 CAAs provided emergency food assistance:
  - 38,378 individuals received emergency food
- 6 CAAs provided emergency utility assistance:
  - 7,208 individuals received payment assistance for utilities
- 6 CAAs provided services for children:
  - 14,275 children received adequate nutrition to improve health and physical development
  - 9,874 children were enrolled in pre-school activities to develop school readiness skills
- 6 CAAs distributed:
  - 657,705 food boxes

**3. Future Events and Program Changes**

- FFY 15 CSBG funding is by Continuing Resolution through December 11, 2014.
- CSBG Performance Measurement and Management
  - The HHS Office of Community Services (OCS) is developing organizational performance and accountability requirements for the CAAs, State CSBG Offices, and itself. Release of the final requirements is expected by December 2014.
  - OCS is also revising the CSBG performance management system, including major changes to the set of performance indicators that describe the results of CSBG-funded services. Final protocols may be announced in FFY 15.
  - FFY 14 Program Outcome Excerpts will be available in May 2015, following completion and acceptance of New Mexico's FFY 14 program report.

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