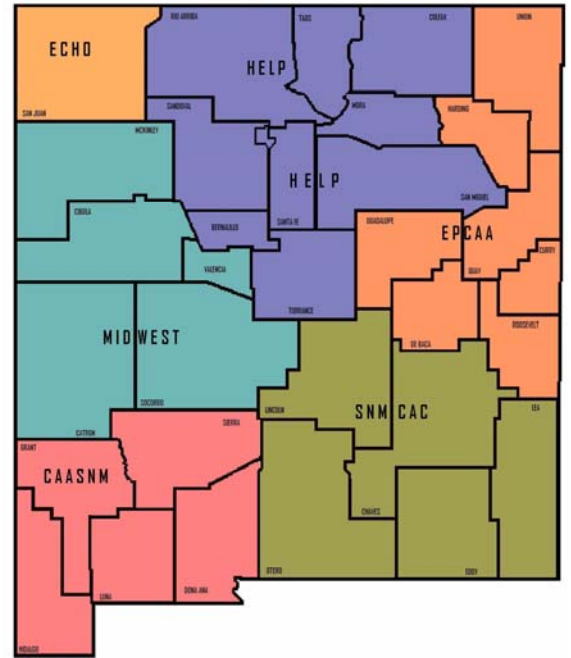


# Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Fact Sheet

The Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) is a formula grant from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS). The 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 the Human Services Department (HSD), the CSBG is administered by the Income Support Division’s Work and Family Support Bureau.

## 1. Funding and Service Delivery

- ▶ **CSBG is 100% Federally Funded**
  - 2017-- \$2,210,411 (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Allotment)
  - 2016--\$3,902,416
  - 2015--\$3,677,579
  - 2014--\$3,644,891
  - 2013--\$3,467,113
  
- ▶ **Allocation of Funds is set by Federal Statute**
  - 90% to Community Action Agencies.
  - 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 one CAA for statewide migrant/seasonal farmworker services.
  - Remainder apportioned to CAAs by county poverty census data.
  - CAAs provide direct place-based services identified from community needs assessments, and administrative support to coordinate and strengthen other programs.
  
- ▶ **Community Action Agencies**
  - CAAs are designated under the provisions of the federal CSBG Act of 1998, or the provisions of the New Mexico Community Action Act of 1983.
  - All CAAs currently operating in New Mexico are designated under federal provisions.



Community Action Agencies	SFY 2017 Compensation
Community Action Agency of Southern NM (CAASN)	\$631,871
Eastern Plains Community Action Agency (EPCAA)	\$191,793
Economic Council Helping Others (ECHO)	\$245,049
HELP New Mexico—10 County (HELP)	\$1,470, 682
HELP New Mexico—Statewide Migrant/Seasonal Farmworkers	\$79,516

Mid-West Community Action Program (MIDWEST)	\$423,148
Southeast NM Community Action Corp. (SNMCAC)	\$466,988

► **State CAA Association**

- The New Mexico Association of Community Partners (NMACP) is a nonprofit organization that represents the six CAAs. With special purpose funding provided by HSD and HHS, NMACP provides training and technical assistance to the CAAs, and is an important partner in the NM CSBG network.

**2. Program Services and Outcomes**

► **Use of CSBG Funds**

CAAs use CSBG funds to provide direct services to low-income individuals and families, to support programs funded by other federal, state, and local government agencies and the private sector, and to build the organizational capacity required to coordinate multiple programs.

► **Examples of CSBG-Funded 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, employment certification training, computer skills training.
- Emergency Services – Rent/mortgage payment assistance, utility payment assistance, medical payment assistance, food vouchers.
- Nutrition – Food boxes, children and senior meals, child backpack food program, food delivery to home-bound seniors and disabled individuals.
- Income Management – Free tax preparation services, Individual Development Accounts, financial counseling and financial literacy classes.
- Housing – Minor repair and weatherization, homebuyers’ education classes.
- Health Initiatives – Prescription payment assistance.
- Partnerships – Additional resources and opportunities for low-income individuals and families, information and referrals.

► **FFY 2015 Selected CAA Outcomes**

- The six-agency CAA Network received \$3,509,045 from HSD, and \$46,471,878 in other federal, state, local and private funding.
- Individuals and Families served:
  - 92,892 individuals received services;
  - 34,693 families received services.
- Infants and Children served:
  - 12,201 infants and children improved their physical health and development;
  - 3,279 children were enrolled in pre-school activities to develop school readiness skills.
- Seniors and Disabled Individuals assisted in maintaining an independent lifestyle:
  - 20,231 seniors received services;
  - 5,746 disabled individuals received services.
- Five CAAs provided employment assistance:

- 444 unemployed individuals obtained a job;
- 2,255 individuals obtained skills/competencies required for employment.
- Two CAAs provided free tax preparation assistance:
  - 3,968 individuals or households qualified for tax credits;
  - \$2,622,257 in federal and state tax credits was realized.
- Six CAAs provided emergency assistance:
  - 29,804 individuals received food;
  - 7,576 individuals received payment assistance for utilities;
  - 1,585 individuals received payment assistance for housing.

### **3. Program Changes and Outcome Data**

- ▶ CSBG Performance Measurement and Management
  - The federal oversight agency, the Office of Community Services, has implemented a nationwide accountability and performance framework for CSBG. The CAAs are expected to make progress toward meeting 58 organizational standards designed to ensure that they have the capacity to provide efficient and effective services. The State CSBG office will be evaluated on 18 accountability measures that evaluate performance on critical activities and functions.
  - Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 16 CAA outcome data will be available in mid-2017, following completion and acceptance of New Mexico's FFY 16 annual program report.

### **4. Contact Information**

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