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FY '08' Appropriations: Progress but Obstacles Remain

by David Bradley

With much of the remaining 2007 congressional calendar expected to be devoted to the FY 2008 appropriations bills, I thought it might be helpful to review our progress to date and the outlook for the final negotiated funding levels. It is an unfortunate possibility, but the FY 2008 appropriations bills may not be settled until early December, more than two months beyond the start of the fiscal year.

There continues to be early good news on the appropriations front. The FY 2008 budget adopted by the Congress added more than \$21 billion above President Bush's proposed budget for domestic programs. Although \$21 billion is certainly a huge amount of money, it is quite modest when put into context of a total federal budget of \$2.9 trillion.

The additional \$21 billion enabled congressional appropriators to adequately fund a number of programs identified with Community Action, LIHEAP, CSBG, Weatherization and Head Start. Both House and Senate Labor-HHS appropriators strongly rejected the President's proposed cuts in many of our programs. Some, such as CSBG, received substantial increases.

Good progress but many obstacles loom directly ahead. The first, and perhaps most significant problem, concerns the

inevitable spending showdown between Congress and the White House. President Bush has signaled his intent to veto eight, or perhaps nine, of the twelve appropriation bills. Key congressional appropriators are convinced that the White House will indeed veto FY 2008 spending bills. One of the primary sticking points, besides the ever present earmark "concerns," is the extra \$21 billion in domestic spending.

It will take two-hundred and ninety House members to vote "yes" to override the President's veto. Or to put it another way, the White House wins if one-hundred and forty-six House Republicans vote to sustain the veto. Unfortunately, one-hundred and forty-seven House Republicans have signed a petition promising to uphold any Bush vetoes over "excessive" spending.

With the threat of vetoes hanging over many of the appropriation bills, especially Labor-HHS, it is quite natural that the Congressional timetable for getting the conference bills to the President will slow. Despite earlier projections of passing all twelve appropriation bills in June, the House will not finish its work on Labor-HHS until mid-July. Senate passage of their Labor-HHS appropriations bill may not occur before late September, or later. The Energy and Water appropriations, which funds Weatherization, are on a comparably slower track.

What this means is that the final resolution of FY 2008 spending will in all likelihood not occur until late this year. It is unlikely that appropriation bills will be sent individually to the President. Key appropriators expect that a number of appropriation bills will be combined into one. We are likely to have our programs operate for perhaps two months under a continuing resolution. This would fund nearly all of the federal government at FY 2007 levels.

The combination of a series of Presidential vetoes, one or more continuing resolutions, and the desire by many in Congress to successfully increase domestic spending, most likely will result in some hard negotiations between congressional appropriators and perhaps congressional Democratic leadership and the White House. The stakes for the White House, the democratically controlled Congress, and our programs are very high. My hunch is these negotiations will not be easy, but they will ultimately be successful.**



LEGISLATIVE CORNER

by Jovita A. Tolbert



Congress returned from its July Fourth recess ready to resume work on spending bills that seem ill-fated to end in a clash with the White House.

On Thursday, July 19th, the House Appropriations committee's draft Labor-HHS-Education bill made it through consideration on the House floor and was passed by a 276-140 vote [*R 53-139; D 223-1*]. The vote came only after lawmakers spent almost 3 days beating back a series of amendments by GOP conservatives to delete earmarks and reduce the bill's funding.

The bill would appropriate \$607.4 billion, including \$151.7 billion in discretionary spending, for fiscal year 2008 spending for the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and related agencies. More specifically, the bill would provide:

- \$64.9 billion for the Education Department, including \$15.6 billion for Pell Grants;
- \$14.9 billion for the Labor Department, including \$3.6 billion for training and employment services; and
- \$479.4 billion for Health and Human Services, including \$29.6 billion for the National Institutes of Health and \$401.4 billion, almost all in mandatory spending, for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Markedly, the House bill would provide **\$660,425 million** for CSBG - an increase of \$30 million or about 5% more than the current fiscal year 2007 level.

The threat of a Presidential veto of the Labor-HHS-Education bill still looms large. On July 17th, the White House, through an [OMB Statement of Administration](#)

[Policy Regarding H.R. 3043 – Departments of Labor, HHS, Education, Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2008](#), once again threatened to veto the bill because of its "excessive" funding. Language is included that urges the reduction of CSBG stating "SSBG and CSBG duplicate other Federal social service programs that are better able to demonstrate results. The Administration urges the House to reduce these programs." The full statement may be found here: <http://usfederalnews.blogspot.com/2007/07/omb-issues-statement-of-administration-17.html>.

Senate Appropriations committee markups have also resumed. However, finding time for Senate floor debate on any bills remains a concern. Chairman Robert Byrd (D-WV) stated on June 28th that while he has requested floor time for spending bills in July, Senate leaders haven't made any public commitments. When floor time becomes available, the bills most likely to be considered first on the Senate floor are the MilCon-VA and Homeland Security bills. Furthermore, when the draft Senate Labor-HHS-Education bill is finally considered on the floor, it is likely to be met with great debate as the Senate Labor-HHS-Education bill contains a stem cell research amendment.

All in all, lawmakers almost certainly will need to pass a continuing resolution (CR) to keep government running when the new fiscal year begins Oct. 1. Moreover, many observers are predicting government shutdowns could occur. Encouragingly, both parties are reluctant to let that happen.

We will keep you informed as things progress.

CSBG Spotlight: Combating Predatory Lending in Pennsylvania

According to a Pennsylvania State banking study released in March, 2005, Pennsylvania has the 3rd highest rate of sub-prime mortgage foreclosures in the nation because of weak consumer protection rules. Therefore, Community Action Committee of the Lehigh Valley (CACLV) has been working intently on the problem of predatory lenders in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

In fact, with more than a decade of experience, CACLV has investigated hundreds of cases of "property flipping" within a single (primarily Hispanic) neighborhood. "Property flipping" occurs when a realty organization buys a low priced property and, within days, resells it at much higher cost to a buyer who cannot qualify for conventional credit. The buyer is then offered loans with a very high interest rate, often with large balloon payments at the end which makes foreclosure all but inevitable. This in turn leads to homelessness and financial ruin by property flipping victims as well as neighborhood decay.

In FY 2005, CACLV's multi-year CSBG-funded effort to

publicize and advocate against these predators bore fruit. U.S. Attorney Patrick Meehan announced federal indictments against two of the major predators in Allentown, Pennsylvania (based in part on the CACLV research). Wisely, CACLV used the subsequent publicity as an opportunity to educate the public about avoiding the risks and to launch our new predatory lending hotline. Consumers who need assistance or information may call and reach a staff person to assist them in English or Spanish. Legal assistance is also available. CACLV's hotline helps individuals and the community because the information CACLV gathers about predatory lending activities acts an invaluable tool for prosecuting offenders and defending Allentown's neighborhoods. CSBG funds the entire campaign.

Source: The above excerpt was taken from Understanding Community Action's Successes 2005 CSBG Narratives by NASCSP and Economic Opportunity Studies.



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Inequality: Everyone's Problem

by Gretchen Knowlton

Community Action is well aware that inequality in America is growing. It now seems that even Wall Street is taking note. Finally. John Authers, an investment editor at The Financial Times, commented on National Public Radio's *Marketplace* a few weeks ago that as the rich continue to get richer and the poor continue to get poorer, it's becoming a more obvious problem – for the rich.

The housing market is often used as a temperature gauge for the economy and, lately, it has many analysts worried. The U.S. currently has the biggest surplus of unsold houses in 15 years.

Another sign that investors are taking note of growing inequality came from a recent statement from the USB Investment Bank in Switzerland, one of the world's largest banks. They found that "low-income Americans have been in a recession all this century." They caution investors that inequality isn't just a problem for the poor. It has a significant and negative financial impact on rich and poor alike.

Authers explained that it's as if there are two separate economies in the U.S. market. With one of those two economies extremely wealthy and the other in persis-

tent crisis, investing is increasingly difficult. Investors are having more difficulty making decisions about where to put their money.

Diversification was always supposed to be the safest move. However, with the growing disparity between rich and the poor this assumption may no longer be trustworthy. The housing market is looking iffy, the market for luxury goods is limited, and selling to the low-income segment of the population is too unpredictable.

Authers concluded with this statement:

Marx said that inequality could be a problem for everyone. He proposed his own solution, which would certainly not go down well with the wealthy. But remember his other option was "common ruin." Wall Street is taking that more seriously than you'd think.

Given that inequality is now becoming a concern across the board, there may be increasing opportunities for Community Action to partner with business to try to bridge the gap. This is a good time to remind the world that there are proven solutions to poverty and Community Action can lead the way toward a better economy for everyone.

FY 2006 Training and Technical Assistance

by Jacqueline Canady

Ensuring the continued success of the CSBG Network is important to the well being of low-income individuals and families served by Community Action Agencies (CAAs). In FY 2006 the CSBG state offices provided Training and Technical Assistance (T/TA) to ensure that the programs delivered by CAAs are administered as effectively and efficiently as possible. The delivery of T/TA differs from state to state. Some examples of these trainings include ROMA data collection and reporting training, assistance with technology needs, and

management, fiscal and accounting training. Below are some state specific examples of the T/TA offered in FY 2006.

Montana offered peer to peer ROMA training. The intent of this training was to assist the CAAs in Montana to focus on how to create and report outcome measures for the National Performance Indicators. The Arizona Department of Economic Security (ADES) and the Arizona Community Action Association enrolled one em-

ployee each to become certified in ROMA training. In FY 2006, ADES facilitated meetings attended by representatives from Arizona CAAs in order to synchronize data gathering of ROMA reporting. During these trainings, the agencies created a common set of 21 performance measures that cover each of the six ROMA goals, thus greatly improving the quality of ROMA reporting to the state.

Other training efforts that states have performed are peer reviews of agencies which involve meetings and discussion with other agencies as to how to better strengthen the CSBG network. For example, in Connecticut the Department of Social Services, the Connecticut Community Action Network and the 2-1-1 Infoline met regularly to measure progress towards creating a system for delivering human and social services. The purpose of these meetings was to create a system which eliminates duplicative efforts and streamlines the delivery of social services to the public.

In Illinois ensuring the continued success of Community Action is critical to the well-being of many low-income

individuals and families. Agencies face difficulties from time to time that could put them at risk. In order to provide agencies with the assistance needed to address a difficulty and/or prevent further issues, the state CSBG Office looked to the Illinois Community Action Association (ICAA) to develop a peer to peer approach that identifies strengths, challenges and finally makes recommendations to address the situation. This is a cost efficient way of helping agencies assess the operations of their programs rather than relying on costly private consultants that may or may not understand the unique structure of community action. ICAA organizes a team of peers with expertise in the needed program areas. The team usually spends four days at the agency interviewing staff and reviewing files and procedures. The team then prepares a final report that identifies the strengths, challenges and recommendations to the agency. ICAA uses this approach to do mock peer reviews for Head Start and to conduct overall agency assessments.

For more information on the training and technical assistance provided in FY 2006, watch for the unveiling of the complete NASCSP report coming soon!

Hot Fun in the Summer Time!



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WAP Corner: What A Season So far!

by Robert Adams

Our national pastime – Baseball – is in full swing. The All Star game has been played and the second half of the season is well underway. Perennial favorites like the Red Sox, the Yankees, the Brewers, the Dodgers and the Braves are at or near the top of their respective divisions. San Francisco Giant outfielder Barry Bonds is close to eclipsing one of the greatest records in the sport – most home runs. He will soon pass Hank Aaron as the all time leader, if he hasn't done so already. Even with their steroid scandals and "juiced ball" claims, Major League Baseball remains America's favorite sport – except of course in Washington, DC. During this time of the year, the favorite pastime is watching the 535 "players" in Congress play "Appropriations" and "Authorization." And all eyes are focused on what these "players" will do next.

If you watch baseball or attend games you know that it is a game perfect for the summer. Slow, deliberate, strategic, and sometimes quite exciting. This is not unlike watching Congress do their business with the passage of funding and authorization bills. The Appropriations process can also be slow and tedious but very strategic. And a hit can spark the same excitement as watching your favorite player round first and second base (House and Senate approval), pass third (Joint Conference Committee) and slide into home (the White House) for a score (Presidential signature). This same action takes place with Authorization bills as well.

Of course we all have our "teams." The Weatherization team consists of several players in the House and Senate Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittees, the House Energy and Commerce Committee, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the advocates who cheer the team on, and team managers who implement the game plan (Department of Energy). Our team has already scored big this year, surpassing what the team management believed was possible. The House provided a huge score, setting the 2008 Appropria-

tions for WAP at \$245 million – the same as 2006 and far beyond what the team management (the Administration) thought was reasonable - \$144 million. When WAP was played in the Senate, the Appropriation Subcommittee provided \$240 million – again far beyond management's expectation and very close to the score in the House. Excitement abounds knowing that we may get a favorable call at third (Joint Conference) and could score a big inning in 2008. The Weatherization Team has already scored some major victories this season and it's not over yet!

The Authorization season has been a little more perplexing than usual. We thought we knew the "teams" we were playing but we were thrown a few curves. The good news is that the Program will be reauthorized at \$700 million for the next several years. That's like signing a star pitcher to a long term deal. We know we have the potential to win games but we still need to hit and field (advocate and support).

The authorization season is usually one of quiet resolve. Since WAP is normally non-controversial, the program generally flies through the process with little comment or notice. But not this year.

There are three "games" to be played yet that may make or break our season. The first game involves a new player – the Energy Efficiency Block Grant Program. A version of this program has already passed as part of the Senate H.R. 6 Energy Bill of 2007. The House has introduced a version of the Block Grant as part of their Energy Bill. In both cases, the grant program will allow the Secretary of DOE to make direct grants to cities and communities across America to perform a variety of energy efficiency initiatives including:

- technical consulting services;
- identifying strategies to improve energy efficiency and reduce energy consumption;

"The Weatherization Team has already scored some major victories this season and it's not over yet!"

- identifying strategies to encourage behavioral changes to meet these goals
- developing a method to measure progress towards these goals
- developing annual reports to the citizenry on these goals;
- conduct energy audits;
- developing and implementing weatherization programs;
- creating financial incentives for energy efficiency retrofits;
- developing energy efficiency programs for building and facilities;
- developing building and home performance projects including design, education, and evaluation;
- developing and implement building codes and inspections services to promote energy efficiency;
- applying alternate energy and energy distribution technologies that increase efficiency and promote distributed resources.;
- developing zoning guidelines to increase energy efficiency in land use;
- promoting material conservation program through recycling and product reduction; and
- establishing a state, county, or city office to develop and implement the Energy Efficiency Strategies.

The grant will be distributed to entitled cities with a population of 50,000 or counties with a population of 200,000 or more. The state will retain a certain amount of funds to disburse among non-entitlement jurisdictions much like the Community Services Block Grant. Funding is proposed at \$2 billion for 2008 through 2012.

The real problem with this game is the possibility that it could consume the Weatherization Program in the Appropriations process. There is no allowance to provide new revenues to pay for these activities and domestic spending continues to have downward pressure exerted on it. This is somewhat like expanding the number of teams in the league without providing any new talent for teams to recruit. The talent pool is strained and some teams lose. We are hopeful that Weatherization is not among the teams absorbed into this new Block Grant team.

Another new team is the Sustainable Energy Resources For Consumers Grant, offered by Congressman Rush (D-IL) and passed by the House Energy and Commerce Committee to be included in the final version of the En-

ergy Bill being moved to the floor in late July. This grant program provides for the Secretary to set-aside up to 2 percent of the annual WAP appropriations to fund a renewable energy application project for low-and moderate income families. Two important issues to remember about this game – 1) the grant activity cannot commence until Congress provides WAP with appropriations in excess of \$275 million; and 2) the grants will still be managed through the states for fiscal oversight and reporting. This is a game we can win – something to make WAP look to the future for higher level energy efficiency and renewable energy improvement projects. We must be careful, however, that the team managers (DOE) do not open the WAP to outside entities and that these funds remain within the WAP network – like playing in the same league.

Our last challenge comes from Congressman Green (D-TX) and his team. Congressman Green proposed an amendment to the House energy Bill of 2007 that would allow the WAP to be opened to “Alternate Delivery System Pilot projects.” The amendment is very broad in language but the “hardcore fans” are interpreting this move as a way of introducing players to the WAP network who may not be of the same caliber or have the same goals and objectives as the other players who are currently playing the WAP game. This is one of the games we must be very careful when we play since a loss could seriously jeopardize our ability to play at full strength in the future because resources would be diverted to these alternate service providers.

You may not know that “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” was written in 1908 by a man named Jack Norworth. He was riding the train and spotted a sign that read “Ballgame Today at the Polo Grounds.” Some baseball-related lyrics popped into his head, that were later set to music by Albert Von Tilzer. Despite the fact that neither Norworth or Tilzer had ever been to a baseball game at the time the song was written, it is now one of the most widely sung songs in America. The song is familiar to us but did you know it has four verses. Two are the traditional “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” lyrics. But the other two talk about Nelly Kelly and her love of the game and the way she rooted for all the players she knew.

It is not unlike the way we support the “players” we know, encouraging them with cheers and applause to do

better for the game we love - Weatherization. We need our "players" to keep the score high and to constantly be running the bases for us. For as the lyrics also remind

us, "For it's one, two, three strikes you're out at the old ball game."

Introducing Public Information *Quick Discs*

by Allison Spector

NASCSP, in conjunction with D&R International and the Department of Energy (DOE) is pleased to announce a new public information resource- the **Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) Public Information Campaign (PIC) Quick Disc**. We expect the discs to be available towards the end of August for distribution to state and local agencies.

Each *Quick Disc* contains one of three unique topics divided into a series of short, digestible chapters. Through this easily sharable format, we hope to encourage more individuals in the WAP community to participate in the Public Information Campaign and Weatherization Day 2007 than ever before. The *Quick Disc* was designed to bring a diverse range of public information tutorials to your desktop and provide a wealth of PIC resources right at your fingertips. After all, the more tools available to you and your staff, the more prepared your office will be and the stronger the message.

In the past, we circulated a single hard copy manual to each WAP service provider. This method made sure each office had access to public information tools, but the manuals were not easy to copy, share and circulate throughout the individual staff. This was unfortunate since the information in these manuals is useful for all levels of staff and each state's public information needs are unique and cannot always be captured in a single manual. When it comes to the *Quick Discs*, we encourage you copy, burn, share, and spread this resource to anyone in your office.

Below you will find more information on each of our PIC *Quick Discs*:

- **Techno-Whiz Tool Kit** - Undoubtedly, the Internet has become an invaluable resource whose reach and interactivity rival all other forms of media. Through

new technologies, we greatly expand our potential to share our message with a broad and engaged public audience. The *Techno-Whiz Toolkit* will introduce the reader to the many new and exciting technologies available for WAP PIC activities with a focus on how they may be applied to "tried and true" techniques, thus adding new dimensions to "telling our story" and sharpening our edge in a competitive media market.

Public Information Quick Discs should be copied, burned and shared with anyone in your office.

- **Site Demos Made Simple** - Site Demonstrations are the bread-and-butter of any effective PIC. In this *Quick Disc* we break down the basics of planning, preparing, and implementing an effective demonstration for the benefit of stakeholders and the media. This disc will place an additional emphasis on who to contact during your planning phase, how to assign a point-person to your demo, and steps for follow up effectively with your desired audience and ensure attendance.
- **Weatherization Day and Beyond** – This *Quick Disc* will share some excellent ways to celebrate during our annual October event as well as ideas to maximize media coverage for the program all year long. The disc will also describe various "angles" for marketing the program and strategies designed to increase the likelihood of getting your WAP press releases published in a market saturated by sensationalistic and controversial new stories.

More information and order forms for these materials will be sent towards the end of next month. If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact aspector@nascsp.org. Let's get ready to showcase what WAP does to help low-income Americans live in safer, healthier more affordable and energy efficient homes. After all, we know that *Weatherization Works!* It's time to tell the rest of the world.



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August 28-31, 2007

Manchester Grant Hyatt Hotel

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September 18-21, 2007

Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner

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November 11-14, 2007

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Anaheim, California

www.narucmeetings.org/

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Conference January 30 - February 1, 2008

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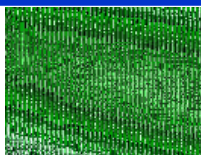
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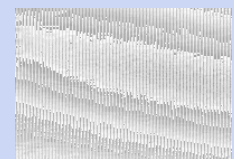
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