

Highlights

Community Services Block Grant Information System (CSBG/IS)
Statistical Report, FY 2004

FY 2004 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Network Resources

In the FY 2004 CSBG/Information System Survey, 50 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia reported that:

- Their CSBG local networks were made up of 1,090 local eligible entities, of which 88% were Community Action Agencies (CAAs);
- The local agencies used CSBG funding for their core operations and for developing and coordinating programs to fight poverty in 99% of the counties in the U.S.;
- The CSBG network's funding from all sources totaled almost \$9.7 billion;
- More than \$594 million came from the federal Block Grant to support the core activities of the state and local CSBG network, and just under a billion was from private sources;
- Volunteers provided more than 44 million hours of additional support, the equivalent of about 21,182 full-time employees' annual work hours. If valued at only the minimum wage, the volunteers' time was worth \$227 million.

CAAs used FY 2004 Block Grant resources to leverage state, local and private funding:

- Every CSBG dollar was matched by \$15.25 from all other sources, and
- \$4.87 of that match came from state, local and private sources combined; this figure includes the value of the volunteer hours. As noted above, the network's private funding alone exceeded FY 2004 CSBG resources.

FY 2004 CSBG Program Participants

CSBG/IS data on CAA program participants indicated that the CAAs provided services to:

- Approximately 22% of all persons in poverty in 2004; and
- More than 15 million individuals who were members of almost 6 million low-income families;
- Data provided by 4 million families show that:
 - More than 2.7 million families had incomes at or below their HHS Poverty Guideline; of these
 - 1.1 million families were "severely poor," with incomes below 50% of their Poverty Guideline, and
 - Another 1.6 million families had incomes between 50% and 100% of their Poverty Guideline;
 - Almost 1.7 million "working poor" families who relied on wages or unemployment insurance and collectively made up 44% of all program participants;
 - Nearly 430,000 families were TANF participants (22% of monthly TANF caseloads);
 - Almost 1.4 million families were headed by single mothers.

CAAs' programs served:

- More than 3.7 million children;
- Almost 1.8 million adults who had not completed high school;
- 1.1 million people who were disabled; and
- 3 million who lacked health insurance.

